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To: Union member countries

For information:

- Designated operators
- Restricted unions
- Regulatory authorities

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Subject: Notification of the entity or entities responsible for fulfilling the obligations arising from the Acts of the Union

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Abidjan Congress successfully completed its work on 27 August 2021, and adopted, *inter alia*, a new Universal Postal Convention and a new Postal Payment Services Agreement, both of which will be permanent Acts from now on. In this regard, I would draw your attention to article 2 of the Convention, which requires member countries to inform the International Bureau, within six months of the end of Congress, of the name and address of the governmental body responsible for overseeing postal affairs and of the name and address of the operator or operators officially designated to operate postal services and fulfil the obligations arising from the Acts of the Union on their territory.

Since 2004, when this article was introduced in the Convention, member countries have notified the International Bureau of their governmental entities and designated operators. In addition, many countries have also informed the International Bureau of their regulatory entities where these differ from the governmental entities.

Pursuant to article 3 of the Postal Payment Services Agreement, the member countries that are parties to that Agreement are required to notify the International Bureau, within six months of the end of Congress, of the name and address of the governmental body responsible for overseeing postal payment services, and of the name and address of the operator or operators officially designated to operate the postal payment services via their network and to fulfil the obligations arising from that Agreement on their territories.

Consequently, in accordance with article 2 of the Convention and, if applicable, article 3 of the Postal Payment Services Agreement, you are asked to provide the necessary information using the attached form (Annex 1).

Between Congresses, member countries need to notify the International Bureau of any changes concerning the governmental bodies as soon as possible. Any changes with regard to the officially designated operators should likewise be notified to the International Bureau as soon as possible, and preferably at least three months before the change comes into effect.

When a member country officially designates a new operator, it should indicate the scope of the postal services that the latter will provide under the Acts of the Union, as well as the operator's geographical coverage within its territory.

/ The texts of article 2 of the Convention and article 3 of the Postal Payment Services Agreement are provided for your information (Annex 2).

The list of entities, regularly updated by the International Bureau, and the form to be completed are both available on the UPU website at: www.upu.int/en/Members-Centre/Policies-Regulation/Status-of-Postal-Entities.

All replies should reach the International Bureau **within six months of the end of the Abidjan Congress, i.e. by 27 February 2022 at the latest.**

If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the International Bureau.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

Masahiko Metoki
Director General