

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2025

Resolution**Inclusion of Online Participants in the Quorum of the APPU Executive Council**

The Executive Council of the Asian-Pacific Postal Union,

Recalling
that Article 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council states that the deliberations are valid only if the Council gathers at least a majority of its members,

Acknowledging
the precedents set during the 2020 and 2021 Executive Council meetings, where online participants were included under the current Rules of Procedure,

Recognizing
the practices of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and other international organizations, which include accredited online participants in quorum counts,

Considering
the continued use of online and hybrid participation across APPU Working Groups, Committees, and Expert Teams, with outcomes formally recognized and incorporated,

Emphasizing
the need to ensure inclusive, equitable, and representative participation of all member countries, regardless of their ability to travel,

Noting
that online participants are accredited through formal registration processes submitted to the Secretariat by the APPU member countries, ensuring their verification and authorization,

Understanding
that secret ballots and sensitive voting matters may remain restricted to physically present members, while general deliberations and open votes can include online participants,

Reaffirming
that the primary and preferred mode of participation in EC meetings shall remain physical presence, and that the online system serves as an important additional tool to strengthen inclusivity and broaden participation.

Decides that

- Online participants, duly accredited and registered for the Executive Council meeting, shall be formally counted toward the quorum requirement under Article 12 of the Rules of Procedure.
- This interpretation shall apply with immediate effect and shall remain in force unless otherwise revised or superseded by future amendments to the APPU Treaty or Rules of Procedure.

Instructs

the APPU Bureau to

- continue ensuring robust verification, accreditation, and management of online participation, in line with international best practices.
- continue upgrading its technical capacities, including exploring additional technologies and platforms, to ensure the smooth, secure, and effective conduct of online and hybrid meetings in the future.

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