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Recent Development in the UPU – Outcome of the 2012 CA

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CERP Plenary Meeting
Belgrade, Serbia
25 May 2012



Congress Preparation

- *Congress Decision 52* – designation of member countries to assume the Congress vice-chairmanships and the chairmanships and vice-chairmanships of the committees:
 - Based on the following criteria:
 - equitable geographical distribution of member countries;
 - a balance between industrialized and developing member countries;
 - expertise and ability to assume responsibility in the area concerned;
 - no nomination for candidate countries for the positions of DG or DDG of the International Bureau.



- Proposal:

	<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Vice-Chairmen</i>
C 1 (Credentials)	Mali (5)	Malaysia (4) Argentina (1)
C 2 (Finance)	Tunisia (5)	Japan (4) Moldova (2)
C 3 (General Matters and Structure of the Union)	Canada (1)	Norway (3) Korea (Rep.) (4)
C 4 (Convention: Regulatory Issues)	Belgium (3)	Australia (4) Trinidad and Tobago (1)
C 5 (Convention: Economic Issues)	Sweden (3)	Brazil (1) Morocco (5)
C 6 (Postal Payment Services)	Ecuador (1)	Spain (3) India (4)
C 7 (Postal Markets and Products)	Netherlands (3)	Saudi Arabia (4) Russian Federation (2)
C 8 (Development Cooperation)	China (People's Rep.) (4)	France (3) Cuba (1) Cameroon (5)
C 9 (Drafting)	Poland (2)	Senegal (5) <i>To be designated (?)</i>



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Plenary

Congress Preparation

- Congress Doyen
 - Mr Mohamed WAKRIM,
the former Director General of the Moroccan Post
has been designated as Congress Doyen.



- Doha Ministerial Conference
 - Scheduled for 8 October 2012;
 - Themes;
 - i. Technology;
 - ii. Inclusion;
 - iii. Future.





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Progamme

10.30-12.30 Technology and communication: What's going to happen next?

- Nigerian Minister of Communication
- Federal Councilor of Switzerland
- Director General of the Post State Bureau of China
- ITU Secretary General
- Russian Minister of Communications
- Uruguayan Minister of Foreign Affairs
- South African Minister of Communications



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15.00-16.15 How can the postal sector foster economic and social inclusion?

- The Princess Màxima of the Netherlands, UN SG's Special Advocate
- Tanzanian Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements and Development
- Brazilian Minister of Communications
- WTO Director General
- Kenyan Minister of Communications
- Indian Minister of Communication and Information
- General Secretary of UNI Global Union



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16.45-18.00

What will the world look like in 2020 and what does the future hold for the Post and the UPU?

- US Secretary of Homeland Security (*Invited*)
- Japanese Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications
- Turkish Minister of Transport and Communication
- Côte d'Ivoire Minister of Posts and ICT
- Italian Minister of Economic Development, Infrastructure and Transport
- Tunisian Minister of ICT (*To be confirmed*)



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Plenary

Congress Preparation

- General statements by member countries during the 25th Congress
 - time will be made available for delegations' communications during the plenary sessions to take place on 7, 9, 10 and 11 October 2012.
 - Speakers will be registered on a first-come-first-served basis, although preference will be given to heads of state, Ministers and Directors General/Chief Executives for choosing the day on which statements are to be delivered.
 - Requests should be sent to the Plenary Secretariat (dohacongress@upu.int) by 31 August 2012 at the latest (preferable date should be indicated and the text of speech need to be attached).



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Congress Preparation

- Reservation at Congress
 - ✓ Committees 3 , 4 and 5 which deals with proposals to modify the Convention will finish their work by 3 October 2012;
 - ✓ Member countries may need to prepare reservation proposals on certain decisions taken by the Committees;
 - ✓ the Oct 9 Plenary would be the best timing to deal with reservation proposals;
 - ✓ Considering this, **4 October around 5 PM** would be the deadline to submit reservation proposals to the International Secretariat, either in French or in English.



