

Berne, 2 September 2024 International Bureau Circular **134** Botswana – Illegal postage stamp issue

Dear Sir/Madam,

The designated operator of **BOTSWANA**, Botswana Post, would like to alert other Union member countries and their designated operators regarding the circulation of counterfeit commemorative Botswana stamps entitled "Olympic Games 2024 in Paris", which were illegally issued in 2022.

The aforementioned stamps were not designed or printed by Botswana Post as the relevant issuing authority in Botswana, and Botswana Post has not granted any form of authorization for their issuance by third parties.

Therefore, in accordance with article 9.2 of the Universal Postal Convention, other Union member countries and their designated operators are advised to reject any form of transaction regarding these counterfeit stamps, as well as the acceptance and circulation thereof, while Botswana Post addresses the issue domestically by alerting its operatives and security departments. For ease of reference, images of the illegal issues in question are provided in Annex 1.

Botswana Post thanks other Union member countries and their designated operators for their cooperation in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Vladyslav Dubenko Director of Logistics Item 1



Item 2



Annex 1