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Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea,
Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands,
Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, Vanuatu and Vietnam

Subject: Inclusion of Online Participants in the Quorum of the Executive Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

As we prepare for the 2025 meeting of the Executive Council in Ulaanbaatar, I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and active engagement in the work of our Union.

As you are aware, several APPU member countries face challenges in sending physical delegations to APPU meetings, including the Executive Council, due to various constraints. Recognizing the importance of ensuring that our meetings remain inclusive and reflective of the shared aspirations of all 32 member countries, APPU has in the past responded to these realities. Online participation was formally recognized during the COVID period through a broad interpretation of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council, and the Rules of Procedure of Congress were amended in 2022 to allow for virtual participation.

To remove any ambiguity regarding the formal inclusion of online participants in future Executive Council meetings and to ensure legal clarity moving forward, the APPU Bureau has prepared a draft resolution as attached. Following consultations with the Chair of the Executive Council, the APPU Bureau is pleased to circulate the draft Resolution titled "Inclusion of Online Participants in the Quorum of the APPU Executive Council" for your kind consideration and support.

While reaffirming that physical attendance remains the preferred and primary mode of participation in Executive Council meetings, the resolution proposes to formally include duly accredited online participants in the quorum count, in line with APPU's established practices and aligned with international standards, including those of the UPU. As followed during the 2022 Congress, secret ballots and sensitive voting matters will remain limited to physically present members.

To keep the process simple and inclusive, we invite all member countries to indicate their support for this resolution by sending an email to Ms. Kwanjai Kajornwuttideth, Manager Administration and APPU Affairs at kwanjai@appu-bureau.org.

Responses may be submitted at any time from now **until 30 June 2025**, including during the opening plenary of the EC, prior to the formal consideration of the resolution. All responses submitted in advance will remain strictly confidential.

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Should you require any clarification or wish to discuss the matter further, please feel free to contact the APPU Bureau.

We look forward to your continued support in advancing our shared goal of making the Executive Council more effective and inclusive.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Vinaya Prakash Singh
Secretary-General

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.

Adopted in Ulaanbaatar on 30 June 2025