

POSTAL OPERATIONS COUNCIL
Committee 2 (Finance and Administration)
Revised Programme and Budget 2013
Memorandum by the Secretary General
(Agenda item 10)

1 Subject	References/paragraphs
Revision of the Union's regular budget for 2013.	§§ 1 to 7
2 Decision expected Approve the draft revised Programme and Budget 2013.	§ 8

1 In accordance with articles 102.6.4 and 128 of the General Regulations, the CA, at its April session, examined and approved the Programme and Budget of the Union for the 2013 financial period (decision CA 3/2013.1).

2 Although the CA approved a total amount of expenditure of 37,235,000 CHF, it did not ensure the funding for this amount. In fact, the CA set the amount of the contribution unit at 41,770 CHF, when the amount necessary was 42,400 CHF, to offset the reduction in the number of contribution units from 865.5 to 852.5.

3 The CA further instructed the International Bureau to study and identify new measures to be taken in order to close the gap between the amount needed to implement all resolutions adopted by the Doha Congress and the actual budget available, while considering the zero nominal growth of the contribution unit and to report the results to the CA.

4 To date, and despite continuous efforts, the International Bureau has not been able to identify new funding sources that would allow for this shortfall to be covered. The International Bureau has therefore carried out a revision of the 2013 budget in order to compensate for the shortfall in revenue totalling 537,075 CHF.

5 The revision process took into account the freezing of certain posts at the International Bureau. Furthermore, the various directorates were asked to make significant efforts to balance the budget.

6 The total revised amount of expenditure is 36,697,925 CHF. The funding of net recurrent expenditure through contributions to the Union budget, payable by all member countries, remains unchanged at 35,767,175 CHF. Part of this amount (158,250 CHF) is, however, borne by those member countries that use the official language, in accordance with article 110.6 of the General Regulations (105.5 units of 1,500 CHF per annum each).

7 In accordance with the CA decision, the amount of the contribution unit also remains unchanged at 41,770 CHF (35,608,925/852.5). The table below illustrates the current situation.

<i>Description</i>	<i>2013 budget</i>	<i>Revised 2013 budget</i>	<i>Variation</i>
Recurrent expenses of the Union			
Staff expenses excluding development cooperation	24,852,310	24,624,785	-0.9%
Development cooperation	2,888,000	2,888,000	0.0%
Other International Bureau operating expenses (including depreciations)	9,494,690	9,185,140	-3.3%
Total gross recurrent expenses	37,235,000	36,697,925	-1.4%
Administrative receipts	930,750	930,750	0.0%
Additional revenue to be identified according to CA decision 3/2013.1	537,075		
Net recurrent expenses	35,767,175	35,767,175	0.0%
Contributions to Union expenditure	35,608,925	35,608,925	0.0%
Contributions to the costs of French translation	158,250	158,250	0.0%
Total member countries' contributions	35,767,175	35,767,175	0.0%

8 The CA is requested to approve the revised Programme and Budget and to make comments as appropriate.

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