

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE APPU EC

(Paper prepared by New Zealand)

New Zealand has chaired the Executive Committee from 2010 to 2012, with a constituent meeting being convened in 2009. This is the outgoing Chair's report on Executive Committee meetings held under New Zealand's chairmanship.

Following the 10th APPU Congress, held in Auckland, New Zealand in 2009, there have been three APPU EC meetings: 2010 (Bali), 2011 (Ulanbataar) and 2012 (Hong Kong). The following main work was achieved by the APPU EC in this timeframe:

The EC in Bali, Indonesia, was held from 9 to 13 March 2010. 28 out of 31 members attended. During the meeting the Finance Committee agreed to raise the contribution unit rate of US\$1,350 to 1,500 until the next APPU Congress. Approval was given to the APPC for an amendment on vision and objectives to the Statutes of the APP Cooperative. The Letter-Post Working Group resulted in a fruitful discussion amongst members to commit to work proactively together to help progress a unified APPU position on terminal dues. An excellent presentation was given by Malaysia on UPU Quality Management Certification in Malaysia. An additional Working Group was established to focus on Sustainable Development (with Pakistan as Chair).

The EC in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, was held 25 to 29 July 2011. 27 out of 32 members were in attendance. This was Samoa's first attendance of the EC following its joining of the APPU and was marked by an informative presentation on its postal systems. The EC noted the importance of the APPU College Governing Board's establishment of an Ad Hoc Working Group to review issues relating to the financial outlook of the college to ensure long-term sustainability. A key focus of the EC in this year was the work of the Sustainable Development working group in which Malaysia gave an excellent presentation on the work it has done in launching its national green technology policy. China, Australia, Bhutan and Indonesia presented their experiences on the implementation of the UPU Nairobi Postal Strategy (NPS) as one of the four key objectives of the UPU regional round table on strategy. Presentations were also given by Bangladesh (on the alignment by APPU of service standards met by UPU through the college), and Japan (on the efforts made to provide services in the aftermath of a natural disaster).

The EC in Hong Kong, China was held 14 to 18 May 2012. 27 out of 32 countries were present. The RTCAP report noted its role in assisting the postal administrations in the region implementing IPS or IPS Light for mail services. This EC saw the creation of a Finance Working Group to consider ways to employ the cash reserve in the best interests of the Union, including options such as the funding of scholarships for the Training College. The APPU College Governing Board endorsed in principle the College's business plan for 2012-15. Agreement was reached to set up a Working Group to consider the education grant of internationally recruited staff's children and the grievance mechanism for staff. New Zealand presented the joint CA and POC Proposal for the Terminal Dues system for 2014-17. Singapore presented to the EC amendments to the CA/POC proposal that had been drafted by the APPU Terminal Dues Working Group. A plan for the 'road to Congress' with regard to letter-post was agreed. Korea Post gave an informative presentation on their Corporate Sustainability Management

programme. Excellent presentations were also made by Iran (on new postal services), Vietnam (on its legal framework) and a joint presentation by New Zealand and China (on the Ule project).

In retrospect, the EC has covered a significant amount of ground since the 10th Congress in 2009. As a result of the work of members the Union's influence was strong at the UPU Congress in Doha, most notably in relation to Terminal Dues where an APPU initiative to amend the POC Compromise proposal narrowly failed. Irrespective of where individual members might stand on the issue itself, the experience was a coming-of-age for the APPU in UPU circles. In other areas such as parcels and EMS, the APPU has been to the fore with energy and commitment to contribute to the work of the wider international community and, in particular, to the POC.

The Chair of the EC expresses appreciation to Indonesia as Vice-Chair, and to the APPU Bureau for its support. The Chairs of various Working Groups and Committees have ensured the continuity and focus of key aspects of the Council's work viz., Australia (Finance), New Zealand (Letters and Parcels), Korea (Postal Financial Services), and Pakistan (Sustainable Development). Appreciation is extended to these countries as well.

In a personal vein, New Zealand thanks all members for their support and understanding, and extends best wishes to India for its term as EC Chair.

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