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Subject: Appeal for contributions to the UPU Special Fund for development cooperation activities within the framework of South–South and triangular cooperation

Dear Sir/Madam,

First, I wish to reaffirm my commitment, in my capacity as Director General of the Universal Postal Union, to leading and overseeing the successful implementation of the Abidjan Postal Strategy 2022–2025. This strategy sets out a vision of the Post as an essential driver of sustainable development, and invites governments to do everything possible to reduce the gaps in postal development around the world.

During the previous cycle, the UPU implemented a number of excellent projects under South–South and triangular cooperation, as follows:

- COVID-19 recovery project to supply IT equipment to 19 small island developing states (SIDS), least developed countries (LDCs) and landlocked developing countries (LLDCs);
- Project to provide training for postal officials from developing countries;
- Project to provide training equipment to the Asian-Pacific Postal College;
- Supply of 200 green computers, donated by a member country, to designated operators (DOs) in the Pacific region (an example of a contribution in kind).

Other important projects are currently under implementation, including a project to assess the types of government/social services that can be provided by post offices in order to meet the social responsibilities of member countries' governments in fulfilling the UN Sustainable Development Goals and to enhance postal revenue.

The UPU is currently devising several useful projects to enhance postal IT infrastructure among SIDS, LLDCs and LDCs. Furthermore, it is preparing projects aimed at upgrading postal infrastructure through the provision of postal equipment, particularly for countries that have suffered significantly as a result of COVID-19.

It is important that the world community now come to the aid of DOs, particularly those in SIDS, LLDCs and LDCs. It is essential to support these DOs in every possible way. This contribution may be in cash or in kind. In particular, the UPU would like to upgrade both physical and IT infrastructures in these countries.

In view of the above, I appeal to all Union member countries and their DOs to contribute to the UPU Special Fund. We hope that we can count on your generosity, so that we can launch planned Special Fund activities as soon as possible.

The UPU's bank account information is as follows:

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Many thanks in advance for your invaluable contribution, which will help to strengthen the bonds of solidarity between Union member countries.

Yours faithfully,



Masahiko Metoki
Director General