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Dear Sir/Madam,

The International Bureau and the Government of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire have been working closely together to ensure the success of the 27th UPU Congress, and these efforts have continued even in the difficult situation brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Like many countries, Côte d'Ivoire has taken measures to combat the spread of the coronavirus, but the situation in the country and in many other parts of the world remains worrying, and casts doubt on the possibility of successfully holding our Congress this August.

Given these concerns, the Côte d'Ivoire Government has written to propose the postponement of the Congress to a later date, when the COVID-19 situation allows (copy of official letter attached).

The International Bureau will continue monitoring the situation in coordination with the Ivorian authorities, and will propose appropriate dates once it is felt that the Congress can be held safely. Naturally, the health and safety of delegates, participants and citizens of the host country will be given priority when selecting new dates.

I wish you all good health during this global crisis.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

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Director General