

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Proposal of a general nature

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FINANCE COMMITTEE AND APPU/UPU REFORM WORKING GROUP

Resolution

Work programme on the full review of the financial contributions system

The Executive Council,

reaffirming the necessity of a sustainable financial contributions system for the Asian-Pacific Postal Union (the “Union”),

recalling Recommendation C 6/2022 (supported by Congress 2022 Doc 24.6) in which the 2022 Bangkok Congress recommended the Executive Council undertake a full review of the financial contributions system,

noting the benefit of considering the situation of arrears in contributions to the APPU (outlined in Resolution C 5/2022, supported by Congress 2022 Doc 24.7 Rev 1 (Nauru’s arrears in contributions to the APPU)), as part of the full review of the financial contributions system,

acknowledging that such a review and subsequent solutions should duly reflect differences in the level of development among member countries and ensure consistency, where appropriate, of its financial contributions system with that of the Universal Postal Union,

bearing in mind that the Union should maximise the benefits gained by member countries from the Union’s activities, which can be achieved through optimised, fair and equitable apportionment of the Union’s income consisting of member countries’ contributions,

reaffirming the commitment of members to minimise the need to further amend the Acts of the Union following the conclusion of the full review and the adoption of recommended solutions, wherever possible,

affirming that the Executive Council needs clear guidance to achieve steady and substantial progress in these matters,

decides to establish a joint sub-committee on the full review of the financial contributions system under the auspices of the Finance Committee and APPU/UPU Reform Working Group for the period between the 2023 Executive Council and the 2026 Congress for the purpose of undertaking the required reviews and to develop solutions to achieve an optimised and sustainable financial contributions system of the Union,

decides further that:

- (i) the Chair of the Reform Working Group and the Chair of the Finance Committee jointly co-chair the sub-committee, assisted by the Reform Consultant;
- (ii) the sub-committee be open to all members of the Executive Council, and work in close collaboration with the Bureau, to ensure a fully informed outcome;
- (iii) the sub-committee co-chairs report progress annually to the Executive Council;
- (iv) the sub-committee deliver on the following milestones:
 - by the 2024 Executive Council meeting, to analyse data, sourced by the Bureau and the Reform Consultant, on the current apportionment of the Union's income, and to identify the most appropriate income level of the Union to maximise values and benefits brought to member countries,
 - also by the 2024 Executive Council meeting, to identify and assess historical arrears in contributions by Nauru, and possible scenarios to address the issue of historical and future arrears, such as the development of a fair, equitable, and sustainable debt repayment or amortization scheme,
 - by the 2025 Executive Council meeting, to identify a sustainable, fair and equitable contribution class system of the Union, with regard to the contribution system for the Universal Postal Union and member countries' level of development, by referring, if required, to contribution systems for restricted unions governed by Article 8 of the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union,
 - also by the 2025 Executive Council meeting, to propose a resolution on the issue of historical arrears in contributions by Nauru and an approach, if required, to manage any future instances of arrears, and
 - by the 2026 Congress, to present final proposals to deliver an optimised financial contributions system minimising subsequent amendments to the Acts of the Union, and
- (v) the sub-committee, in developing its programme of activities, base its work, in the first instance, on the guidance provided in the respective initiating documents i.e., Congress 2022 Doc 24.6 (full review of financial contributions system) and Congress 2022 Doc 24.7 Rev 1 (Nauru's arrears in contributions to the APPU).