

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2025****Opening of Participation in the Finance Committee Meetings to all APPU Member Countries****Memorandum by the APPU Bureau**

<b>1. Subject</b> Opening of participation in the Finance Committee meeting to all APPU members	<b>References/ Paragraphs</b>  § 1 to 4
<b>2. Decisions expected</b>  The EC is invited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Take note of the document</li><li>- approve the proposal</li><li>- approve the APPU EC 2025 Resolution 2 annexed to the document</li></ul>	  § 1 to 4 § 4 EC 2025 Resolution 2

**1 Introduction:**

1.1 The Finance Committee of the Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPU) plays a vital role in overseeing the financial matters of the Union, including reviewing budgets, financial statements, the health of reserve funds, and examining the financial implications of proposals considered by the Executive Council (EC). Historically, participation in the Finance Committee meetings has been restricted to the Committee members, limiting the opportunity for other member countries to engage in financial discussions and gain insight into the Union's financial governance.

**2 Discussions at the 2024 EC meeting**

2.1 During the 2024 EC meeting, discussions began on opening the participation in Finance Committee meetings to all APPU member countries. This reform was proposed to strengthen the collective understanding of the Union's finances, enhance transparency, and encourage broader participation in financial deliberations.

2.2 In the closing plenary of the 2024 EC meeting, the Secretary-General assured member countries that a formal proposal would be submitted for consideration at the opening plenary of the 2025 EC meeting.

### **3 Benefits of Opening the Finance Committee:**

3.1 The anticipated benefits of opening the Finance Committee for participation to the entire APPU membership include:

- Enhanced transparency and inclusiveness in financial governance.
- Broader understanding of financial policies and decisions among all member countries.
- Strengthened collective ownership and accountability.
- Alignment with international best practices for good governance.

3.2 However, considering the sensitivity of the matters discussed during a Finance Committee meeting, observers of the Executive Council meeting may not be invited to the Finance Committee meetings.

### **4 Proposal:**

4.1 In line with the discussions at the 2024 EC, it is proposed that the Finance Committee meetings shall henceforth be open to the participation of all APPU member countries, allowing them to attend, observe, and contribute to discussions. However, the formal voting and decision-making rights shall remain exclusively with the designated Finance Committee members.

4.2 This change shall take immediate effect following the adoption of the accompanying EC resolution and remain applicable unless superseded by future amendments to the APPU Treaty or Rules of Procedure. Once the resolution is adopted, the Finance Committee meeting shall be open to the entire membership starting from the meeting of the Finance Committee in the 2025 Executive Council meeting.