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**European Committee for Postal Regulation (CERP) contribution  
concerning clear decision making processes within the Universal  
Postal Union (UPU)**

Dear Mr. Bishar Hussein,

CERP/CEPT has always valued its good cooperation with the International Bureau (IB) of the UPU. The support from the Director General and all the IB staff to the work of CERP has been much appreciated. We now address you in the hope of receiving assistance and advice on an issue that is of interest for our members.

At the Council of Administration (CA) session spring 2013 the International Bureau presented CA C 1 2013.1-Doc 10 to CA Committee 1. The document included extensive information concerning the ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers) objection process in relation to the proposed .epost top-level domain name. Several member countries expressed their support for the actions taken by the IB to protect the .post top-level domain name, while some said there were a number of questions needing further clarification, particularly concerning clear decision making, and potential GATS (WTO) issues, etc.

During the CA C 1 meeting at the CA session autumn 2013, the issue of decision making processes was again mentioned by several countries. Bearing these discussions in mind, members of European Committee for Postal Regulation (CERP) would like to express their opinion that there is a need to develop a way that details how the IB could represent the UPU, as an intergovernmental organisation, in similar matters arising in the future.

In CERP's opinion it is necessary for the UPU to set up a procedure where member countries could express their opinion regarding the actions proposed by the IB and approve (or not) proposed actions according to the rules.

In CERP's opinion actions such as starting an arbitration process outside the UN system need approval of the Council of Administration which is the supreme body of the UPU between Congresses.

We hope that this letter will trigger further work on this issue, to which CERP member countries will gladly contribute. CERP therefore asks the IB to bring this letter to the attention of the CA with the aim of bringing this issue to the attention of the appropriate group of the CA C1 for it to consider developing relevant proposals or other measures.

We thank you in advance for aiding our efforts to achieve better solutions for all the member countries and all the postal society, and look forward to cooperating with you and your staff in this and many other issues concerning the postal family.

Yours sincerely,

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