MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE PAN AFRICAN POSTAL UNION AND THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF POSTAL AND
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATIONS

The Pan African Postal Union (hereinafter referred to as "PAPU"), represented by the Secretary General, on the one hand, and

The European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (hereinafter referred to as "CEPT"), on the other hand. For the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding, CEPT will act through one of its committees namely the European Committee for Postal Regulations (hereinafter referred to as CERP) and will be represented by the CERP Chairman,

Equally referred to hereinafter individually as "Party" or collectively as the "Parties".

PREAMBLE:

Having regard, the mission of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) stipulated in its Constitution (Preamble);

Having regard, that this mission consists of stimulating the lasting development of efficient and accessible universal postal services of quality in order to facilitate communication between the inhabitants of the world by ensuring cooperation and interaction among stakeholders;

Considering the interrelationship of plans and programs of the UPU activities and Restricted unions;

Considering that co-ordination meetings between representatives of Restricted unions in connection with UPU conferences and meetings would ensure better co-ordination and exchange of information based on their respective experiences;

Considering the role of Restricted unions in preparatory discussions designed to facilitate the work of UPU conferences and meetings;

Bearing in mind that the benefits which may accrue to both the PAPU and CEPT/CERP resulting from the co-operation between the two regional bodies in matters concerning general exchange of information, experience and documentation related to the development of postal sector in both regions;

Recalling the historical links between PAPU and CEPT.

Aware of the need to promote and develop the cooperation between PAPU and CEPT/CERP in order to contribute to the effective achievement of the common objectives.
HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1: Subject

This Memorandum intend to provide, between the Parties, a framework for cooperation in different areas of common interest.

Article 2: Exchange of Information and Documentation

The parties will work to increase exchange of information and documentation related to postal matters.

Article 3: Co-ordination of Positions

The parties commit to harmonize, as far as possible, their positions on matters of common interest.

Article 4: Relations with UPU

The parties will co-operate together with the purpose of developing stronger relations with the UPU, and for further improvement of its functioning.

Article 5: Preparations for UPU Conferences and Meetings

The parties will exchange views on preparations for UPU Conferences and meetings.

Article 6: Development of Postal sector

The parties will co-operate as far as possible in matters relating to the development of postal sector in both regions by exchanging experience and relevant documentation.

Article 7: Reciprocal Invitation

Both Restricted Unions agree to invite each other to attend meetings of their major bodies, as observers, in accordance with the rules of procedures of such bodies (CERP Plenary meeting and PAPU Administrative Council).
Article 8: Confidentiality

Confidential information sharing will be regulated by the rules and procedures established on this subject. Each Party shall take the necessary measures to protect the confidential and/or classified information provided by the other Party.

Article 9: Communications

After the signing of this Memorandum, each Party shall appoint a person in charge of its implementation. This person will ensure the implementation of the cooperation program and will facilitate information exchanges between both Parties on common interest matters.

Article 10: Fees

Each party will bear the full cost of discharging its own responsibilities arising from this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 11: Follow-up

The Parties shall meet regularly to ensure the compliance of this Memorandum.

Every two years, the Parties shall evaluate the results of their cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding. When appropriate, they shall consider the need to mutually agreed improvements in their cooperation and make suitable proposals for modifying the scope of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 12: Status of the Memorandum

Nothing contained in this MOU will be construed as creating any agency, partnership, joint enterprise or any other legal obligation between the parties.

Neither party will have authority to contract for or bind the other in any manner whatsoever.

Article 13: Modifications

This Memorandum may not be amended or modified except with the written consent of both parties.
Article 14: Settlement of disputes

Any disputes between the Parties arising under or relating to this Memorandum shall be settled solely through consultations between the Parties.

Article 15: Termination

This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated at the behest of either party, subject to giving three (3) months prior notice in writing signed by a legally competent authority to the other party.

Article 16: Entry into force

This Memorandum of Understanding, written in English and French, both versions being equally authentic, shall come into force on the day it is signed by both parties.

In witness whereof the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Memorandum.

Signed in Addis Abbaba on 6th September 2018 in two duplicates in English and French, all texts having equal validity.

For the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations,

For the Pan African Postal Union

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