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26<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS  
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## Convention - Proposal

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### Article 1

#### Definitions

#### **Islamic Republic of IRAN**

Amend Article 1. as follows:

1 For the purposes of the Universal Postal Convention, the following terms shall have the meanings defined below:

1.1 (no change)

1.2 closed mail: labelled ~~bag or set of bags or other~~ receptacles sealed with or without lead, containing postal items;

1.3 misrouted mails: receptacles received at an office of exchange other than the one mentioned on the (~~bag~~ receptacle) label;

1.4 to 1.15 (no change)

#### **Reasons.**

Currently the DOs are using different types of receptacles for conveyance of mails in their services. Since the term "receptacle" includes all forms (container, bag, tray, box, palets and etc), it is proposed to amend the text for the purpose of simplification and harmonization the terminology used in paragraphs 1.2 and 1.3.

**Proposal of Post Company of the Islamic Republic of Iran**  
**on Convention - Article 1**

Support the proposal ☐

Do not support the proposal ☐

Name and Title of the Supporting Designated Postal Operator

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Signature

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Proposal of a general nature

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IRAN (ISLAMIC REP.)

## **Resolution**

### **Amendment & update of postal statistic indices in UPU postal statistics**

Congress,

Aware

of the United Nation's recognition of postal e-commerce in its Trade & Development plan as a potential for developing countries;

Acknowledging

that postal statistics are required to cover all the indices related to new e-services prescribed in UPU regulations, in line of modern technologies;

Considering

the data indicated in UPU postal statistics are considered a valid source for the designated operators and member countries in their studies and postal researches;

Taking into account

the development of e-services in postal industry as well as the necessity to be aware of their related data and statistics;

Recommends

UPU International Bureau & Postal Operations Council jointly conduct a study on amending and updating postal statistics indices published in the UPU Postal Statistics, by supplementing the indices related to e-services.

## **Reasons:**

Increasing changes made in postal market and emerging new e-services in postal industry, necessitate the member countries to be provided with information related to e-services, in the form of real figures.

*Proposal of Post Company of the Islamic Republic of Iran*  
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IRAN (ISLAMIC REP.)

## **Resolution**

### **E-commerce services as key to a vibrant and effective postal service**

Congress,

Taking note

of the activities during the recent years aimed at development of e-commerce in developing and least developed countries;

Considering

that the current century is the information society era, in which various forms of internet-based economic activities are developing at unprecedented speed;

Also considering

That development of e-commerce is changing people's life style;

Recognizing

that e-commerce as a catalyst has created opportunities for businesses to develop their markets;

Knowing

that Posts are actively exploring new and innovative e-commerce solutions;

Decides

To mark the four-year cycle ending with the 2020 UPU Congress by highlighting the theme **"Development of e-commerce services as key to the future of the postal network"**;

Invites member countries

to continue their activities in the field of introducing new and innovative e-services based on customer expectation;

to foster the culture of making use of e-commerce solutions in all aspects of their postal operations;

**Reasons:**

Increasing changes made in postal market and growing up of e-commerce in postal industry as well as customers demands to access various electronic services, make designated operators to note developing this kind of services which led to grow up of mail volume in small packets and postal parcels.

The member countries should strengthen their cross-border e-commerce exchanges and draw upon each other's experience in an effort to promote best practices and seek effective, efficient and convenient cross-border e-commerce channels.

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**Proposal of Post Company of the Islamic Republic of Iran**  
**On E-commerce services as key to a vibrant and effective postal service**

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26<sup>th</sup> Congress

General Regulations- Proposal

15.103.

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Article 103

Functions of Congress

## **VIETNAM**

Add the following new paragraph 1.6 bis as follows:

1.6bis Approve the quadrennial UPU business plan.

**Reasons.** As you may know, the Doha Congress introduced a new practice whereby Congress shall approve the draft quadrennial UPU business plan. It will become an operational UPU roadmap linking the Union's strategy with the Union's annual Budget and Program. This is a very important agenda item for the Congress Plenary to consider and approve.