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Plenary

Mail exchange between Palestine and Union member countries

- In its resolution CA 1/2012, the CA made the following two decisions:
 - Union member countries and designated operators need to:
 - i. abide by the applicable provisions of the UPU Convention and Regulations in accordance with resolution C 115/1999 and the articles of the Letter Post Regulations mentioned in the resolution, regarding direct exchanges of mail and closed dispatches with Palestine;
 - ii. take all necessary steps, and make use of all necessary documents, to enable the Palestine Post to recover terminal dues and other remunerations relating to the handling of parcels and EMS items on the basis of the UPU Acts;
 - iii. settle the sums due to the Palestine Post;



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–Further, the CA decided that Palestine shall, pursuant to resolution CA 4/2008.3, be classified for terminal dues and Quality of Service Fund purposes for the 2014–2017 cycle by the Doha Congress.

–In this regard, an IB circular has been published.



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Berne, 16 April 2012
International Bureau Circular

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Situation regarding mail exchange between
Palestine and Union member countries



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Plenary

Security Standards

- Approved the following proposals prepared by the POC for submission to Congress:

- *Congress proposal 62* concerning the development of supply chain standards for postal sector, which include the general security measures and the security of office of exchange and international airmail;
- *Congress proposal 20.9.1* to modify article 9 of the Convention to introduce the obligation of member countries and their designated operators to observe the UPU security standards.



Consultative Committee Activities

- Approved :

- *Congress Proposal 44* concerning the continuation of the work on postal revenue protection;
 - To raise awareness of revenue protection among senior managers of Posts and sharing best practices;
 - To develop and implement new optional services;
 - To develop pilot tests and other operational projects aimed at reducing postage leakages in a proven, measurable way.
- *Congress proposal 43* concerning the innovation as key to a vibrant and effective postal service;
 - To promote the “innovation” in all activities of the POC;
 - To promote best practices for innovative products and services at their meetings.



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C 1 (Governance Issues)

Reform of the Union issues

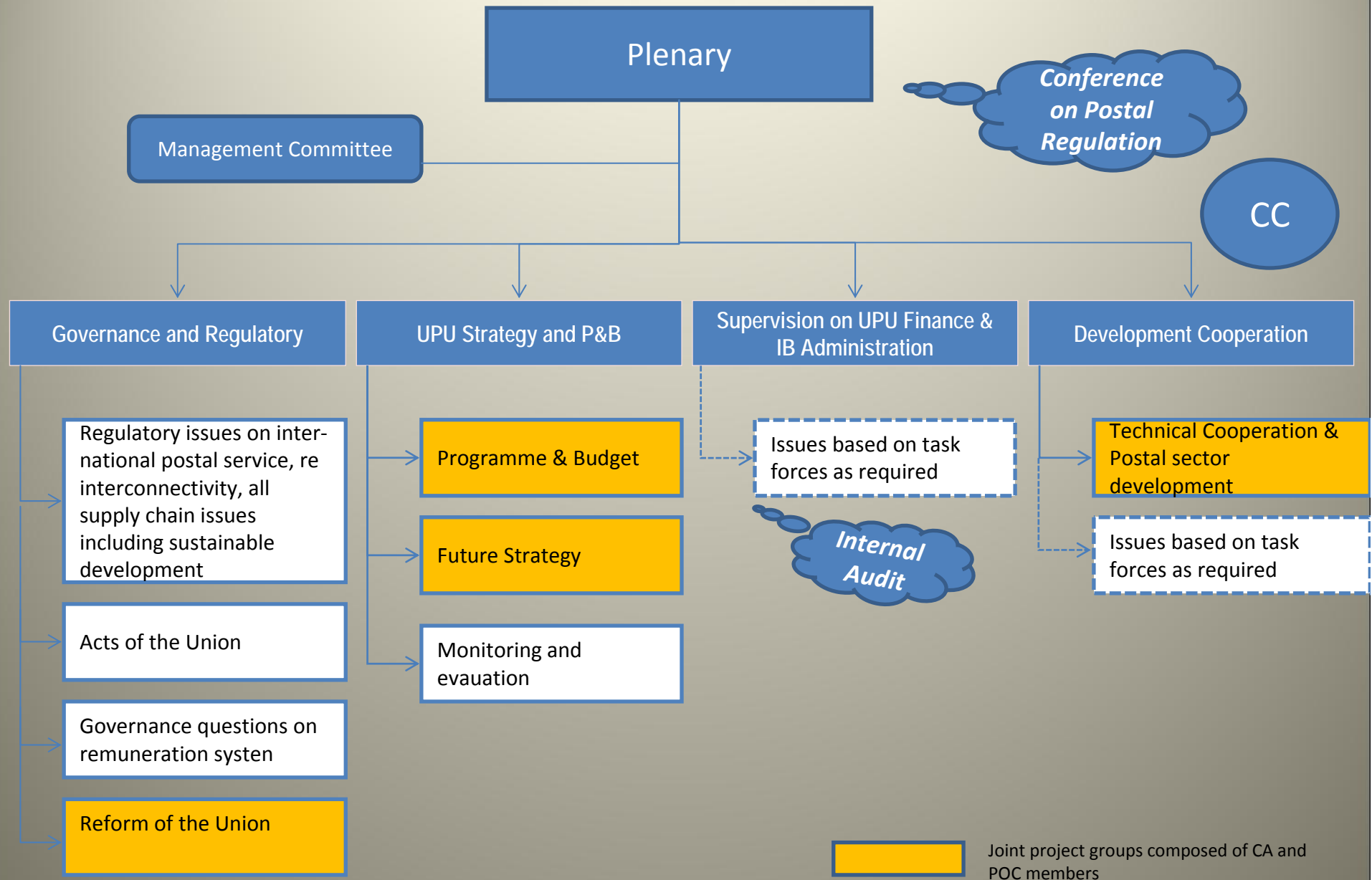
- *Congress Proposal 16* re “Measures to be taken for the efficient management of the UPU budget”:
 - ✓ To introduce a prioritization mechanism for the activities for the post-Doha cycle;
 - ✓ To further develop user-funded subsidiary body activities which are optional nonetheless fundamental to the efficient of three dimensional postal network;
 - ✓ To urge member countries having a well-developed and prosperous economy to increase their contribution class beyond their current subscriptions and to instruct the DG to encourage those member countries to increase their contribution class to the regular budget.



