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STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 39TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE PAPU
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (AC) AND 10TH PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE DIRECTIVES

Subject	References/Paragraphs The 39 th Ordinary Session of the PAPU Administrative Council and 10 th Plenipotentiary Conference Directives Reports, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
Status of Implementation of 39 th Administrative Council and 10 th Plenipotentiary Conference Directives	
Decisions Expected <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note the status of implementation of the 39th AC resolutions and;• Apprise the 40th Administrative Council accordingly.	

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The 39th Ordinary Session of the PAPU Administrative Council and the 10th Plenipotentiary Conference held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe passed Decisions, Resolutions, and Recommendations for implementation by the General Secretariat, as well as by the Member States.

2.0 DIRECTIVES RELATING TO POLICY AND REGULATION

The Decisions and resolutions passed by the 39th Administrative Council and the 10th Plenipotentiary Conference which relate to Policy and Regulation are listed in the table below:

DECISION NO.	SUBJECT	DECISION	STATUS
Decision No. 04/PAPU/PC/X/2021	Creating two new Administrative and Technical Committees at the Pan African Postal Union (PAPU)	HEREBY DECIDES AS FOLLOWS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To create the following Administrative and Technical Committees in addition to the existing ones during the 2021/2022 to 2024/2025 cycle:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Policy and Regulation” Committee responsible for reforms, regulation and matters pertaining to the Acts of the Union;• “Strategy” Committee responsible for implementation and evaluation of strategy, as well as harmonization of Africa’s positions on key technical issues;• The Committees may set up “Task Forces” to address specific issues pertaining to their respective work programmes;• They shall draw up their own rules of procedure and action programmes to be presented for adoption by the Administrative Council;• Repeals and replaces all previous provisions to the contrary.	Done. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call for applications from Member States dated 4th October 2021.• Membership of the Committee (17) : Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Côte d’Ivoire, RD Congo ; Egypt, Malawi, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.• Inaugural meetings scheduled were successfully held.

		<p>INSTRUCTS</p> <p>The General Secretariat to implement this Decision.</p>	
<p>Decision No. 05/PAPU/PC/X/2021</p>	<p>Adopting the new distribution of seats on the Administrative Council of the Pan African Postal Union (PAPU)</p>	<p>HEREBY DECIDES AS FOLLOWS:</p> <p>To adopt the new distribution of seats on the PAPU Administrative Council as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Central: 4 East: 5 North: 3 West: 7 Southern: 6 <p>Repeals and replaces all previous provisions to the contrary.</p> <p>INSTRUCTS</p> <p>The General Secretariat to implement this Decision.</p>	<p>Fully implemented.</p>
<p>Decision No. 06/PAPU/PC/X/2021</p>	<p>On election of members of the Administrative Council of the Pan African Postal Union for the 2022-2025 cycle</p>	<p>HEREBY DECIDES AS FOLLOWS:</p> <p>The following Member States classified by geographical region shall seat on the Administrative Council during the 2021/2022-2024/2025 quadrennial cycle;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central: Cameroon, Burundi East: Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Sudan, Tanzania North: Algeria, Tunisia West: Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Niger, Nigeria and Senegal Southern: Botswana, Eswatini, Malawi, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe <p>INSTRUCTS</p> <p>The General Secretariat to implement this Decision.</p>	<p>Done. However, 5 seats are still vacant: West 2, Central 2, North 1.</p> <p>The Policy and Legal Harmonization Working Group will present a report on the developments.</p>
<p>Decision No. 13/PAPU/PC/X/2021</p>	<p>On postal regulation</p>	<p>HEREBY DECIDES AS FOLLOWS:</p> <p>1. Urges Member States:</p> <p>1.1 That have not yet done so, to establish personal data protection entities either under existing regulatory authorities or as separate entities;</p> <p>1.2 That have not yet done so, to ratify the African Union Convention on cybersecurity and personal data protection adopted during the 23rd Ordinary Session of the Conference of the Union held on 27 June 2014 in Malabo, Republic of Equatorial Guinea, in order to bring it into force;</p> <p>1.3 To develop postal sector guidelines for personal data protection;</p> <p>1.4 To adopt the draft African Postal Directive</p>	<p>A letter dated 11th February 2022 was sent to Member States with respect to implementation of the Decision The General Secretariat is following up on this circular to elicit the required response</p> <p>African Postal Directive to incorporate issues on International Quality of Service standards and targets in line with the UPU latest Decision was done.</p> <p>A Forum for Postal Regulators will be held on 8th July, 2022, during the 40th AC session.</p>

