

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Resolution of a general nature

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APPU/UPU REFORM WORKING GROUP

Resolution

Progressing a legal framework for the Asia Pacific Post Cooperative

The Executive Council,

noting its decisions of 1993, 1994 and 1998 concerning the creation of the Asia Pacific Post Cooperative (APP Cooperative),

recognising the complexities that have subsequently emerged that are presently impacting the operations of the APP Cooperative,

recalling the work undertaken by the Executive Council in the 2017-2022 Tehran cycle on this matter,

recognising the work undertaken by the APP Cooperative, Bureau and APPU/UPU Reform Working Group to identify solutions, including those that do not involve amending the Acts of the Union,

committed to maintaining the APP Cooperative as an essential part of the Union,

mindful that amending the Acts of the Union represents the best solution to provide long-term stability to the APP Cooperative,

aware that improving the legal framework for the APP Cooperative presents an opportunity to ensure it continues to align with the needs of member countries and designated operators,

Decides to:

- (i) **note** the text of the draft amendment to the General Regulations of the APPU presented to the 2023 Executive Council.
- (ii) **instruct** the APPU/UPU Reform Working Group to continue to develop the text of the amendment to the General Regulations of the APPU in consultation with APPU member countries, and to communicate a final proposed version to all APPU member countries no later than 6 months prior to the relevant Congress.
- (iii) **instruct** the APP Cooperative Management Board to establish a taskforce or similar body consisting of such APP Cooperative members as may be desired by the Board, to develop a proposed 'Basic Framework' for the integration of the APP into the APPU, as outlined in the text of the draft amendment, and to provide their proposed 'Basic Framework' to the Chair of the APPU/UPU Reform Working Group no later than 6 months prior to the 2024 Executive Council meeting.

- (iv) **instruct** the APPU/UPU Reform Working Group to analyse the proposed 'Basic Framework' in cooperation with the APP Cooperative Management Board and provide the 2024 Executive Council with advice on its suitability for adoption.
- (v) **establish** a working group to commence negotiations with the government of the APP's preferred host country (when such a preference is communicated to the Bureau by the Chair of the APP Cooperative Management Board), and commence discussions on any changes (noting none may be required) to that country's domestic law to facilitate recognition of the APPU's legal status as an intergovernmental, multilateral, treaty-based organisation and restricted union of the Universal Postal Union.

The working group shall be chaired by the Secretary General. In view of the subject matter, membership of the working group shall be closed and consist of the Chair of the Executive Council (presently Thailand), the Chair of the APP Cooperative Management Board (presently Singapore), and the Chair of the APPU/UPU Reform Working Group (presently Australia). It may be assisted by the Reform Consultant or members of the Bureau as decided by the Chair. It is to report annually to the Executive Council until such time as the matter is concluded.

- (vi) **instruct** the Secretary General to work with the Chair of the APP Cooperative Management Board and the APP Managing Director on operational transition arrangements as required, with the Chair of the Cooperative Management Board to report annually to the Executive Council on such activities.

Reasons – see EC 2023 Doc 13.7.