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Recent developments in the UPU

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CERP Plenary Meeting
Limassol, Cyprus
8 November 2012

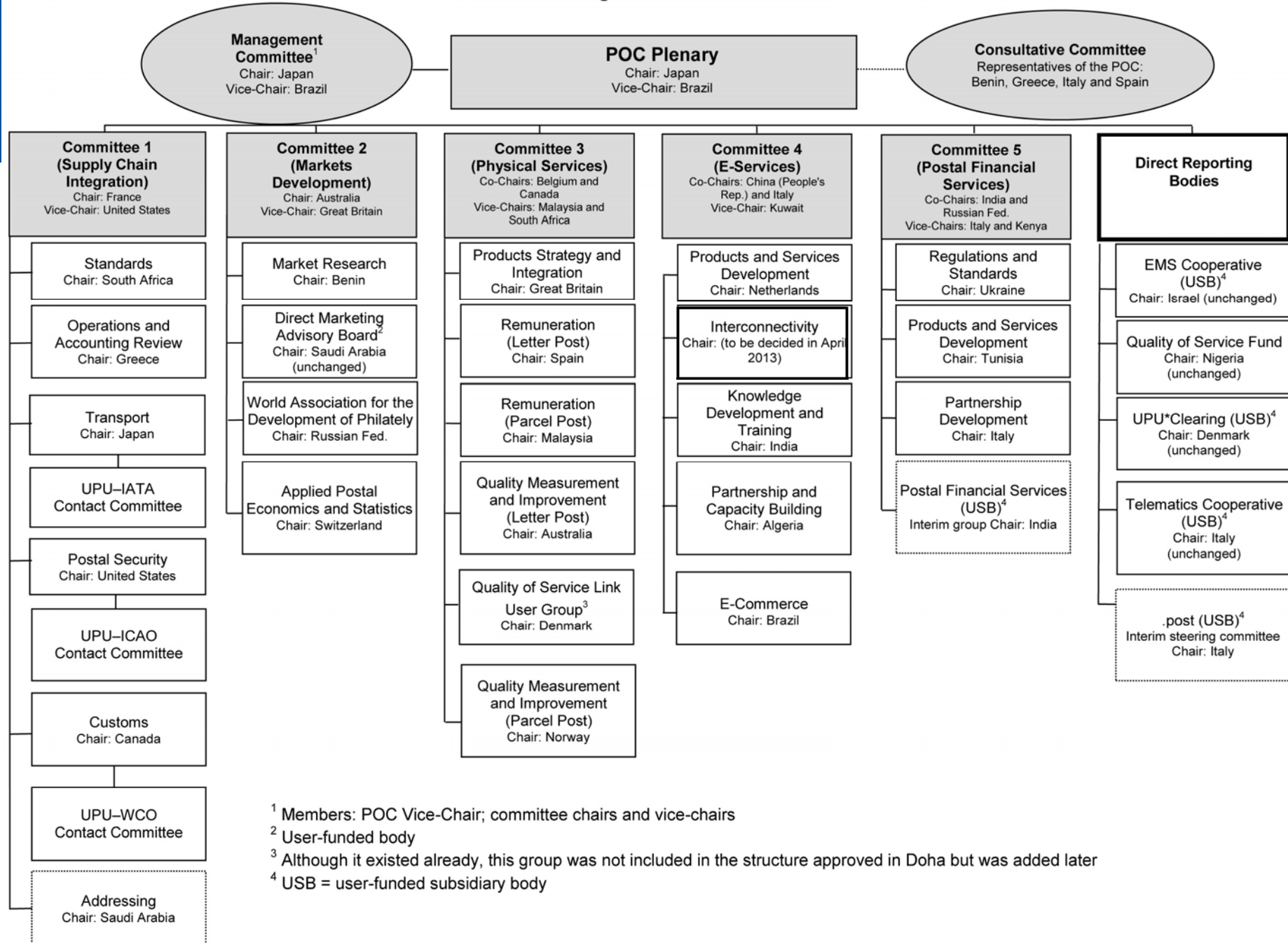


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Preparation of the work of the Councils for 2013

POC Organizational Chart



¹ Members: POC Vice-Chair; committee chairs and vice-chairs

² User-funded body

³ Although it existed already, this group was not included in the structure approved in Doha but was added later

⁴ USB = user-funded subsidiary body



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Postal Operations Council

- Date: 8 (Monday) to 19 (Friday) April 2013
- Major tasks:
 - To draw up the new Regulations taking into consideration Congress decisions, which will be dealt with in the first week of the POC session, i.e. from 8 to 12 April 2013 with a view to satisfying article 104.9.2 of the General Regulations;
 - To set up all the Groups and;
 - To establish and agree on the work plan of the POC.