Reform of the Union issues

- *Congress recommendation 49* for the CA structure and work process - major elements are as follows:
 - ✓ Four Committee Structure – *Decision making*;
 - ✓ To establish some mixed CA and POC project groups in the fields, such as UPU reform, development of strategy, technical assistance, etc.;
 - ✓ To establish an “Internal Audit Group”;
 - ✓ To hold decision-making body (Committee and Plenary) meetings before project group meetings during the session;
 - ✓ To organize an extraordinary session at the beginning of 2013, with a view to facilitating the earliest start of the work of the post-Doha cycle.

Council of Administration – Supervision of all UPU work between Congresses





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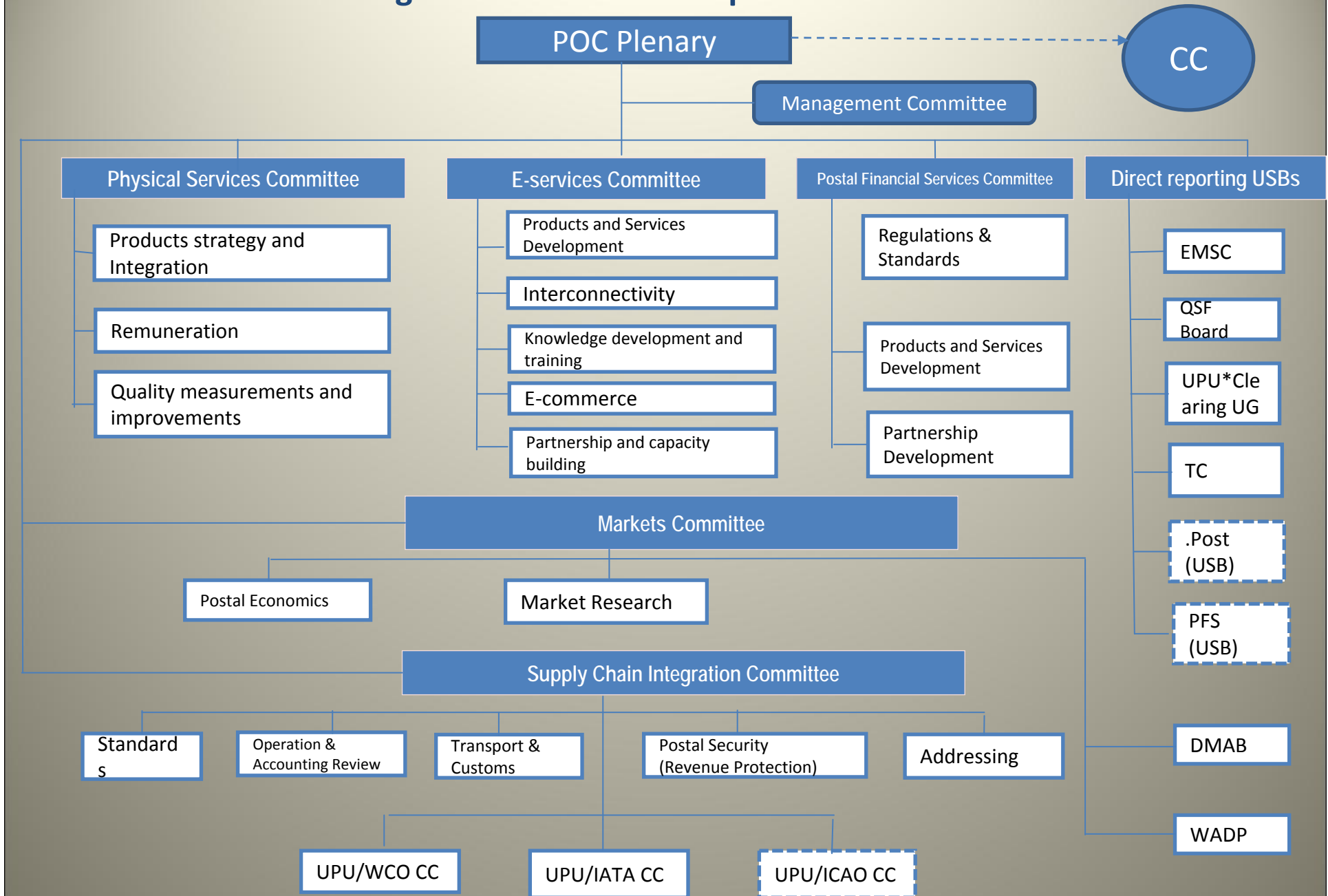
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Reform of the Union issues

- *Congress recommendation 50* for the POC structure and work process - major elements are as follows:
 - ✓ To establish a matrix structure of five Committees – *Decision-making*
 - ✓ Working Groups may carry out their activity between the sessions;
 - ✓ To establish an annual business plan with clear indication of targets to be achieved and budget requirements;
 - ✓ To opt for User-funded Subsidiary model for new areas of activity outside the Acts of the Union;

Organization of Postal Operations Council





Reform of the Union issues

- *Proposals 15.150.91* to establish a general governance rules concerning the user-funded subsidiary bodies (USB) in the General Regulations;
 - ✓ Make clear the role and responsibility of the CA, POC and IB;
 - ✓ A particular note was made that *"in the case of a weighted voting system, measures such as floors and caps or qualified voting should be incorporated to ensure equitable access and fair representation for all members"*.
 - ✓ *Proposal 48* to study the support costs.
- *Proposals 15.120.1 and 15.121.1* concerning the Consultative Committee:
 - ✓ Organizing an annual meeting during the POC;
 - ✓ Abolishing the establishment of its own work programme.



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Reform of the Union issues

- *Congress Proposal 17* concerning the UPU policy on better organization of meetings of Union bodies, better document management, and e-publications
 - ✓ To minimize paper document production;
 - ✓ To hold decision-making body (Committee and Plenary) meetings first, working level (project groups) meetings later;
 - ✓ To prepare meeting agendas according to the order of importance and priority of decision-making;
 - ✓ The IB should make decision-making documents available on the web at least twenty working days before the session.
- *Congress Proposals 15.116.2, 20.11.91 and 20.1.1* concerning definition of personal data, processing of personal data and treatment of commercial data.



