



## Code of Conduct for Members and observers of the Consultative Committee

1 This Code of Conduct shall apply to all Members and observers of the Consultative Committee (“Committee”), and to their respective representatives.

2 The provisions of this Code of Conduct shall be applied in line with the Acts of the Union and Rules of Procedure of the Committee (“Rules of Procedure”).

3 The Members and observers of the Committee shall conduct themselves with complete integrity, dignity and discretion, in compliance with the Rules of Procedure and the principles set out in this Code of Conduct.

4 In the context of the Committee’s activities, the Members and observers of the Committee shall:

- 4.1 refrain from acting in a manner contrary to the mission and objectives of the Union;
- 4.2 treat all other Members and observers with respect and fairness, and shall not offer or appear to offer preferential treatment to any entity, group or persons;
- 4.3 act in good faith, with due care and diligence, and in compliance with the mandate of the Committee and related rules and responsibilities as set forth in the Acts of the Union and the Rules of Procedure;
- 4.4 refrain from providing false or misleading information or from withholding information necessary to a fair and complete consideration of any issues relating to the mandate and activities of the Committee and the participation of Members and observers therein;
- 4.5 respect the protection of any confidential or sensitive information provided by other Members and observers in the context of the Committee’s activities;
- 4.6 refrain from acting as representatives of the Union, and, unless duly authorized by the Committee, as representatives of the latter; and
- 4.7 avoid any situation which may give rise to a conflict of interest or which may reasonably be perceived as such.

5 The Members and observers of the Committee, as well as their representatives, shall declare any financial or other interests that might create (or be perceived as creating) a conflict of interest in their participation in the Committee’s activities. Such a declaration shall contain all relevant information in accordance with paragraph 4.4 above, and be submitted to the International Bureau for assessment and reporting to the Committee.

6 In the context of the Committee’s activities, the Members and observers of the Committee shall abstain from engaging in anti-competitive practices, including but not limited to:

- 6.1 exchange or discussion of commercially sensitive or strategic information, such as data relating to prices, timing of pricing changes, pricing strategies, sales, costs, products, investments, market share and bidding behaviour, in order to avoid any situation in which competitors can adapt their business strategies accordingly;
- 6.2 collusive practices, such as fixing prices or price-related conditions, or arranging to share markets, including allocation of territories, customers, distributors or suppliers;
- 6.3 collective exclusions of suppliers and competitors for any reason other than technical considerations; and
- 6.4 abuse of dominance.

7 The International Bureau shall assist the Committee in ensuring the proper application of this Code of Conduct.

8 Infringement of this Code of Conduct, as determined by the Committee (through its Management Committee or the General Assembly), may lead to revocation of membership as set out in article 2.6 of the Rules of Procedure.