

Resolution C 11/2021

Further reform and opening of the Union to wider postal sector players

Congress,

Recalling

That the Union's mission is to stimulate the lasting development of efficient and accessible universal postal services of quality in order to facilitate communication between the inhabitants of the world,

Recalling also

that the Union is an intergovernmental organization and a specialized agency of the United Nations whose aim is to secure the organization and improvement of the postal services and to promote in this sphere the development of international collaboration,

Recognizing

that increased access of wider postal sector players to the Union's products and services will help to advance the mission of the organization,

Acknowledging

that wider postal sector stakeholders include a wide range of entities,

Further recalling

the mandates respectively outlined in Doha Congress resolutions C 6/2012 and C 7/2012, as well as in Istanbul Congress resolution C 10/2016, aimed at potentially allowing access to specific Union products and services to external stakeholders in the wider postal sector, and developing the governing rules and principles related thereto,

Taking into consideration

the results of the extensive work undertaken by the Council of Administration during the Istanbul cycle, and in particular the CA's recommendations to continue working towards the presentation of proposals on areas such as institutional change, further opening up of products and services, and implementation timelines,

Bearing in mind

that a number of additional details still require careful analysis by the relevant bodies of the Union,

Stressing

the need to keep the Union as an intergovernmental organization, while also acknowledging the need to secure its long-term funding and strengthen its relevance,

Recognizing also

that a number of details still require careful analysis with regard to further opening up of the Union, in particular in areas such as future structural changes, wider postal sector participation methodology, and the corresponding financial contribution model,

Instructs

the Council of Administration to:

- i continue examining the opening up of the Union to wider postal sector players, in due observance of the access policy set forth in Congress resolution C 10/2016, and also including, for implementation in the Abidjan cycle, the following Union services or solutions (subject to any relevant conditions defined by the CA):

<i>Union activity, service or solution</i>	<i>Condition for opening up</i>
Access to address and contact lists as well as other Union documents and publications maintained by the International Bureau	Careful consideration and study by the CA
Access to International Bureau (secretariat) support (including dispute settlement, legal, logistics, executive office, etc., in dealings with other stakeholders that are operating in the Union's framework), with the exception of ad hoc or value-added secretariat services (to be paid for on a separate basis)	Careful consideration and study by the CA
Any other Union event or meeting organized on the premises of the organization or under the responsibility of the latter which is not part of the Union's ordinary schedule (including the provision of infrastructure for anything not directly related to UPU activities)	Careful consideration and study by the CA
Ability to benefit from capacity-building projects funded by the UPU	Careful consideration and study by the CA; subject to confirmation of necessity
Ability to contribute to technical cooperation projects and other capacity-building funds	Careful consideration and study by the CA; limited to the possibility of financially supporting those projects and funds
On-demand Union-managed consulting and capacity building services	Careful consideration and study by the CA

<i>Union activity, service or solution</i>	<i>Condition for opening up</i>
Access to the .POST domain	Careful consideration and study by the CA; subject to any applicable .POST policies
Access to Union solutions related to focused analysis, research and insights on market trends	Careful consideration and study by the CA; nevertheless, access to these solutions shall be subject to data sharing reciprocity conditions
On-demand Union-provided analytical services	Careful consideration and study by the CA; nevertheless, access to these solutions shall be subject to data sharing reciprocity conditions

- ii further study, advise upon and prepare any relevant proposals on the aforementioned topics for further consideration by an Extraordinary Congress (if so decided by member countries), with such proposals to include, as appropriate, an impact assessment and demand analysis;
- iii study, advise upon and prepare Congress proposals on further opening up of the UPU to wider postal sector players, including the potential consideration of other solutions not already opened up or mentioned above (such as labelling standards, data protection and data storage), by conducting an impact assessment before submitting any proposals and prioritizing such studies according to demand;
- iv ensure, in accordance with the relevant rules, the widest possible participation of CA members and observers in this work,

Also instructs

the International Bureau to make all relevant information on this work available on the Union website.

(Proposal 13, Committee 3, fifth meeting)