The article 107.1.3 of the General Regulations adopted by Doha Congress added a new function of the Council of Administration to "examine the draft quadrennial UPU business plan...". Therefore, Viet Nam would like to present this proposal together with other proposals to amend related articles of General Regulations to ensure consistency and to clearly affirm the functions of Congress and the Postal Operation Council and the duties of Director General.

Related/ consequential proposals: 15.113 and 15.127



## FORM FOR THE 26<sup>TH</sup> UPU CONGRESS PROPOSAL SUPPORT

### Particulars of the proposal

Name: amendment of the article 103: “functions of the Congress”  
(content of proposal is attached)

Type: General Regulations - Proposal

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### Views of the UPU member on the proposal

☐ Support the proposal

☐ Do not support the proposal

Name and signature of the supporting official: \_\_\_\_\_

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Title of the supporting official \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the country: \_\_\_\_\_

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Observing the content of UPU Circular 2150(DREM.GRA)1022 of 29 February 2016. You are kindly requested to **send the originally signed form preferably with a cover letter to the UPU IB** at Universal Postal Union, Case Postale, 3000 Berne 15 Suisse.



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General Regulations- Proposal

15.113.

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Article 113

Functions of the POC

## **VIETNAM**

Amend the paragraph 1.10 as follows:

1.10 Provides input to the Council of Administration for the development of the draft Union's strategy and quadrennial UPU business plan.

**Reasons.** This proposal is aimed at using the same wordings in the Act (article 103, paragraph 1.6 of General Regulations referred) and consequence of proposal 15.103

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General Regulations- Proposal

15.127.

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Article 127

Duties of the Director General

## **VIETNAM**

Amend the paragraph 3.9 as follows:

3.9 prepares, for the Council of Administration and on the basis of directives issued by the Councils, the draft Union's strategy and quadrennial UPU business plan to be submitted to Congress.

**Reasons.** This proposal is aimed at using the same wordings in the Act (article 103, paragraph 1.6 of General Regulations referred) and consequence of proposal 15.103

## FORM FOR THE 26<sup>TH</sup> UPU CONGRESS PROPOSAL SUPPORT

### Particulars of the proposal

Name: amendment of the article 127: "Duties of the Director General"  
(content of proposal is attached)

Type: General Regulations - Proposal

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### **Convention - Proposal**

Article RC 142  
Periods of retention

## **AUSTRALIA**

Amend paragraph 1 as follows:

1 When an addressee has been notified of the arrival of a parcel, it shall be retained by the designated operator of destination for a period laid down by its regulations. ~~held at his disposal for a fortnight or, at most, for a month from the day after that on which the advice is sent. Exceptionally this period may be increased to two months if the regulations of the country of destination permit.~~

**Reasons.** – Harmonising the approach to retention between letters (see RL151.5.3) and parcels, so they are consistent with the approach for comparable domestic services. Under this proposal a designated operator must hold an international parcel for the same period as a domestic parcel which also accords with the principle of non-discrimination.

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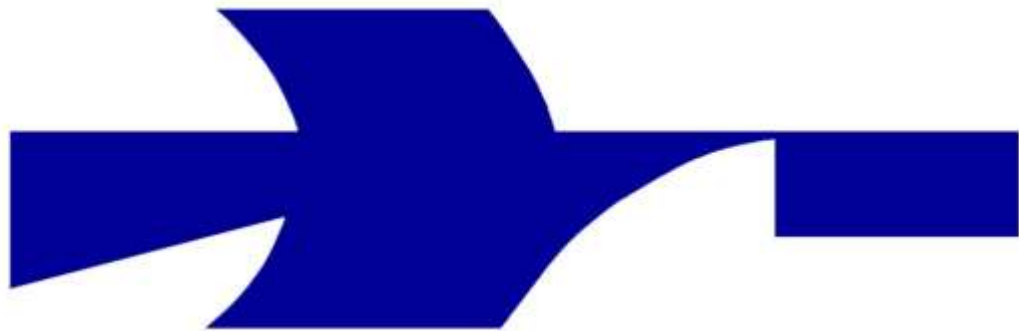
Article RL 106  
Special charges

