



Constitution – Proposal

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Preamble. Amend as follows:

As a specialized agency of the United Nations, the mission of the Union is to stimulate the ~~lasting~~ sustainable¹ development of efficient and accessible universal postal services of quality in order to facilitate communication between the inhabitants of the world and to contribute to fostering trade and promoting economic and social development worldwide by:

- guaranteeing the free circulation of postal items over a single postal territory composed of interconnected networks;
- encouraging the adoption of fair common standards and the use of technology;
- ensuring cooperation and interaction among stakeholders;
- promoting effective technical cooperation;
- ensuring the satisfaction of customers' changing needs.

Reasons. – The current wording of the mission of the Union only partially covers the full extent of the postal sector's role and scope and, consequently, the current role and scope of the UPU. Recent studies and authoritative opinions (experts, qualified officials from member countries) support the argument that the UPU mission should better reflect the changes in the postal sector's environment and should incorporate existing, well-established and forward-looking elements that take into account the full scope of postal activities developed in all member countries.

Postal services can be a strong lever for economic and social development. The proposed elements to be incorporated in the UPU mission will acknowledge the importance of the postal sector and its infrastructure not only for economic prosperity and social cohesion within member countries but also to recognize the role of the UPU in adding value to the sector by promoting economic and social sustainability for its customers, its workforce and its institutional, public and private partners worldwide.

Finally, the UPU, as a member in good standing of the United Nations (UN) system since its inception in 1945, works within the UN specific and common framework to achieve the noble aims of the UN family in the postal sector. This common identity as an intergovernmental organization of the UN, but also as a sectorial organization will help to ensure full policy coordination and coherence with international multilateral and intergovernmental agencies and their inclusive international agendas (Millennium Development Goals, Decent Work, Aid-for-Trade, Information Society, Connect the World etc.) It will also express our ambition to make the postal sector a legitimate facilitator of trade and international exchanges and an example of social cohesion and economic efficiency.

¹ This modification is only for the English text.