**Instrument of accession**[[1]](#footnote-2)

Whereas

[indicate name of country\*],a member country of the Universal Postal Union, has not signed the [indi­cate the Act not signed at Congress] but wishes to accede to it on the basis of article 24 of the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union,

The government of [indicate name of country],

having seen and examined the [indicate the Act adopted at Congress\*], hereby declares that it accedes to it, and undertakes to conscientiously observe the provisions contained therein.

In witness whereof, I have signed this instrument of accession on behalf of the government of [indicate name of country].

Done at [indicate place], on [indicate date and year]

[Signature]

[to be signed by Head of State, Head of Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs][[2]](#footnote-3)

1. "Accession" is an act whereby a State that has not signed a treaty expresses its consent to become a party to that treaty by depositing an "instrument of accession". It has the same legal effect as ratification. See also articles 2 (1) (b) and 15, Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties 1969. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Or any other person performing the functions of Head of State, Head of Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs on an interim basis or having received plenipotentiary powers to this end from one of these authorities. Supporting documents confirming that a person other than the Head of State, Head of Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs is empowered to bind the country in question must be enclosed with this instrument. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)