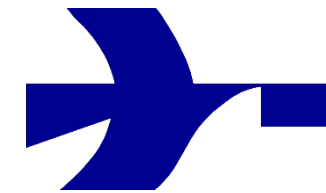


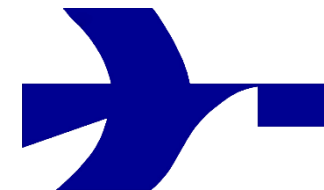
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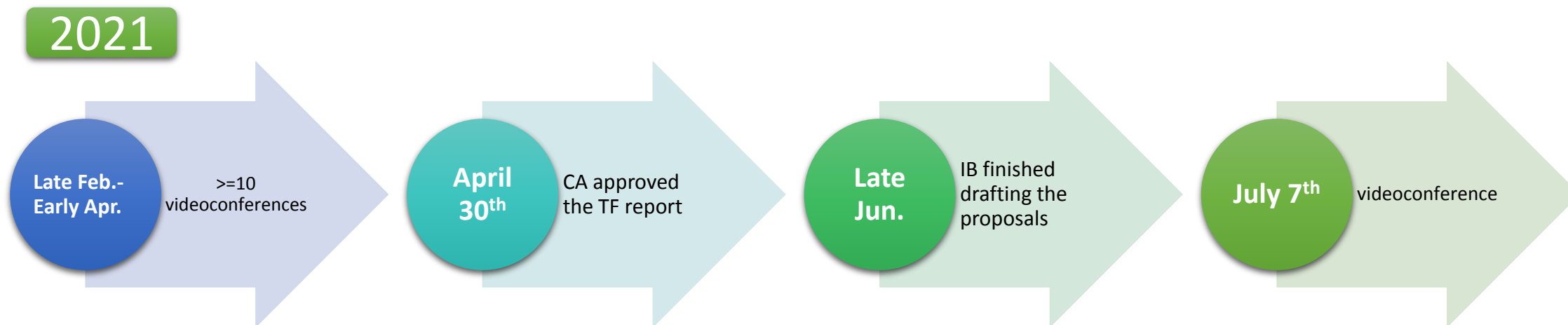
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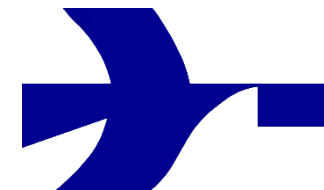
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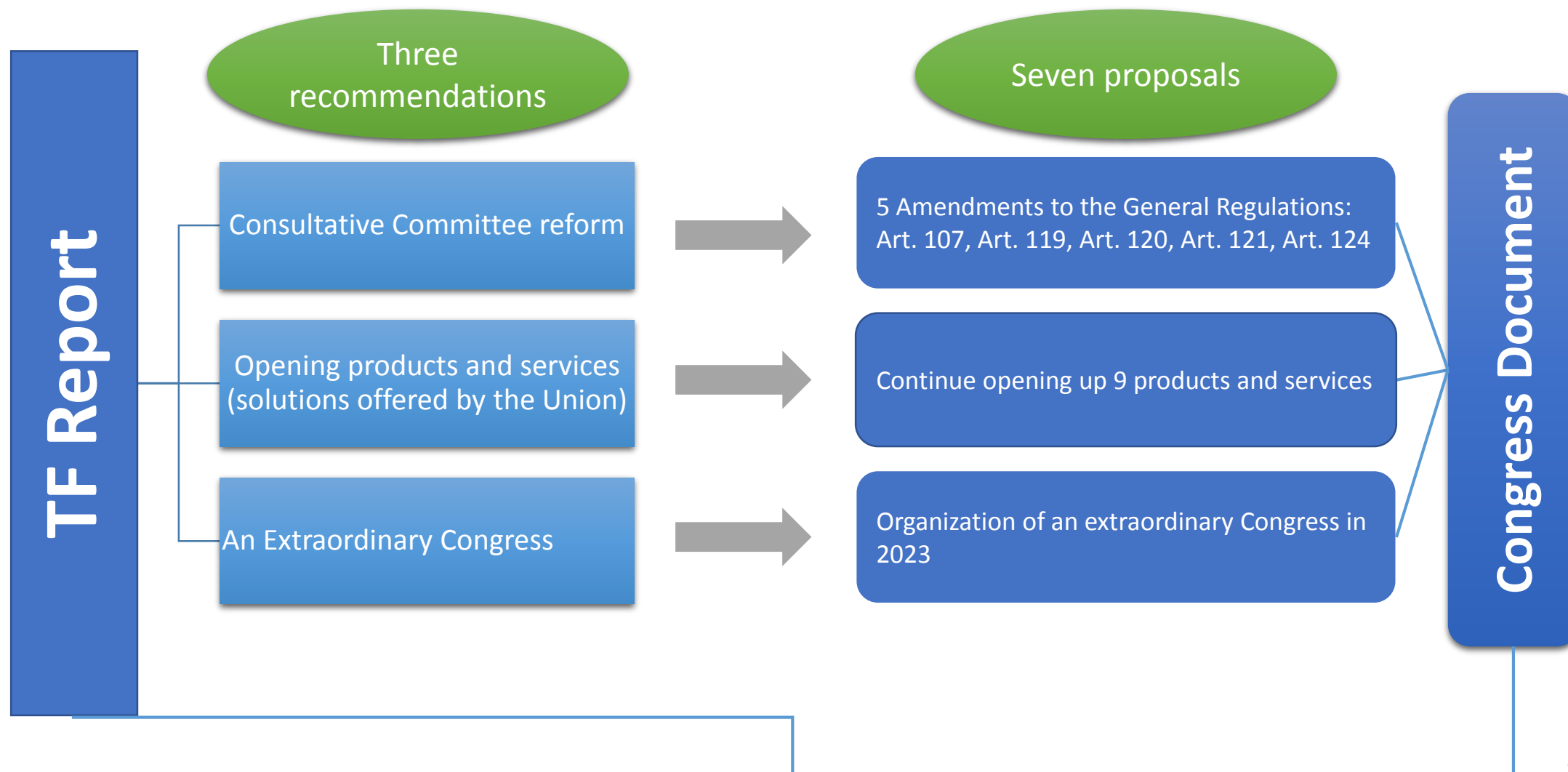