		<p>by overwhelming majority for onward transmission to the relevant bodies of the African Union.</p> <p>1.5 To involve consumer rights associations in personal data protection and support them as far as possible in sensitizing consumers.</p> <p>2. Urges postal regulators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To establish regular meetings with entities responsible for protection in order to explore relevant actions that can guarantee personal data protection. <p>3. Instructs:</p> <p>The General Secretariat to implement this Decision.</p>	
<p>Decision No. 14/PAPU/PC/X/2021</p>	<p>Introducing proxy into the Rules of Procedure of the PAPU Plenipotentiary Conference</p>	<p>HEREBY DECIDES AS FOLLOWS:</p> <p>1. Frames the provisions of Article 17(3) of Rules of Procedure of the Plenipotentiary Conference as follows:</p> <p>Article 17(3): Voting rights</p> <p>A Member State may, if necessary, be represented by another delegated Member State. However, it is understood that a delegation may represent only one Member State other than its own.</p> <p>The power of attorney authorizing a member State to be represented shall implicitly cover only the counting of the quorum and the right to vote.</p> <p>The powers of a Member State represented during a Conference meeting by another delegated Member State (proxy) shall conform to those outlined in the Detailed Regulations of the Convention.</p> <p>2. Repeals all previous provisions to the contrary.</p> <p>INSTRUCTS</p> <p>The General Secretariat to implement this Decision.</p>	<p>The Provision has been included in the Rules of Procedure of the Conference.</p>
<p>Decision No. 15/PAPU/PC/X/2021</p>	<p>Outlining the responsibilities of rapporteurs in the Rules of Procedure of the PAPU Plenipotentiary Conference</p>	<p>HEREBY DECIDES AS FOLLOWS:</p> <p>The Rules of Procedure of the Plenipotentiary Conference are amended by introducing a provision outlining the duties of rapporteurs, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 5a: Duties of rapporteurs <p>Plenipotentiary Conference meeting reports shall be prepared under the supervision of the</p>	<p>The Provision has been included in the Rules of Procedure of the Conference.</p>

		<p>rapporteurs.</p> <p>INSTRUCTS</p> <p>The General Secretariat to implement this Decision.</p>	
<p>Decision No. 16/PAPU/PC/X/2021</p>	<p>Adopting the PAPU Postal Guidelines</p>	<p>HEREBY DECIDES AS FOLLOWS:</p> <p>To adopt the African Postal Guidelines;</p> <p>INSTRUCTS</p> <p>The PAPU General Secretariat to submit the document to the African Union Commission for final adoption by the competent authorities.</p>	<p>The African Postal Directive to incorporate issues on International Quality of Service standards and targets in line with the UPU latest Decision was done.</p> <p>An updated APD document will be presented to the Committee through the Regulation Development Working Group.</p>
<p>Decision No.02/PAPU/AC/XXXIX/2021</p>	<p>Outlining responsibilities of rapporteurs in the Rules of Procedure of the PAPU Administrative Council</p>	<p>HEREBY DECIDES AS FOLLOWS:</p> <p>The Rules of Procedure of the Administrative Council are amended by introducing a provision outlining the duties of rapporteurs, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Article 5a: Duties of rapporteurs <p>Administrative Council meeting reports shall be prepared under the supervision of the rapporteurs.</p> <p>INSTRUCTS</p> <p>The General Secretariat to implement this Decision.</p>	<p>Provision included in the Rules of Procedure of the Council</p>
<p>Decision No.08/PAPU/AC/XXXIX/2021</p>	<p>Clarification of hierarchy of laws between the PAPU Convention and the Administrative Council Rules of Procedure</p>	<p>HEREBY DECIDES AS FOLLOWS:</p> <p>1. Amends Article 9 of the Administrative Council Rules of Procedure as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Article 9 (New): <i>Quorum</i> <p><i>“The quorum shall be made up of two-thirds of Member States of the Union.”</i></p> <p>2. Repeals all previous provisions to the contrary.</p> <p>HEREBY DECIDES AS FOLLOWS:</p> <p>The General Secretariat to implement this Decision.</p>	<p>Provision has been included in the Rules of Procedure of the Council</p>
<p>Decision No.09/PAPU/AC/XXXIX/2021</p>	<p>Adopting the Terms of Reference (ToRs) of the proposed Ad hoc Committee responsible for vetting credentials of delegates and candidates for elective positions during the 10th Ordinary Session of the Plenipotentiary Conference</p>	<p>HEREBY DECIDES AS FOLLOWS:</p> <p>Adopts the Terms of Reference (ToRs) appended hereto for the establishment of an Ad hoc Committee responsible for vetting credentials of delegates and candidates for elective positions;</p> <p>INSTRUCTS</p> <p>The General Secretariat to implement this Decision.</p>	<p>The Committee submitted its final report to the Conference on 25 June 2021 and it was validated.</p>
<p>Decision No.09/PAPU/PC/X/2021</p>	<p>On Adopting an amendment to the Financial Regulations of the Pan African Postal Union (PAPU)</p>	<p>Adoption of an amendment to the Financial Regulations of the Pan African Postal Union (PAPU)</p>	<p>Done</p>

3.0DECISION EXPECTED

The Committee is requested to:

- i) Note the status of implementation of the 39th AC resolutions and;
- ii) Apprise the 40th Administrative Council accordingly.