## **AUSTRALIA**

Amend paragraph 2.6 as follow:

2.6 A storage charge for any E-format letter post item ~~weighing more than 500 grammes of~~ which the addressee has not taken delivery within the prescribed period. This charge shall not apply to items for the blind.

**Reasons.** – Increasingly Letter post mail items are small packets. Where a designated operator is unable to effect delivery, they must store the items until such time as the recipient is able to collect the item or the item is returned to sender (RTS). Storage of small packet items takes up space at a cost to designated operators. To encourage recipients to collect items in a timely manner, this proposal would allow designated operator to charge for storage of E-format items in accordance with their own domestic regime and timeframes.



## **APPU EC Meeting 2016 Congress Proposals (member country)**

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## **Proposals**

**APPU ROUNDTABLES**

- Two Proposals which will provide flexibility for DOs and customers.
- In an increasingly competitive market, DOs need to cover their costs whilst providing a better customer experience.
- The rise of eCommerce has put significant costs of DOs operations with the volume of parcel and packet items, as well as increasing demands from our customers.
- Provide consistency between processes for international and domestic items.
- Harmonization of Letter and Parcel Post Regulations.

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## Proposal 1 – special charges

- DOs are currently unable to charge for the storage of undeliverable Letter Post items which weigh less than 500g.
- This is a large proportion of the small packet traffic DOs receive.
- There is a cost to DOs for storage of small packet items (E-format) when a recipient is not home for delivery.
- The Parcel Regulations already allow for collection of a storage charge for undeliverable Parcels.
- The charge would only apply to E-format items – not P/G items (documents) and only if such a charge is levied in a DOs domestic service.

## Rationale

- E-format items largely consist of commercial mail, the contents and size of these items takes up a lot of space in Post offices, and as such DOs should be able to recover their storage costs.
- The proposed change would only allow the collection of a storage charge where this is provided for in the internal service (consistent with the current Regulations).
- The change would ensure international and domestic items are afforded the same treatment – principle of non-discrimination

## Amendment – RL 106

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- **Reasons.** – Increasingly Letter post mail items are small packets. Where a designated operator is unable to effect delivery, they must store the items until such time as the recipient is able to collect the item or the item is returned to sender (RTS). Storage of small packet items takes up space at a cost to designated operators. To encourage recipients to collect items in a timely manner, this proposal would allow designated operator to charge for storage of E-format items in accordance with their own domestic regime and timeframes.

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## Proposal 2 - Parcel retention period

- The amendment would provide harmonization between the retention period for Letters and Parcels.
- The Parcel Post regulations currently provide that DOs must hold an undeliverable Parcel for 14 days, where this retention period can vary for a DOs domestic items.
- The Letter Post regulations (RL 151.5.3) however allow a DO to retain letter post items for the same period such items are held in their domestic service.
- The amendments would allow DOs to hold international Parcels for the same period as their own domestic Parcels providing for consistency between domestic and international Parcel processes and potentially their approach to international letter post items and parcels.

