

## **Resolution C 66/2012**

### **Work on sustainable development**

Congress,

Welcoming  
the outcome of the Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

Reaffirming  
all the principles of the 1992 Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, including the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, as set out in its principle 7,

In view of  
the positive results of the work of the Sustainable Development Project Group between 2009 and 2012,

Aware  
that sustainable development is an essential element for the modernization and liberalization of the postal sector, safeguarding workers' social rights, improving social dialogue with stakeholders and reducing the negative environmental impact of postal activities,

Considering  
that it is important to continue the efforts made to promote sustainable development and social responsibility in the postal sector by conducting campaigns to raise awareness of environmental issues and leading actions to encourage social dialogue and protect or improve the health of postal staff, as well as the efforts made to promote gender equality and diversity by advocating the adoption of ethical policies,

Also considering  
that the activities of the network of national correspondents need to be maintained,

Also aware  
that it is essential to strengthen the excellent cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme, the International Labour Organization and UNAIDS, so as to achieve the objectives set and validate the actions carried out and the results obtained,

Further aware  
that it is essential to develop new partnerships, in particular with other United Nations agencies, the private sector, subcontractors of postal operators and non-governmental organizations,

Convinced  
of the need to strengthen ties with the restricted unions to increase their role at the regional level,

Recognizing  
that the environment is a growing issue in customer purchasing behaviour and in Posts' development strategies, meaning in particular that Posts need to develop environmentally and socially responsible procurement policies,

Also recognizing  
the importance of reducing the negative environmental impact of postal activities by providing the postal sector with a set of tools to measure and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, using as a reference the inventories and studies conducted by the UPU and improving those instruments, and by continuing the studies and actions undertaken to provide access, particularly for developing countries, to funding mechanisms in the area of sustainable development,

Further recognizing

that the International Bureau should serve as a showcase for sustainable development for UPU member countries and, as such, should continue its efforts to achieve climate neutrality by regularly measuring and reducing its environmental impact,

Recognizing in addition

the need to pursue the campaign to raise the awareness of postal workers on how HIV/AIDS is spread, to extend this campaign to non-communicable diseases, and to promote gender equality, diversity and social dialogue, on the basis of the action plan adopted by the ILO and the UPU and the cooperation with UNI Global Union,

Recognizing moreover

the power of the postal network, given the number of post offices and their close dealings with populations, making it possible to launch other awareness campaigns on health and the environment through new partnerships,

Taking into account

the urgent need to use sustainable development as a driver of performance to optimize the postal network in least developed countries, by improving the quality and sustainability of postal services and guaranteeing the diversification of products and services offered to individuals and businesses,

Recognizing lastly

that sustainable development has become an essential element of postal development, and that to guarantee the quality and sustainability of postal operations it is necessary to take economic, environmental and social/ societal factors into consideration, leading to the conclusion that the work on sustainable development must be carried forward, with a view to continuing the activities to implement the actions referred to above,

*Instructs*

the relevant councils to take the necessary measures to achieve the following objectives:

- Reduce the negative environmental impact of postal activities by providing postal operators with a set of tools for measuring and reducing the sector's greenhouse gas emissions;
- Continue studies and actions to provide access, particularly for developing countries, to funding mechanisms in the area of sustainable development;
- Continue efforts to help the UPU International Bureau achieve climate neutrality;
- Strengthen cooperation with UN agencies, such as the United Nations Environment Programme and the International Civil Aviation Organization;
- Continue the campaign to raise awareness of how HIV/AIDS is spread;
- Use the expertise and contacts gained through the HIV/AIDS campaign to extend the UPU's commitment to the fight against new pandemics and non-communicable diseases;
- Renew the studies on the implementation of the 20 priority actions for the postal sector;
- Pursue the implementation of the action plan developed by the International Labour Organization and the UPU to promote full and productive employment and decent work;
- Continue cooperation with UNI Global Union;
- Promote the adoption of environmentally and socially responsible procurement policies among designated operators;
- Give impetus to the network of national correspondents for sustainable development,

*Also instructs*

the International Bureau to implement the decisions taken in this area by the UPU bodies.

(Proposal 08, amended by proposals 96 and 98, Committee 8, 2nd meeting)