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Supply Chain Working Group

Presentation by India and China

Executive Council Meeting
Siem Reap, Cambodia
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Agenda

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6. Any Other Business

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2. Scope & Methodology

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- Follow UPU Postal Operational Council Committee 1
- Brief important decisions to member countries
- Find best practices & other activities on Supply Chain
- Analyze the future decision impact and,
- Suggest probable solutions

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Structure of the POC 2022-2025

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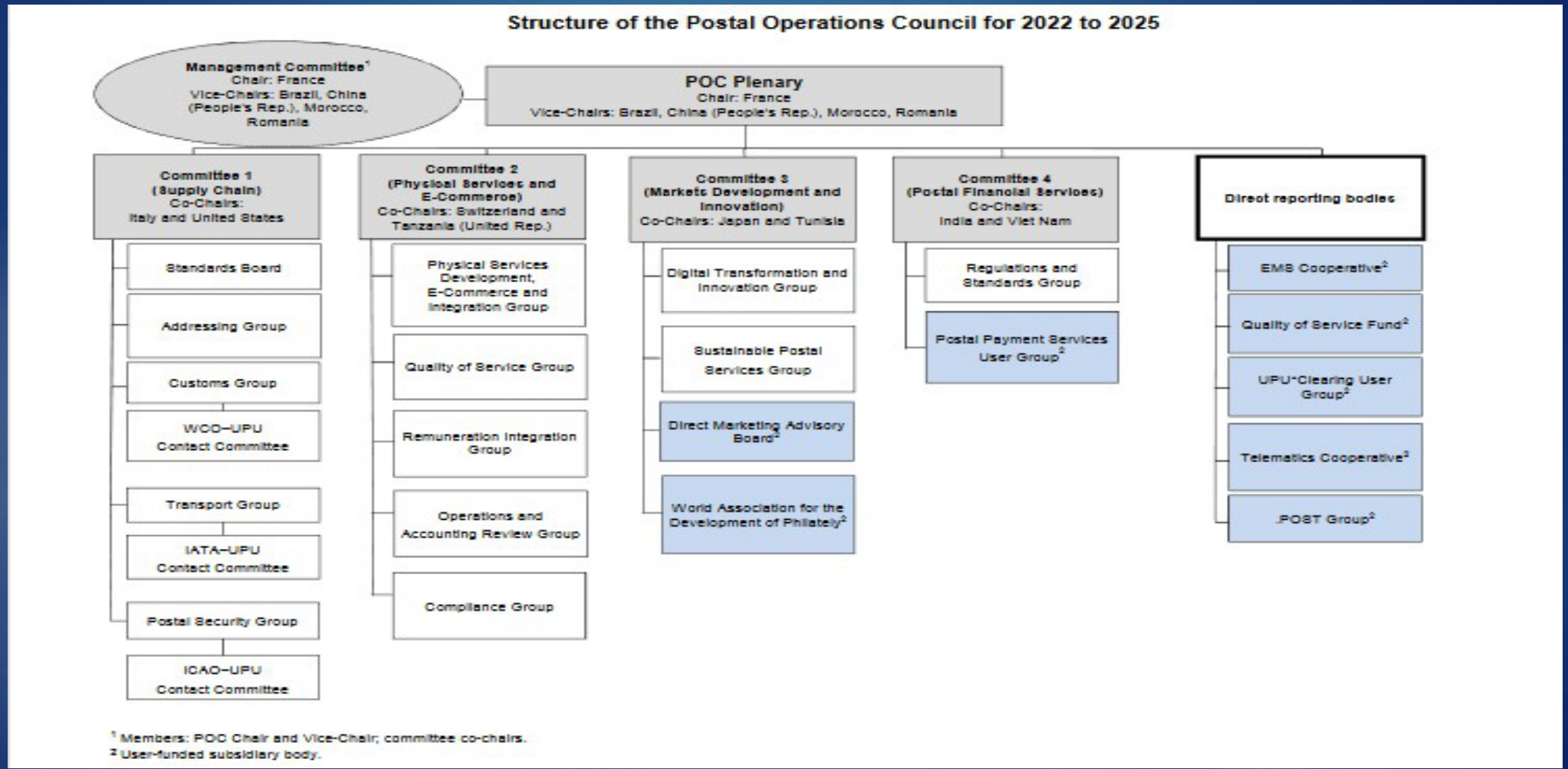