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## Amendment – RC 142

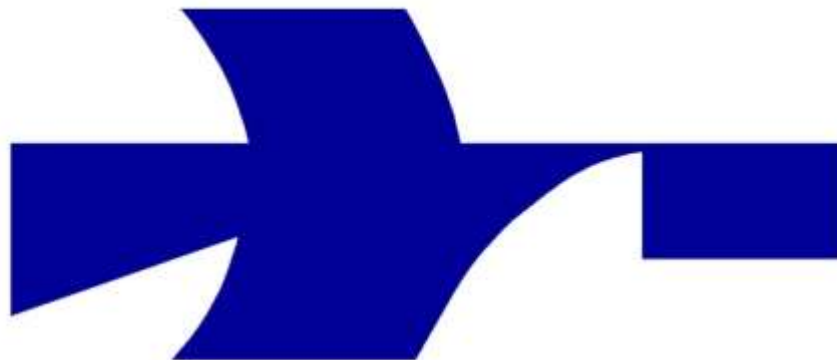
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# Thank you





## Japan's activities for Disaster Risk Management 1

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Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

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## Earthquakes in Recent years

- Increasing frequency and scale of earthquakes, typhoons, floods and other natural disasters in recent years



Christchurch Earthquake (2011)  
New Zealand



Nepal Earthquake (2015)  
Bangladesh, China PR, India, Nepal



Kumamoto Earthquake (2016)  
Japan



Great East Japan Earthquake (2011)  
Japan



Ecuador Earthquake (2016)

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## Typhoons & Floods in recent years



China-Russia Floods (2013)  
China



Great Flood (2011)  
Thailand



Cyclone Pam (2015)  
Fiji, New Caledonia, New Zealand, PNG,  
Solomon Is., Tuvalu, Vanuatu



Super Typhoon Haiyan (2013)  
China PR, Palau, Philippines, Vietnam

## UPU DRM activities

- Seminar on DRM @ APPC Jan. 19-20, 2016



- DRM Guide



APPU Executive Council Meeting

## For disaster risk reduction...

- 4 priorities for action
  - Understanding disaster risk
  - Strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk
  - Investing in disaster risk reduction for resilience
  - Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response, and to “Build Back Better” in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction*(UN Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030)*
- Every dollar spent reducing people’s vulnerability to disasters saves around seven dollars in economic losses  
*(United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))*

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APPU Executive Council Meeting

## Background

- Congress held in Doha in 2012
  - Adoption of Recommendation C64/2012 “Initiatives for the study of sustainable development and development cooperation measures to make postal organizations more resistant to natural disasters”
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  - Positive results achieved by the ad hoc group on disaster risk management of the Sustainable Development Project Group, CA C4
- 2013
  - Adoption of the “United Nations Plan of Action on Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience” by United Nations Chief Executives Board (CEB)
- The 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan in 2015
  - Adoption of Action Plan to “substantially reduce global disaster mortality and economic loss due to natural disasters by 2030,” and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030



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APPU Executive Council Meeting	Proposal of Congress Recommendation 2016
	<p><b>“Promotion of disaster risk management measures in the field of development cooperation”</b></p>
7	Asian-Pacific Postal Union

APPU Executive Council Meeting	Basic idea
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Building disaster-resilient postal services on a global scale is consistent with the UPU spirit.</li><li>– It is useful for UPU’s disaster risk management to take advantage of the valuable lessons learned from catastrophic damage of natural disasters to member countries.</li><li>– We need to recognize the importance of disaster risk management activities in developing countries to guarantee the continuation of postal services in disasters.</li><li>– It is effective to focus on measures for developing countries, where damage tends to be severe.</li><li>– An effective combination of the three elements of the UPU’s development cooperation (expert dispatches, training and equipment supply) will maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of assistance.</li></ul>
8	Asian-Pacific Postal Union



APPU Executive Council Meeting	<h2>Contents of Recommendation</h2>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. To design and implement a technical assistance approach in developing countries in order to provide the assistance to designated operators/relevant authorities</li><li>ii. To study the possibility of a specific certification process which will allow postal operators to improve their DRM approaches and benchmark their level of implementation in the framework of the UPU DRM Guide</li><li>iii. To develop strategies to resolve the identified challenges and resource allocation plans</li><li>iv. To enhance cooperation and partnerships with relevant organizations related to disaster risk management at the international, regional, national and local levels</li><li>v. To promote the integration of disaster risk management efforts of the postal sector into the overall social and economic activities</li></ul>
9	Asian-Pacific Postal Union