Interconnectivity

- *Congress Proposal 19* for further study on ETOEs, IMPCs and issues surrounding the designation of multiple operators in a single country;
 - ✓ To establish a definitive policy on the access condition for non designated operators to the UPU products including IMPC code;
 - ✓ To study the fundamental principles to be considered by any member country designating multiple operators under article 2 of the Convention;
 - ✓ To study all operational issues relating to the issues of multiple Dos and IMPC codes;
 - ✓ To continue to study ways and means whereby UPU technical standards could better respond to the need of today' postal environment including wider stakeholders.



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C 1 (Governance Issues)

Interconnectivity

- *Congress Proposal 20*:
 - ✓ To conduct a full UPU product and service audit of offering,
 - ✓ To assess the risks and benefits of allowing access to specific products and services to wider postal sector players,
 - ✓ To develop governance principles applicable to each product or service to make available to other stakeholders.

Acts of the Union

- *Congress Proposal 47* to further study issues around the possibility of making the Convention a permanent Act like the Constitution and the General Regulations.



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C 1 (Governance Issues)

Terminal dues Governance Issues

- A compromise package of proposals concerning the terminal dues system for the period of 2014-2017 were approved by the POC, and endorsed by the CA with an amendment concerning the UAE:
 - ✓ *Congress Proposal 37-* Future work on the terminal dues system for 2018–2021;
 - ✓ *Congress Proposals 20.27.1, 20.28.1, 20.29.1 and 20.30.1 – Terminal Dues system 2014-2017*



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C 2 (Development Cooperation)

Approved Congress docs and proposals concerning the following subjects:

- *Proposal 8* - Continuation of work of the Sustainable Development
- *Proposal 24* - Continuation of work on e-commerce development
- *Proposal 39* - UPU development cooperation policy 2013– 2016
- *Proposal 40* - UPU Emergency and Solidarity Fund
- *Proposal 41* - Results of the work on postal economics and future work



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C 3 (Finance & Administration)

Took note of the International Bureau's comprehensive report on the human resources management:

Congress Proposal 36 concerning the management of the International Bureau staff:

- to study the necessary measures to expand outreach to attract highly qualified and talented applicants who have significant experience in the relevant sectors with a view to achieving the widest possible gender balance and equitable geographic distribution with regard to staffing at the International Bureau;
- to continue studying issues related to the employment conditions of IB staff, the granting of contracts for an indefinite period, and staff performance appraisals and training,
- to ensure, *in collaboration with the POC*, the alignment of the IB structure with the Doha Postal Strategy and the finances available, in compliance with the relevant provisions of the General Regulations, in particular articles 102 and 112.



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C 4 (UPU Strategy)

Approved the following Congress docs and proposals, with the possibility of IB's fine-tuning of the documents, subject to the final approval of the chairs concerned of the CA

- Draft four-yearly report on the implementation of the Nairobi Postal Strategy in Union member countries;
- Version 5.0 of the draft Doha Postal Strategy;
- Summary of programme and budget impact statements and process to prioritize the implementation of resolutions approved by Congress;
- Draft Doha Business Plan for 2013–2016 has been prepared :
 - ✓ to provide an operational link between the UPU's strategy and its yearly Programme and Budget and;
 - ✓ to promote transparency and provided an overall picture of the cost of implementing the strategy.



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C 4 (UPU Strategy)

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- *Congress Proposal 57* relating to the implementation of the Doha Postal Strategy;
- *Congress Proposal 58* relating to the continuation of strategic planning activities;
- Three proposals to amend articles in the General Regulations, aimed at improving the structure of UPU reports;
- *Congress Proposals 15.106.4 & 15.106.5* to introduce the concept of the "business plan" into the General Regulations and to make the CA responsible for finalizing the draft Congress-approved business plan



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**THANK YOU
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Any questions?

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