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Portugal – Erroneous reference to the Autonomous Region of the Azores

Dear Sir/Madam,

The designated operator of **PORTUGAL**, CTT-Correios de Portugal S.A., asks me to inform UPU member countries of the following:

"CTT-Correios de Portugal S.A. has recently learned that postage stamp issues are currently on sale on a website which claims to be the official site of the "Federation of Free States of Africa" and refers to Portugal's Autonomous Region of the Azores as a "new State of Europe".

"This erroneous information was posted with the sole purpose of selling Azorean postage stamps by credit card or other electronic means.

"In accordance with recommendation C 26/2008 (Philatelic Code of Ethics for the use of UPU member countries), adopted by the 24th UPU Congress, CTT-Correios de Portugal S.A. denounces and condemns such practices.

"CTT-Correios de Portugal S.A urges all UPU member countries to joint it in its efforts to identify cases of deceptive advertising for financial gain."

Yours faithfully,

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