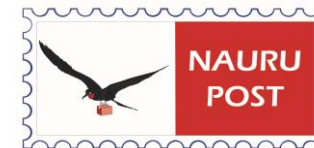


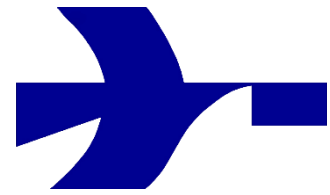
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Presentation by the Republic of Nauru

- 1. “Waiving of Terminal Dues”**
- 2. Waiving of Nauru’s APPU “*debts in arrears*”; and**
- 3. Nauru’s APPU membership fees (contribution unit)**

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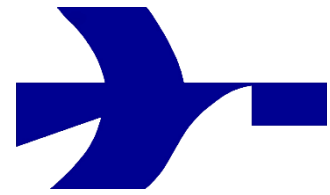


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1. “Waiving of Terminal Dues”

- At the beginning of the current millennium Nauru suffered a financial crisis which deeply affected the operation of its postal service.
- In January 2018 the postal service was given new life as a Corporation, trading as **Nauru Post**.
- Nauru Post and the Republic of Nauru Government are aware that there may be outstanding postal accounts and debts leading to the formation of the Corporation which are held by its postal partners.
- Nauru and Nauru Post believe that **a remailer took advantage of the period of turmoil for our nation and its postal service**, particularly in the first decade of this century, and lodged mail bearing Nauru postal service indicia and postal documents purporting that the mail originated from Nauru.
- We ask the APPU EC to direct the APPU Bureau to invite our postal partners to consider any account that they may believe is attributable to Nauru and its post from 2000 to end 2017 and, if the account is totally out of line with historic mail exchanges with Nauru, to implore them to cast it aside and waive any claim on Nauru and Nauru Post. **Nauru and Nauru Post will, however, honour any claim that is in line with its small, traditional mail exports and exchanges from our small island nation.**



2. Waiving of Nauru's APPU *"debts in arrears"*

3. Nauru's APPU membership fees.

- The Republic of Nauru appealed its UPU and APPU *"debts in arrears"* and relative high membership fees of these organisations in mid 2018, seeking that the debts be waived and the annual membership fees be set at an **"affordable amount"**.
- The UPU has already lowered Nauru's membership fee by a factor of 10 to 0.1 UPU contribution unit and will consider the waiving of its past UPU *"debts in arrears"* at the forthcoming 27th UPU Congress in August 2021.
- Nauru takes note of the deliberations of the APPU EC Finance Committee on these matters and calls upon the APPU EC to direct the APPU Bureau and the Finance Committee to propose to the APPU Congress that:
 - new, interim contribution levels of 0.5 and 0.2 units be introduced as from 1 January 2023;
 - Nauru be assigned to an ***affordable*** 0.2 APPU contribution units as from 1 January 2023;
 - an expedited review of the APPU funding, membership fees and contribution levels be brought to the APPU EC in 2024;
 - the 2024 APPU EC be empowered, on an extraordinary basis, to consider that review and to make interim arrangements and take decisions concerning the funding of the APPU and its contribution unit structure from 1 January 2025; and
 - a report be brought to the 2026 APPU Congress recommending changes to the APPU Acts so that a legal foundation is in place for any further changes.
- Further, Nauru requests the APPU EC to direct the APPU Bureau and Finance Committee to take account of the UPU Congress outcome in regard to Nauru's UPU *"debts in arrears"* and to prepare a decisive position in regard to Nauru's APPU *"debts in arrears"* for decision by the 2022 APPU Congress.