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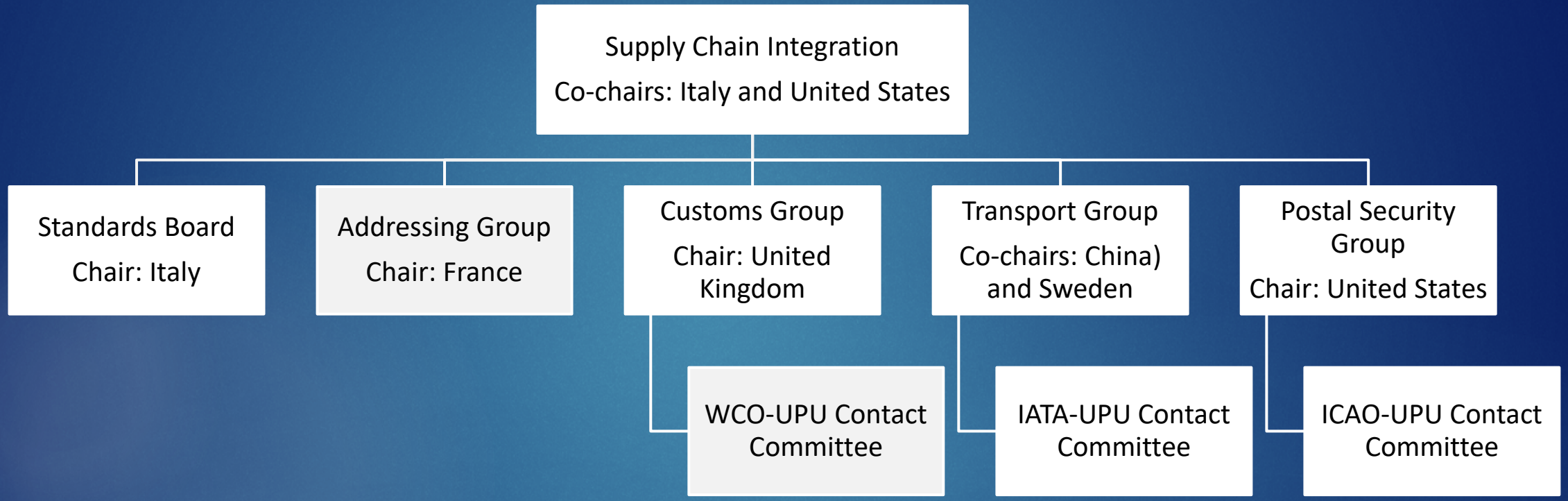

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3. Updates on UPU POC Committee 1 activities

Outcomes related to Standards Board

- Status 2 to M51, e55 electronic terminal dues statement :
  - Electronic version of the CN 55 (Statement of mails),
  - Can be exchanged via e-mail or uploaded to a central solution.

- Granted status 2 (approved) to M48 CARDIT V2.1 and M49 RESDIT V1.
  - Status 1 in 2017 (Tested Draft Stage)

Outcomes related to Addressing Group

- Working on UPU Geo Code:
  - Updated ToR for ET to include references to addressing & GIS in the Convention Regulations

- Encourage countries to regularly update the information in the new data sharing tools developed by IB to ensure electronic advance data (EAD) quality.

- The IB presented a range of tools that it has designed to help member countries control data quality, in particular for EAD quality and compliance.
  - Automated ways of checking captured address information and format addresses according to national standards using S42 address templates

Outcomes related to Addressing Group

- Implementation of the Universal POST*CODE Data Base within UPU solutions
  - Development of a statistical measure called the “deliverability rate” for addresses.
  - Aims assessing the likelihood of the successful delivery of postal items to an address.
  - The project will leverage resources such as the Universal POST*CODE Database, POST*CODE API, and historical data from the UPU big data repository for its development.

Outcomes related to Customs Group

- Development of interactive capacity-building materials on EAD data capture and compliance:
  - An online course on how to meet EAD requirements (training.ptc.post platform)
  - EAD training clips focused on i) data capture interfaces; ii) ITMREF exchanges; and iii) CARDIT AR compliance (training.ptc.post platform)
  - YouTube channel to guide DOs in using CDS and sending ITMATT messages (www.youtube.com/c/CDS-UPU/videos)

- Continuous development of customs publications through regular reminders to DOs
  - to complete the Customs Compendium
  - country-specific list of prohibited and restricted articles

Outcomes related to Customs Group

- ICS2 Release 2: operational since 1 October 2023
  - applied to postal transit: 1 April 2024 (Without prejudice to the relevant provisions of the UPU Acts),
- Challenges specific to ICS2:
  - data quality, timeliness, error codes, missing messages and transit
  - UPU HS tariff codes for commercial items: September 2025,
  - ICS2 Release 2 require HS tariff codes for commercial items: October 2023
- For items without an HS tariff code,
  - European DOs try to identify the appropriate HS code and, where this cannot be identified, an error message is sent to the origin DO.
  - Consumer-to-consumer (C2C) items are not subject to HS codes in ICS2
  - difficult to distinguish C2C from non-C2C items,

Outcomes related to Customs Group

- Approved Amendments to the CN22, CN23, CP72 postal customs declaration forms / instructions.
- These amendments aims to address the issue of misdeclarations and the modernization of the category block
- Approved 2024 edition of the WCO-UPU Postal Customs Guide.

