

## 13<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS

### Proposal of a general nature

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#### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

#### Resolution

#### Creation of an interim contribution class of 0.5 units

#### Congress,

**noting** the request from Nauru for a reduction in its contribution class to the expenses of the administrative section,

**further noting** that the request from Nauru arose from the creation by the UPU, at its 2018 Addis Ababa Extraordinary Congress, of a 0.1-unit contribution class for SIDS with a population of less than 200,000 people,

**being aware** that the new UPU contribution class of 0.1 units represented a 90% reduction for eligible UPU members and, as such, was tangible evidence of the UPU's intent to recognise the financial capacity issues of members with smaller economies,

**noting, however,** that the financial scale and contribution class systems of the UPU and APPU are vastly different to the point where valid mathematical comparisons between respective contribution class systems cannot be sustained,

**acknowledging** that a further relevant difference between the UPU and APPU contribution class systems is that the UPU has actively reviewed its structure to respond to member interests whereas the APPU has not undertaken a review since 1985,

**further acknowledging** that the APPU will propose a major review of its financial contributions system at the 2022 Bangkok Congress and that this review will, in part, examine financial capacity aspects of the membership with a view to bringing forward proposals at the 2026 APPU Congress,

**noting** that until any changes are made to the APPU contribution class system, the current provisions of APPU General Regulations Article 116 no longer cover members in the UPU 0.1-unit contribution class,

**agreeing** that, in the interests of proper management of its financial contributions system, the APPU needs to make an interim arrangement that ensures UPU 0.1-unit contribution class members continue to be included in the financial contributions structure of the APPU,

**further agreeing** that the need to create an interim arrangement for the UPU 0.1-unit contribution class members is an opportunity to reflect the spirit of the UPU's consideration of its members with smaller economies as defined by the 2018 UPU Addis Ababa Extraordinary Congress,

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***Decides***

1. to create an interim contribution class to be offered to APPU members who are placed in the UPU 0.1-unit contribution class;
2. that the interim contribution class be arbitrarily set at 0.5 units; and
3. that the interim contribution class of 0.5 units becomes effective on 1 January 2024 (for the apportionment of the administrative section budget for 2024),

***Requests***

the Bureau to make the necessary arrangements to implement the Decision in proposal 04.

**Reasons** – see Congress 2022 Doc 24.5