

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW STRUCTURE 2022-2026: EC COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUPS**  
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1. Subject	References/paragraphs
Informing Congress on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the establishment of Committees and Working Groups to enable the Union to undertake and complete specific activities at Congress and during the four-year work cycle</li> <li>- the separate approval processes for:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Committees established for the duration of Congress only;</li> <li>– bodies established to carry out the work of the EC in the next cycle (2022-2026)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- the proposed focus and structure for the work of the EC in the next cycle</li> <li>- the nomination and selection processes for the EC bodies</li> <li>- the status of nominations for membership of the bodies established to carry out the work of the EC in the next cycle</li> </ul>	§ 1.1  §§ 1.2 (i), § 2.1 §§ 1.2 (ii)  §§ 2.2 – 2.4  § 4  § 5, Doc 23 Add 1
<b>2. Decisions expected</b>  Congress is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>note</b> the separate approval processes for the establishment of Congress Committees and the bodies that carry out the work of the EC in the next cycle (2022-2026)</li> <li>- <b>note</b> the consultation process undertaken by the Bureau to establish a draft structure and focus for EC activities in the next cycle</li> <li>- <b>approve</b> the proposed structure and focus for EC activities in the next cycle</li> <li>- <b>note</b> the nomination and selection processes for the EC bodies</li> <li>- <b>approve</b> the respective nominations for Chair and membership of the bodies that will carry out EC activities in the next cycle</li> </ul>	§§ 1.2 (i) §§ 1.2 (ii)  § 2.1  §§ 2.2 – 2.4  § 4 § 5, Doc 23 Add 1

**1. Introduction**

1.1 To undertake and complete activities at a Congress, and in-between Congresses, the practice is for Congress to approve the establishment and membership of Committees and Working Groups.

1.2 There are two processes for the establishment of the Committees and Working Groups.

- (i) Process 1 covers two bodies that are established for the duration of the Congress only. This process is detailed in the Congress 2022 Doc 7.
- (ii) Process 2 involves consideration and approval of a proposed structure and focus for the work of the Executive Council (EC) for the next cycle (2022-2026)<sup>1</sup>; the work is undertaken by one Committee and an appropriate number of Working Groups. This process is detailed in the current document (Congress 2022 Doc 23).

<sup>1</sup> The structure and focus covered in Congress 2022 Doc 23 is not the full working programme of the EC. It only relates to the activities that will be undertaken through formally established member-driven bodies.

**2. Proposed structure and focus for EC for 2022-2026**

- 2.1 Prior to a Congress, the Bureau prepares a draft structure and focus for the work of the EC in the next cycle. This is then circulated to the membership for input, and discussed if the opportunity to do so, arises. In the case of the proposed structure and focus for 2022-2026, member input was invited (by letter) in May; an opportunity for discussion was provided during the Virtual Meeting for Congress Planning on 22 June.
- 2.2 As a result of the consultation in paragraph 2.1, Congress 2022 Doc 23 outlines the proposed structure and focus for the work of the EC for 2022-2026. Congress will be asked to formally approve the structure and focus.
- 2.3 The Table below sets out the proposed focus.

Outline of EC Activities			
Segment	Focus	Work Area	Unit Title
1	Governance	Finance	Committee
2	Review and enhancement	APPU / UPU Reform	Working Group
3	Informing and updating on UPU developments	Supply Chain	Working Group
		Physical Services and E-Commerce	Working Group
		Market Development and Innovation	Working Group
		Postal Financial Services	Working Group
		UPU CA Matters	Working Group

- 2.4 The proposed focus is essentially a continuation of that which applied in the 2017-2022 period. This is explained as follows.

**Segment 1: Governance**

A Finance Committee has always been established to undertake an independent review of the Union’s administrative budget. Hence, no change in Segment 1.

**Segment 2: Review and enhancement**

An APPU / UPU Reform Working Group has been in place for the last two cycles. There is no shortage of work in this area. More importantly, the work is fulfilling its main aim of strengthening the value and relevance of the Bureau. Therefore, no change in Segment 2.

**Segment 3: Informing and updating on UPU developments**

This Segment follows the focus of the UPU CA and POC. The CA will continue to be monitored through the one Working Group. For the POC, its focus in the UPU is largely unchanged from the previous (UPU) cycle. Accordingly, the APPU EC focus for those matters related to the POC is also unchanged.

**3. Size of Committee / Working Groups**

- 3.1 The Finance Committee has traditionally operated with 5-7 members. The Committee can have a greater number of members.

- 3.2 For the Working Groups, there is no limit on the number of members who can join. Further, a member can join a Working Group at any time during the four-year cycle.

#### **4. Nomination and selection processes**

- 4.1 Nominations for the Finance Committee were requested by 1 July. Further nominations may be accepted up until the start of Congress. In terms of selection, the Chair of Congress and the Bureau will nominate a country to chair the Finance Committee. Nominees for membership of the Committee will be presented to Congress after review by the Chair of Congress and the Bureau. An aspect of this review is to ensure that geographical representation within the region is achieved to the extent possible.
- 4.2 Nominations for the six Working Groups (Chairs and membership) were initially requested by 15 June. This was extended to 1 July. This information is being used to advise the chairing and membership position to Congress. The selection of Chairs (or Co-Chairs) involves the Chair of Congress and the Bureau reviewing the nominations prior to being presented to Congress for approval.

#### **5. Nominees for Congress approval**

- 5.1 Congress 2022 Doc 23 Add 1 sets out the nominees for Congress approval (Chairs and members).

**NOMINATIONS FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SIX WORKING GROUPS AS AT ~~15 JULY~~ 1 August 2022**

**Finance Committee**

**Nomination for Chair:** Japan

**Nominations for membership:** Australia, China, India, Korea, New Zealand, Pakistan, Thailand

**Comment:** nominations remain open until the start of Congress

**Markets Development and Innovation Working Group**

**Nomination for Chair:** Japan

**Nominations for membership:** Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Korea, Maldives, Nauru, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam

**Comment:** nominations for membership remain open

**Physical Services and E-Commerce Working Group**

**Nomination for Chair:** Australia

**Nominations for membership:** China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Korea, Maldives, Nauru, New Zealand, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam

**Comment:** nominations for membership remain open

**Postal Financial Services Working Group**

**Nomination for Co-Chair:** India, Vietnam

**Nominations for membership:** China, Indonesia, Maldives, Nauru, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam

**Comment:** nominations for membership remain open

**APPU/UPU Reform Working Group**

**Nomination for Chair:** Australia

**Nominations for membership:** China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Thailand, Vietnam

**Comment:** nominations for membership remain open

**Supply Chain Working Group**

**Nominations for Co-Chair:** China, India

**Nominations for membership:** Australia, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Korea, Nauru, New Zealand, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam

**Comment:** nominations for membership remain open

**UPU CA Matters Working Group**

**Nomination for Chair:** Pakistan

**Nominations for membership:** Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Korea, Maldives, Nauru, New Zealand, Thailand, Vietnam

**Comment:** nominations for membership remain open