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Subject: Survey on domestic tariffs for items containing goods

Dear Sir/Madam,

The 2021 Abidjan Congress adopted resolution C 13/2021 on the Integrated Remuneration Plan (IRP), instructing the Postal Operations Council (POC) and Council of Administration (CA) to conduct a comprehensive review of the remuneration rates for letter-post and parcel-post items. The resolution also tasked the Councils with developing proposals for submission to the 28th Congress in 2025 for a modern, forward-looking Integrated Remuneration System (IRS), including the rates that would apply for the 2026–2030 period.

The IRP identifies concrete areas in which better alignment, integration and rationalization of the remuneration systems can be achieved. An important aim of this work is to establish the correct relationship between domestic tariffs and remuneration rates for inbound international postal items, as well as that between domestic tariffs and the cost of processing inbound international postal items.

/ Through the questionnaire in Annex 1, it is hoped to collect information on the tariffs applicable in the domestic service for letter-post and parcel-post items containing goods. In this regard, I wish to underline the importance of collecting the requested information, which supports the work within both the POC and the CA on the development of proposals for an IRS. In accordance with resolution C 13/2021, the results of the study will be used to determine the appropriate parameters that could be used to draw up the proposals for an IRS for the 2026–2030 period, including the remuneration rates that will ultimately be submitted to the 28th Congress for adoption.

In this context, I encourage all designated operators to provide the International Bureau with the requested data by completing and returning the questionnaire in Annex 1 **by 1 March 2024 at the latest**. The survey is also available in electronic format on the UPU website at www.upu.int/en/Postal-Solutions/Programmes-Services/Remuneration/Research-and-Publications.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to address them to the Remuneration Development and Integration Unit within the Postal Policy, Regulation and CA Matters Programme (DPRM.PPRE.RDI), for the attention of Ms Virginia Espinoza (virginia.espinoza@upu.int) and Mr Vytis Staskevicius (vytis.staskevicius@upu.int).

Yours faithfully,



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