Outcomes related to Transport Group

- Approved 11 proposals to amend the Convention Regulations (articles 17-009, 17-010, 17-014, 17-132 and 17-224; and articles 25-004, 27-002, 35-210, 27-103, 34-103 and 34-106) focused on paper free processes
- Adopted the Basic Airmail Conveyance Rate (BACR) for 2025: 0.590 thousandths of an SDR per kilogramme and per kilometre;
  - and approved the creation of a BACR expert team.
- Noted the progress of GPM implementation in the area of transport and the EAD transit mail piloting, and the next steps including the creation of a surface PLACI expert team.
- Expansion of transport-related mobile application.
  - EAD check functionality,
  - will be extended to include ENS filing in ICS2.

Outcomes related to Transport Group

- Approved the updated edition of the Postal Transport Guide.
- Reflects new standards for electronic data interchange (EDI) and electronic advance data (EAD)
- New EAD dashboards, compliance reports and EDI tools have been included to reflect recent leg 2 capacity-building activities undertaken by the UPU and Dos
- Introduces more best practices
  - to help DOs enhance leg 2 international mail flows and transport performance, the updated guide provides additional best practices
- Promotes the UPU paper-free transport initiative;
- Incorporates transport-related training resources and essential UPU publications for the convenience of DOs;

Outcomes related to Transport Group

- PoC for transit & transshipment EAD
  - Copying of the data from the network (by reusing EDI message files already exchanged)
  - Voluntary, Feasible & Simple solution
  - Origin and transit DOs need to agree on data copying authorization for such network providers
  - No IT development requirement on Dos
    - assist in the identification of scenarios before final solutions from a legal, regulatory, operational and IT perspective
- Not applicable for following cases:
  - destined to members not requiring EAD;
  - cases aimed at testing the ability of the transit member country to respond to a referral message from destination; or
  - cases of divergent risk assessment results from transit and destination and how to coordinate member countries to ensure a consistent and coherent risk assessment process

Outcomes related to Transport Group

- DOs are required to capture and exchange EAD
  - S10 – all items containing goods must bear a barcode identifier;
  - ITMATT – must be transmitted from origin DO to destination DO (for customs/security reasons);
  - S9–S10 – item identifiers for all items containing goods must be included in the PREDES message (standard M41) sent to the destination DO and linked to the S9 receptacle ID
  - CARDIT AR (article 08-002.6) – from 1 January 2023, DOs must assist their air carriers in complying with pre-landing security requirements by ensuring that, where applicable, the relevant CARDIT message is transmitted to the airline, including the applicable regulations (AR) flag
  - ITMREF–REFRSP (January 2025) – DOs must take reasonable measures to ensure that no Request for Information (RFI), Request for Screening (RFS) or Do Not Load (DNL) message goes without a response (08-002.7 and 8)
  - HS codes – should be provided for commercial items containing goods (September 2025, 20-001.2.8);
  - Transit ITMATT, S9–S10 (September 2025) – must be transmitted, in line with 20-001.2.2 (ITMATT to transit DO), 08-002.5 (S9–S10 to transit DO) and 08-002.6 (CARDIT AR if required by transit country).