Situation of proposals to modify provisions in the Regulations

	Letters	Prot	Form	Parcels	Protocol	Form	Payment	Protocol	Form	TOTAL
POC	37	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
MC	81	1	4	32	0	3	19	0	6	146
Total	118	2	12	32	0	3	19	0	6	192



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Rules and Procedure to present proposals to amend the Regulations

- In accordance with Art. 123.4 of the General Regulations,
 - ✓ Proposals concerning changes to the Regulations required as a result of Congress decisions that are submitted by Union member countries must reach the International Bureau not later than two months before the opening of the POC.
- The POC session will begin on 8 April 2013.
- Deadline for proposals: 7 February 2013.

Council of Administration

Chairman: **Qatar (4)**
Vice-Chairmen: **Argentina (1), Bulgaria (2) Turkey (3), Cote d'Ivoire (5)**

Conference on postal regulation

Management Committee

C 1 (Governance & Reg)

Chair: **Norway (3)**
Vice-Chair: **Saudi Arabia(4)**

Reform of the Union

Acts of the Union

Regulatory Issues:

Governance on Remuneration

C 2 (Finance & Admin)

Chair: **India (4)**
Vice-Chair: **Japan (4)**

Finance and Internal Audit

Human Resources

C 3 (Strategy)

Chair: **South Africa (5)**
Vice-Chair: **Canada (1)**

Future Strategy

PB Priorization & Allocation

Monitoring & Evaluation

C 4 (DevCooperation)

Chair: **Barbados (1)**
Vice-Chair: **France (3)**

Technical Cooperation and Postal Sector Development

Macro Postal Sector Economy

Sustainable Development

CC

Chair: Alacop
Vice-Chair:

CC members: Argentina (1), Russia (2), Japan (4), Morocco (5)



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Council of Administration

Extra session:

- **Date:** 22 (Monday) to 25 (Thursday) April 2013
- **Major tasks:**
 - To designate Chairmanships and/or Vice-Chairmanships of various Project Groups established under its Committees;
 - To consider and approve the 2013 Programme and Budget of the UPU;
 - To establish and agree on the work plan of the Council of Administration;
 - Project Groups' start-up meeting.



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Council of Administration

Between now and mid-December 2012

- Call for CA member countries to take responsibility to chair Project Groups;
- Call for CA member countries to participate in the Project Groups activities as a member;
- Call for POC member countries to participate in the joint Project Groups activities as a member;
- Call for all UPU member countries, CC members as well as other stakeholders to actively participate in the CA activities (Committee or PGs) as an observer.

By mid-January 2013

- Preparation for work plans in consultation with Chairs



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Some Highlights of the Doha Congress Decisions



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Governance – Basic Acts

General Regulations:

- Establishment of the Governance rules concerning the organization of user-funded subsidiary bodies in the General Regulations;
- Arbitration procedure for designated operators



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Governance – Basic Acts

Convention:

- Security rules (art 9):
 - i. Member countries and Designated operators' obligation to implement a proactive security strategy, which shall include the principle of complying with requirement for providing electronic advance data on postal items:
 - ii. Security measures having a potential global impact on postal operations must be implemented in an internationally coordinated and balanced manner.
- Exemption from postal charges (art 7)
 - Items for the blind, instead of the term "literature"



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UPU Finance

- Setting of the expenditure ceiling for the next financial period 2013–2016
 - 37,235,000 CHF, which is the same budget level as the previous cycle;
 - the number of contribution units will drop from 865.5 to 852.5.
- Introduction of the IPSAS
- Prioritization of activities by supplying it with a list of the lowest priority proposals adopted by Congress



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Decisions related to future activities

CA Side

UPU Reform:

- Wider sector interconnection - Audit on the UPU products and services management policy (access conditions and tariff) (C 7) and develop a concrete plan and guidelines regarding the "participant-funded" principles for UPU products and services according to a cost-coverage concept (C 5)
- Study on support cost for user-funded subsidiary body activities (C 16)



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Decisions related to future activities

Regulatory Issues

- Study the fundamental principles relating to designation of multiple DO by a member country (C 6)
- Improving the transparency and visibility of parties responsible for IMPC (C 8)

Conference on postal regulation (C 13)

Acts of the Union

- General Revision of the Convention and its Regulations – *Involvement of Policy Issues*



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Decisions related to future activities

Sustainable Development

- Establishment of a voluntary carbon offset system for designated operators (C 66)
 - ✓ to raise awareness among designated operators of the benefits of creating and participating in a voluntary carbon offset system for the postal sector.

Financing of the UPU Emergency and Solidarity Fund (C 65)

- 1% of the regular Union budget shall be withdrawn annually during the 2013–2016 cycle



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Decisions related to future activities

POC side

- Change IMPC code structure (C 8)
- Enhanced information regarding transit policy, procedures and charges (C 54)
- Feasibility study on a sanction mechanism relating to long-term debts between DOs (C 58)



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Decisions related to future activities

- Postal Market Development – Worldwide postal trade facilitation for micro, small and medium enterprises (C 11)
- Exploiting the postal opportunities offered by the growth of e-commerce through the remodelling and modernization of the UPU lightweight package services (small packets, lightweight parcels and EMS items) (C 32)
- Development of the .post project (C 43)



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Any questions?

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