APPU Executive Council Meeting	<h2>Other elements</h2>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The recommendation suggests more specific strategies for promoting disaster-risk management in the postal sector by introducing the concept of disaster risk management to the framework of UPU's development cooperation, which is included in the resolution submitted by the ad hoc group to study the disaster risk management of CA C4 Sustainable Development Project Group.   The resolution and the recommendation complement each other.</li><li>• Concrete measures based on the recommendation require due funds.   Japan is ready to continue providing financial support for the implementation of the activities through its voluntary fund.</li></ul>
10	Asian-Pacific Postal Union





## Japan's activities for Disaster Risk Management 2 (Natural Disaster Response By Japan Post)

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Japan Post Co., Ltd.

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## Recent Natural Disasters in Japan

	2011 Great East Japan Earthquake	2015 Typhoon Etou	2016 Kumamoto Earthquake
Loss of life and missing	18,880	8	49
Injured	6,107	79	1,584
Housing damage	1,099,881	6,503	28,825
Impact on post offices and postal network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 61 people who worked for Japan Post died or were missing</li> <li>• 140 postal buildings were damaged by the earthquake and tsunami</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No postal employee casualties</li> <li>• 33 post offices temporarily closed</li> <li>• 44 vehicles and 3 mailboxes damaged</li> <li>• Operational network disrupted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 postal employee seriously injured</li> <li>• 438 postal employees evacuated</li> <li>• 19 post offices were closed temporarily</li> </ul>

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## The 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake

- April 14, 2016, Magnitude 6.5
- April 16, 2016, Magnitude 7.3
- Over 1,000 aftershocks have occurred



Source: Website of Geospatial Information Authority of Japan



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## Damage to the post offices



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APPU Executive Council Meeting	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Actions taken by Japan Post 1</h2>
	<p>Disaster response manual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Contents<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Objectives</li><li>• What to do before a disaster (preparedness)</li><li>• What to do in an evacuation (earthquake)</li><li>• What to do if there is time before evacuating (torrential rainfall)</li><li>• What to do if a disaster strikes while outside the post office</li><li>• What to do after an evacuation</li></ul></li><li>➤ Three principles of initial response<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To put the highest priority on human life</li><li>• To follow evacuation orders by the local government, police and fire depts.</li><li>• To evacuate immediately upon the postmaster's decision</li></ul></li></ul>
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APPU Executive Council Meeting	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Actions taken by Japan Post 2</h2>
	<p><u>Lessons and Measures ①</u> <u>(Delivery to refuge sites)</u></p> <p>Lessons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Delivery of mail to evacuees at refuge sites was considerably delayed because their personal information could not be provided by the local government due to the protection of privacy.</li></ul> <div style="text-align: center;"></div> <p>Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Information on evacuees at refuge sites was collected by notification forms deposited in dedicated post boxes. The data were consolidated and mail delivery was resumed 13 days after the earthquake (from 27 April).</li></ul>
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## Actions taken by Japan Post 3

### Lessons and Measures ②

#### (Deployment of mobile post offices)

##### Lessons

- Mobile post offices could not be deployed because of certain unclear issues. (ex. uncertainty about suitable locations of service, and availability of power supplies and communication lines after the disaster).



##### Measures

- A mobile post office was deployed 11 days after the earthquake (from 25 April) in the affected area.



Thank you!