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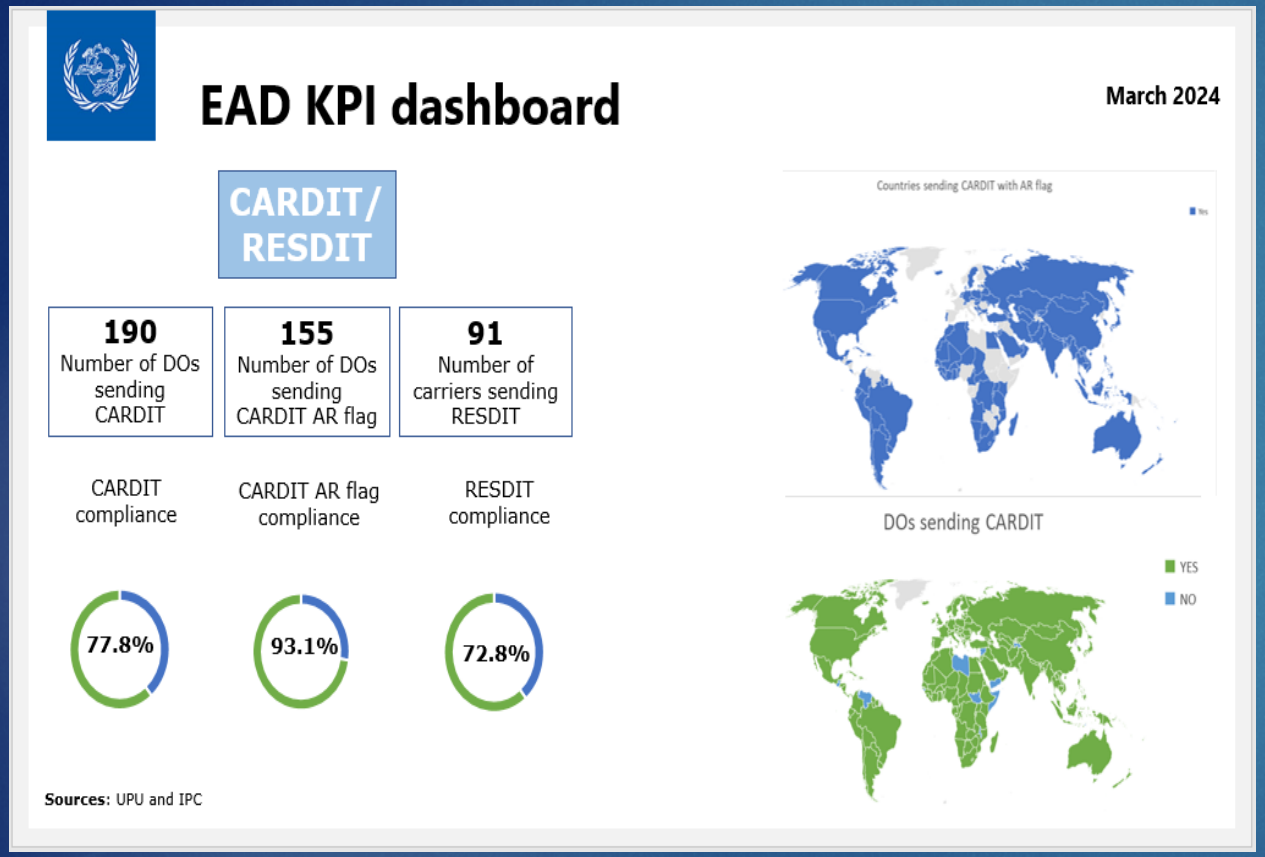

- EAD Transport Chart
  - Good Progress
  - But now stagnating
  - Need more push to further improve
  - Remaining DOs need to take action
  - Next step is to focus on EAD Quality
    - Proper Address
    - Proper HS Code
    - Proper description

Outcomes related to Postal Security Group

- *Illicit Drugs and Contraband in the Post* guidance document
  - aims to provide information and best practices on mitigating illicit drugs and contraband in the post for DOs
- engagement of 37 certified regional security auditors:
  - to facilitate regional security certifications and
  - further increase the security knowledge base worldwide
- working to build a relevant, up-to-date, digital reference library.
  - requested to volunteer for a Reference Material Expert Team (RMET)
  - to facilitate the necessary work on document revision and creation.
  - SMEs interested in participating in the RMET: may reach via security@upu.int.

Outcomes related to Postal Security Group

- Encouraged DOs to get Equipment Containing Lithium Batteries (ECLB) certification:
  - Survey circulated to identify the challenge
- Approved the updated Guidelines for Postal Crime Prevention as a living document.
- Approved the revised S58-S59 certification process updates.
  - A standardized point system was instituted for all levels of certification to further remove ambiguity among certification reviewers and reviewees,

Outcomes related to Postal Security Group

- Approved the progress made on all S5 deliverables as well as the next steps.
- Approved the document Illicit Drugs and Contraband in the Post as a living resource.
- Noted the list of identified gaps and recommendations in relation to the S58/S59 certification process

ANY QUESTIONS?

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4. Other presentations on Supply Chain

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b) Presentation by UPU Regional Office: Annexure - I

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Presentation on RFID based Tracking

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c) Presentation by PRIME: Annexure - II

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d) Presentation by IPC: Annexure - III

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Presentation on Shopper's Survey: IPC

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e) Presentation by UPU: Annexure - IV

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