

# REPORT ON C1 SUPPLY CHAIN

# STANDARDS GROUP

- The committee reviewed and approved the deliverables assigned to the Standards Board for 2022–2025 and noted the key performance indicators allocated.
- Refer to POC C 1 2022.1–Doc 2 for details

# ADDRESSING GROUP

- The committee approved the terms of reference of the Addressing Group. It endorsed its composition, organization and functioning, as well as its POC deliverables and key performance indicators, for submission to the Plenary for approval.
- The Chair presented document POC C 1 2022.1–Doc 3b on solutions and standards activities.
- The committee took note of and approved the recommendations and next steps relating to the cooperation between the Addressing Group and Compliance Group, including a minor change proposed by the Netherlands, namely, to delete the word “formalize” from paragraph 5 iii, arguing that only the Quality of Service Group and Remuneration Integration Group could formalize incentives. It also took note of and approved the results of the prioritization exercise relating to the eight deliverables on addressing innovation.

# ADDRESSING GROUP CONT'D

- The Chair presented document POC C 1 2022.1–Doc 3c on addressing and geographic information system integration activities.
- The committee approved the next steps from the initial study concerning the development of a postal spatial data infrastructure; it also approved the terms of reference for a training package on integration of geographic information systems into postal addressing.

# CUSTOMS GROUP

## **AMENDMENT OF THE CONVENTION REGULATIONS**

- approved the proposed amendments to the instructions on the CN 22, CN 23 and CP 72 postal customs declaration forms, and to the size of the CN 22 form (entry into force on 1 June 2023);
- – approved the proposed amendment to article 20-001 of the UPU Convention Regulations to remove the 300 SDR threshold from CN 22 forms (entry into force on 1 June 2023).

# CUSTOMS GROUP CONT'D

- Proposal from member countries regarding the continuation of the Russian Federation as co-chair position in the Customs Group as a risk was received and considered. (POC 2022.1–Doc 50)
- Given the fact that not all POC members supported the proposed draft decision (CEP XX/2022.1), the matter was put to a secret vote. The draft decision was subsequently adopted following the results of the vote.

# CUSTOMS GROUP CONT'D

- As a consequence of the decision taken earlier to remove the Russian Federation from its position as Co-Chair of the Customs Group, Romania filled the position after secret ballot was held.
- Following the results of the ballot, the following countries were confirmed as the postal members of the WCO–UPU Contact Committee for 2022–2025: China (People’s Rep.), France, Japan, Nigeria, Poland, Romania, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

# CUSTOMS GROUP CONT'D

- Following the signing of the WCO–UPU cooperation agreement, it was agreed to hold a joint global conference in May or June 2023. Japan volunteered to host the conference.
- The committee approved the sending out of the proposed questionnaire on EAD regulations and readiness to all 192 member countries to obtain accurate and precise information on the current situation of members with regard to EAD.

# TRANSPORT GROUP

- approved the revised terms of reference and the proposed nomination of 12 new postal members of the IATA–UPU Contact Committee;
- approved the UPU–Rail Forum’s revised terms of reference as well as its six new postal members China, France, Germany, Lithuania, Poland and United Kingdom.

# TRANSPORT GROUP CONT'D

The United States gave a presentation on the concept paper on handling EAD requirements for items sent in transit/transshipment (POC C 1 2022.1–Pres 5d). The committee discussed the challenges on the postal and carrier sides in meeting EAD requirements, and recommended that the efforts undertaken should also address the additional scenarios related to dispatches of returned items and multi-leg transit routing.

# TRANSPORT GROUP CONT'D

- Discussions also highlighted the need to resolve or clarify some key regulatory issues, and to develop a technical solution. The committee noted the presentation.
- The committee approved the update to the paper-free transport guidelines.

# TRANSPORT GROUP CONT'D

- Member countries asked the IB to provide a list of all carriers that were already EDI-capable, and to continue efforts to increase the number of DOs and carriers meeting the EAD requirements before March 2023.
- The committee adopted the proposal to add a new paragraph to article 08-002 on implementing provisions for providing electronic advance data, with 1 January 2023 as the date of entry into force, and asked the IB to provide a list of all EDI-capable carriers.

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# TRANSPORT GROUP CONT'D

- Basic rate applicable at 1 January 2023 was approved.
- – approved the rate of 0.510 thousandths of an SDR per kilogramme of gross weight and per kilometre (0.510 SDR per tonne/kilometre) for 2023 for the settlement of accounts between the designated operators of member countries in respect of the air conveyance of mail, and approved the draft decision given in Annex 3 of document POC C 1 2022.1–Doc 5h;
- IB to notify the designated operators of member countries by circular that the rate of 0.510 thousandths of an SDR (0.510 SDR per tonne/kilometre) had been adopted for 2023.

# QUALITY OF SERVICE FUND (QSF)

## ELECTION OF NEW MEMEBRS TO THE QSF BOARD

. Following the expiration of the terms of three QSF Board Members by June ending, three new members emerged: the Western Hemisphere Chile, Southern Asia and Oceania, Thailand, and Africa Côte d'Ivoire (Rep.) Their candidacy commences 1<sup>st</sup> July.

# PROPOSED AND APPROVED NEW PROJECTS ON QSF

- Prioritization of Common Fund projects (POC 2022.1–Doc 8c)
- The Plenary approved the results of the prioritization process for the “Infrastructure for the enhancement of tracking data” project and agreed to make it the first prioritized QSF Common Fund project for the 2022–2025 cycle.

# PROPOSED AND APPROVED NEW PROJECTS ON QSF CONT'D

- Quality of Service Fund – Task force for the development and implementation of a special account for the least developed countries (POC 2022.1–Doc 8d)
- The Chair of the task force (China) presented the results of the work on establishing and implementing, within the QSF Common Fund, a special account for improving quality of service in least developed countries.

**THANK YOU**