FOCUS AND COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

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1.	Subject	References/paragraphs
Inf	orming Congress on:	
-	the establishment of Committees and Working Groups to enable the Union to undertake and complete specific activities during the four-year work cycle	§§ 1.1 – 1.2
-	two Committees are established for Congress only (Credentials and Drafting)	§ 2.1
-	alignment of the six proposed Working Groups with the work structure in the UPU (particularly in the POC)	§ 2.3
-	the current status of membership of the Committees and Working Groups	§ 3.1, § 4.2 Congress 2017 Doc 7. Add 1
2.	Decisions expected	
Со	ngress is asked to:	
-	endorse the structure for Committees and Working Groups (particularly the Working Groups)	§§ 2.1 – 2.3
-	note the current status of membership of Committees and Working Groups	Congress 2017 Doc 7. Add 1
-	ensure, to the extent possible, appropriate membership levels for Committees and Working Groups	§ 3.1, § 4.2

1. Introduction

- 1.1 To undertake and complete activities in the Union, the standard practice is to set up Committees and Working Groups at a Congress.
- 1.2 In principle, the Committees and Working Groups have responsibility for a specific activity until the next Congress (i.e., from 2017 to 2021).
- 1.3 The Tehran Congress is required to endorse the focus and composition of Committees and Working Groups.

2. Focus of Committees and Working Groups

- 2.1 Two Committees are established only for Congress i.e., the Credentials Committee and the Drafting Committee.
- The Finance Committee and the six Working Groups operate through until 2021. The Working Groups are:
 - Physical Services and E-Commerce
 - Postal Financial Services

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- Market Development and E-Services
- Supply Chain Integration
- APPU/UPU Reform
- UPU CA Matters
- 2.3 In order to align the work of the APPU as closely as practicable to the UPU, the Working Groups have been modelled for the greater part on the UPU Postal Operations Council (POC) working structure. This has the advantage of getting increased benefit from the work of APPU members involved in both forums.

3. Status of Membership of Congress Committees

3.1 Discussion on Agenda Item 7 will seek to obtain the appropriate level of membership for the Credentials Committee and the Drafting Committee. Congress 2017 Doc 7. Add 1 sets out the status of membership as at 15 June.

4. Status of Membership of Finance Committee and the Six Working Groups

- 4.1 Although the Working Groups are set up at a Congress, APPU members can apply to join a Working Group at any time in the work cycle. This option may also apply to the Finance Committee; however, in practice, membership normally remains unchanged.
- 4.2 Discussion on Agenda Item 7 will seek to obtain the appropriate level of membership for each of the Working Groups. Congress 2017 Doc 7. Add 1 sets out the status of membership as at 15 June.

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COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS AS AT 15 JUNE 2017

Credentials Committee

Iran (tbc), Indonesia, New Zealand

Drafting Committee

No nominees

Finance Committee

Australia (Chair), China, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Thailand

Physical Services and E-Commerce Working Group

Australia / China (Co-Chairs), Bhutan, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Korea, Maldives, New Zealand, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam

Postal Financial Services Working Group

Bangladesh (Chair), Australia, Indonesia, Iran, Maldives, Thailand, Viet Nam

Market Development and E-Services Working Group

New Zealand (Chair), Australia, China, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam

Supply Chain Integration Working Group

Japan (Chair), Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, Indonesia, Iran, , Korea, New Zealand, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam

APPU/UPU Reform Working Group

New Zealand (Chair), Australia, Bangladesh, China, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Korea, Pakistan, New Zealand, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam

UPU CA Matters Working Group

Australia, China, Iran, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Viet Nam