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OUTLINE OF REGULATORY WORK IN THE POSTAL SECTOR IN AFRICA

1. Subject Outline of Regulatory work in the postal sector in Africa	Policy and Regulation Committee (PRC) Report, February 2022
2. Decision expected Note the outline on Regulatory work in Africa and the various Regulatory activities	

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The concept of regulation is a relatively new phenomenon in the Postal sector the world over. It is necessary that the Regulation Development Working Group (RDWG) consciously work on cultivating the regulatory capacity of the postal industry in Africa as it pursues its mandate.

2.0 SCOPE OF REGULATORY WORK

Regulatory Authorities play an important oversight role in overseeing the development and sustenance of the postal sector. The Regulatory Authorities play the following roles among others:

- i. Development of Vibrant Postal Sector
- ii. Promoting use of Modern Technology
- iii. Maintaining Fair Competition in Sector
- iv. Tariff Guidelines & Price Regulation
- v. Universal Service Funding
- vi. Research and Development
- vii. Regional and International Consultations

There are various actions required to achieve these role wchich include but are not limited to the following:

- Promoting private sector investment in the sector
- Encourage the expansion of service and product ranges offered
- Monitoring and stimulating overall postal market development
- Fairness & equitability in interconnection
- Maintaining postal integrity by encouraging protection of mail conveyed especially to airlines
- Monitoring and enforcements to prune illegal operations
- Anti-competitive and collusive behaviors like predatory pricing, underpricing and price fixing by Operators
- Participation in seeking solutions at international level e.g. on terminal dues, universal services definition

The Restricted Unions based in Africa will make presentations on various regulatory aspects to provide further insights.

3.0 DECISION

The Working Group is called upon to take note of the extent of regulatory work as presented by General Secretariat and Restricted Unions