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

Subject: Update on the 2023 APPU Executive Council (EC) Meeting – Urgent

Dear APPU Members,

I am writing to you regarding an important update on the upcoming 2023 APPU Executive Council Meeting.

Today, the APPU Bureau received a letter from the Minister for Naoero Postal Services Cooperation (Nauru Post) informing that the Republic of Nauru is no longer able to host the 2023 APPU EC Meeting. Hon'ble Minister has cited financial restraints which no longer permit them to hold the meeting in line with APPU member expectations. Consequently, Nauru has officially withdrawn as the host of the 2023 APPU EC Meeting.

In response to this letter, an urgent meeting was convened with the APPU EC Chair, and it was decided to seek an alternative host for this year's EC. Additionally, it was proposed that the scheduled dates of the EC (14 to 18 August 2023) remain unchanged to avoid any clashes with other commitments or activities of the delegates from our member countries.

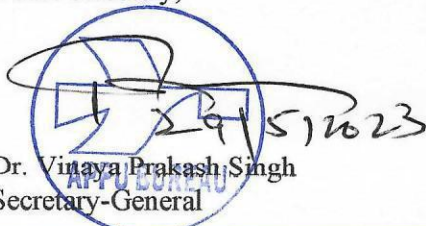
In view of this development, if your country is willing to host the 2023 APPU EC Meeting, we request you to promptly inform the Bureau at kwanjai@appu-bureau.org no later than **Friday, 9 June 2023**. We deeply appreciate your prompt response and unwavering support on behalf of all the APPU members, even though we acknowledge the considerable challenges presented by the limited notice.

In the event that no member expresses their willingness to host the 2023 EC meeting by the specified date, in accordance with Article 106 (amended), Paragraph 4 of the General Regulations of the APPU, the Bureau will host the APPU EC Meeting this year in Thailand. The expenditure in that case will be borne by the Bureau from its own budget by raising the contribution share of each country. A copy of the relevant Article is enclosed.

If you have any further inquiries or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us. Further updates on the matter will also be informed through the website: www.appuec2023.com.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to your favorable response by **Friday, 9 June 2023**.

Yours sincerely,


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6. Observers may be invited to attend meetings of the Union in an advisory capacity without the right to vote, provided they represent the United Nations or one of its specialized agencies or any other international organisation having an interest in the work of the Union. Other observers may also be invited to attend provided that they represent other restricted postal unions, or postal administrations of member-countries of the Universal Postal Union, or postal administrations of countries which are non-members of the Universal Postal Union and of non-self governing territories and other areas in Asia and the Pacific. At the request of the Congress or the Executive Council, the invitation is made by the Bureau. However, should the government of the host country so desire, it may issue the invitations.
7. For the organisation of its work and conduct of its debates, Congress shall apply the rules of procedure of Congresses.
8. The place and date of assembly of an Extraordinary Congress is fixed by the Executive Council in agreement with the member-countries initiating the Congress.
9. The provisions of paragraphs 2, 3, 6 and 7 of this Article apply to Extraordinary Congresses as well.

Article VII

(Article 106 amended) Composition, functioning and meetings of the Executive Council

1. The Executive Council comprises all the member-countries of the Union, with a quorum of the majority.
2. The Chairman of each Congress convenes the first meeting of the Council immediately after the holding of that Congress at the same venue. At the meeting, the Council elects from among its member a Chairman and Vice-Chairman, who hold office until the conclusion of the next Congress. In the normal course the chairmanship shall devolve by right on the host country of Congress but the latter may waive that right if it so wishes.
3. The annual meetings of the Executive Council following the first meeting are convened by its Chairman.
4. Each Executive Council meeting shall designate the country in which the next Executive Council meeting is to be held. When an Executive Council meeting has to be convened without a host country, the meeting shall be convened where the Bureau is situated. In that event, the host will be the Bureau itself and not the postal administration of the country where the Bureau is situated. The expenditure of such meetings will be borne by the Bureau from its own budget by raising the contribution share of each country.
5. Between ordinary sessions, the Council may be convened as a general rule at the place where the Bureau is situated, by the Chairman at the request of a two-thirds majority of the member-countries of the Union.
6. After consultation with the Chairman of the Executive Council, the host country fixes the date and place of the Executive Council meeting. Invitation to such meeting are issued to each member-countries and observers by the Chairman of the Executive Council or, if the Chairman so desires, by the Bureau. However, should the host country so desire, it may issue the invitation directly to member administrations and also circulate through diplomatic channels.

7. The working expenditure of the Council is borne by the Union. The services of a Council member are gratuitous.
8. Member-countries shall be represented at meetings of the Council by qualified postal officials.
9. The functions of the Council are:
 - (a) To perform any duty assigned to it by a Resolution of the Congress;
 - (b) To lay down the international postal service rules which shall provide for details necessary for the operation of the international postal service between the member-countries;
 - (c) To maintain contacts with postal administration of the member-countries of the Union with a view to improving the postal service;
 - (d) To prescribe rules for the administration of the Bureau and to supervise the activities of the Bureau;
 - (e) To review and approve the annual budget and accounts of the administrative section prepared by the Bureau in the intervals between Congresses;
 - (f) To make useful contacts with the various organs of the Universal Postal Union, with the Restricted Unions or with other specialized agencies of the United Nations with special interests in the area, and, if necessary, to appoint representatives to conferences of such organizations;
 - (g) To conclude agreements on behalf of the Union with the Universal Postal Union, and other Restricted Unions and international organizations with regard to such matters as technical co-operation, with the concurrence of at least two-thirds of the members of the Union. The Council may authorize the Director of the Bureau to execute such agreements;
 - (h) To assemble, prior to each Universal Postal Congress, in accordance with the provisions of Article 115 paragraph 2; and
 - (i) To make necessary steps, with the agreement of the majority of the members of the Union, provisionally to carry out such other administrative acts which are not covered by the Acts of the Union and cannot await the next Congress for the settlement.
10. The Council draws up the rules of procedure necessary for its work.
11. When necessary, consultations and decisions of the Council may be made by correspondence.
12. The Director of the Bureau assumes the task of Secretary-General of the Council.
13. The Council sends to the postal administrations of the member-countries of the Union, for information, a summary report at the end of each meeting of the Council.
14. The Council submits a report to each Congress on the whole of its activities.
15. The representative of each of the members of the Council shall be entitled to the reimbursement of the cost of an economic class return ticket for travel by air, sea or land by means of a deduction from the contribution of that country to the annual expenditure of the Union.