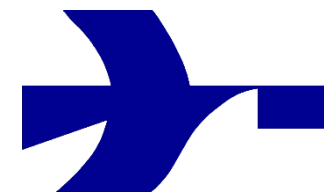
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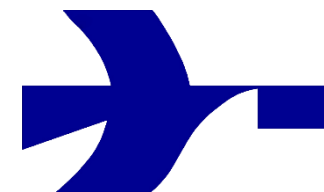
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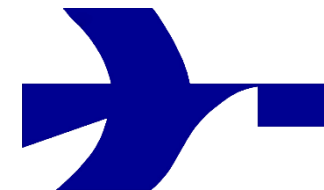
1. Consultative Committee reform

- open the CC up to new membership categories, namely:
 - (1)academia, (2)civil society, (3)delivery service providers (non-DOs), (4)e-commerce platformers/retailers, (5)digital transformation/advance technology manufacturers, (6)financial service providers, (7)transportation companies (airlines, railways), and (8)others.
- Union member countries would **no longer be able to be members of the CC** in their own right; but CA and POC members could still participate in CC meetings as observers.
- The **CA** would continue to **exercise oversight** on the work of the CC, but would no longer be required to approve new CC members.
- The **CC** would still have the possibility of **removing a member** based on a specific mechanism to be defined in the CC Rules of Procedure.
- the **CC** would also be free to **determine its own structure and organize meetings** as deemed appropriate, but always within the boundaries endorsed by the CA through the aforementioned Rules of Procedure.



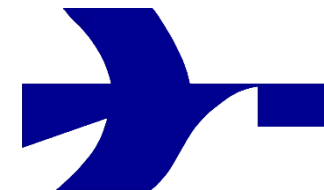
2. Continue opening up products and services

Union activity, service or solution	Condition
Access to address and contact lists maintained by the International Bureau	Can be opened after careful consideration and study by the CA.
Access to International Bureau (secretariat) support (including dispute settlement, legal, logistics, executive office, etc., in dealings with other stakeholders that are operating in the Union's framework), with the exception of ad hoc or value-added secretariat services (to be paid on a separate basis)	Same as above.
Any other Union event or meeting organized on the premises of the organization or under the responsibility of the latter which is not part of the Union's ordinary schedule (including the provision of infrastructure for anything not directly related to UPU activities)	Same as above.
Ability to benefit from capacity-building projects funded by the UPU	Same as above, subject to confirmation of necessity.
Ability to contribute to technical cooperation projects and other capacity-building funds (e.g. Quality of Service Fund)	Same as above, limited to the possibility to financially support those projects and funds.
On-demand Union-managed consulting and capacity building services	Same as above.
Access to the .POST domain	Same as above, subject to any applicable .POST policies.
Access to Union solutions related to focused analysis, research and insights on market trends	Same as above. Nevertheless, access to these solutions shall be subject to data sharing reciprocity conditions.
On-demand Union-provided analytical services	Same as above. Nevertheless, access to these solutions shall be subject to data sharing reciprocity conditions.



3. Organization of an extraordinary Congress

To hold an extraordinary Congress midway between the Abidjan Congress and the 2025 Congress (e.g. in 2023), particularly in order to address the examination of proposals associated with the further opening of the Union to wider postal sector players, as well as other urgent postal sector issues, for five working days at the maximum



Key difference

	TF report approved by CA	The draft Congress document	Key differences
1	New CC members that wish to be the member of CC must obtain prior approval of their relevant authorities of their governments (simplification of art 120)	(Absence)	The original sentence was cross out. It fails to keep consistent with the TF report approved by CA.
2	The Council of Administration will continue to exercise oversight of the CC and may remove a membership of the CC based on specific procedures that it defines.	The CC would still have the possibility of removing a member based on a specific mechanism to be defined in the CC Rules of Procedure.	The proposed authority of CA to remove a membership seems to be weakened, and even transferred to CC. It fails to keep consistent with the TF report approved by CA.
3	CC will be open to new membership categories. Those CC new members will be regrouped in following categories of CC members, namely (review art 119 and see note):	For instance, proposal 15.119.xx aims to open the CC up to new membership categories, namely: Amendment to Article 119 1.1 non-State actors , including without limitation academic institutions, civil society organizations, delivery service providers,	“Non-State actors” appears for the first time. The new wording was not discussed in any previous TF meetings. Bearing in mind that the UPU is an intergovernmental organization, it’s necessary to keep the original wording “stakeholders” or “wider postal players” in the amendment to Art. 119 of General Regulations.