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### JAPAN

#### Recommendation

##### Promotion of disaster risk management measures in the field of development cooperation

Congress,

Recalling

recommendation C 27/2008 entitled "Initiatives for the sustainable reduction of the negative environmental impact of the postal sector" and resolution C 34/2008 entitled "Work on sustainable development", adopted at the 2008 Congress held in Geneva,

Also recalling

recommendation C 64/2012 entitled "Initiatives for the study of sustainable development and development cooperation measures to make postal organizations more resistant to major disasters", adopted at the 2012 Doha Congress, and the Universal Postal Union's emphasis on the importance of enhancing measures for postal sector resilience,

Recognizing

the United Nations Plan of Action on Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience adopted by the United Nations Chief Executives Board in 2013, which committed to making disaster risk reduction a priority for the UN system and organizations within,

Considering

the recommendation adopted at the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction to take action to substantially reduce global disaster mortality and economic loss caused by natural disasters by 2030 and enhance international cooperation for developing countries for this purpose, as set out in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030,

Stressing

the positive results achieved by the ad hoc group on disaster risk management, part of the Council of Administration (CA) Committee 4 (Cooperation and Development) Sustainable Development Project Group, in increasing awareness of disaster risk management in the postal sector and sharing best practices through multiple channels, including several regional seminars held during the 2013–2016 cycle,

Greatly appreciating

the efforts of the International Bureau in developing and implementing projects and tools for member countries through the formulation of a UPU framework for disaster management, a disaster management guide, and other works,

Confirming

that building disaster-resilient postal services on a global scale is consistent with the UPU's aim to develop communication between peoples and thereby contribute to international cooperation in cultural, societal and economic fields,

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Also considering

the adoption of resolution CA 2/2010 entitled "Creation of a UPU emergency solidarity fund for countries affected by natural disasters and/or in special situations" and resolution CA 1/2011.1 entitled "Rules for the administrative management of the UPU Emergency and Solidarity Fund",

Strongly believing

that it is very useful for UPU disaster risk management to take advantage of the valuable lessons learned from the catastrophic damage of natural disasters to member countries,

Emphasizing

the importance of disaster risk management activities in developing countries as well as the need to take measures to guarantee the continuation of postal services in times of disaster,

#### *Recommends*

that the relevant bodies of the UPU:

- design and implement a technical assistance approach in developing countries, especially least developed countries, in order to provide the best level of assistance to designated operators and relevant authorities in the implementation or improvement of disaster risk management policies and business continuity planning. This approach would combine, in an effective manner, the three elements of development cooperation (assistance from experts, training, and supply of equipment/material);
- study the possibility of a specific certification process which would allow postal operators to improve their disaster risk management approaches and benchmark their level of implementation in the framework of the UPU disaster risk management guide;
- develop strategies to address the identified challenges and resource allocation plans as part of development cooperation, while maximizing the knowledge and experience of member countries;
- enhance cooperation and partnerships with relevant organizations related to disaster risk management at the international, national, regional and local levels in order to be in line with disaster risk management frameworks such as the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030;
- promote the integration of the disaster risk management efforts of the postal sector into the overall social and economic activities at all levels,

#### *Also recommends*

that the International Bureau support and cooperate with efforts for the smooth and concrete implementation of the measures above.

**Reasons.** – With the increasing frequency and scale of earthquakes, typhoons, floods and other natural disasters in recent years, it is now more important than ever to build disaster-resilient postal services to ensure the stable provision of those services around the world. To this end, it is important to focus on measures for developing countries, especially least developed countries, where damage tends to be severe, from the perspective of raising the overall capacity to face disasters. In this process, an effective combination of the three elements of development cooperation (assistance from experts, training, and supply of equipment/material) provided by the UPU to developing countries would maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of assistance.

The recommendation suggests more specific strategies, such as a specific technical assistance strategy, for promoting disaster risk management in the postal sector by introducing the concept of disaster risk management to the framework of UPU development cooperation, which is included in the resolution submitted by the ad hoc group on disaster risk management. In this way, the recommendation and the resolution complement each other.

Concrete measures based on the recommendation require due funds. Considering the limited budget of the Union, Japan is willing to continue financially supporting, through its voluntary fund, the implementation of the activities under the recommendation within the limit of the agreed budgets.