

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION
Committee 1 (Governance Issues)
Reform of the Union Project Group
UPU governmental/regulatory and operational functions – Brainstorming

Berne, 2 November 2010 (15.00–18.00) and 3 November (9.30–12.30 and 15.00–18.00), Montgomery Blair Hall

Ad hoc group¹ report
(Agenda item 4)

1 Subject	References/paragraphs
Organization of a brainstorming session on the UPU's governmental and operational functions, with a view to exploring the opportunity for further improvement, if necessary, in decision-making.	§§ 1 to 3
2 Decision expected Develop a clearer view on the governmental/regulatory and operational functions.	§ 4 and CA C 1 RUPG 2009.2–Doc 4a

I. Introduction

1 At the Reform of the Union Project Group meeting held in November 2009, the International Bureau (IB) presented a document on the current separation of governmental and operational functions at the UPU (CA C 1 RUPG 2009.2–Doc 4a). The need to distinguish between the functions was highlighted as being part of the continuing reform efforts of the Union, subject to instructions issued by the Beijing, Bucharest and 24th Congresses. The IB presented Annex 1 to document 4a, which outlined the different governmental and operational functions in the various UPU activities, while stressing that it should also be recognized that the two functions were often closely interlinked. Having taken note of this document, the Reform PG tasked the ad hoc group with continuing the analysis started by the IB on the separation of governmental and operational functions.

¹ Composed of Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, Egypt, France, Japan, Norway and the United States of America, with the participation of the Consultative Committee, primarily established to conduct the Study of the impact of new market players in the postal sector on the Union and on its mission and activities.

2 With reference to the work on developing an updated UPU model structure, the United States of America also asked the RUPG at its meeting last April to consider a possible study on the distinction between UPU regulatory functions and operational functions. The RUPG decided to have the ad hoc group examine this question on the basis of document CA C 1 GPRU 2009.2–Doc 4a and to report on its findings at this November meeting.

II. Organizing a brainstorming session

3 Since the 2010 POC session, the ad hoc group has mainly worked on the study of the impact of new market players in the postal sector on the Union and on its mission and activities, entrusted to PricewaterhouseCoopers. Therefore, the ad hoc group could not further study the issues related to the governmental and operational functions.

4 With a view to accelerating the Reform of the Union PG's work, the ad hoc group proposes, with the agreement of the RUPG Chairman, to organize a brainstorming session on the first-day RUPG meeting in November, for further analysis of the governmental/regulatory and operational functions of the UPU on the basis of document CA C 1 RUPG 2009.2–Doc 4a. The result of this brainstorming will be immediately reported and considered by the RUPG.

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