

***Translation of letter to the Director General from the
Minister of Digital Economy and Post, Côte d'Ivoire***

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Subject: Proposal to postpone the 27th UPU Congress following the coronavirus pandemic

The entire world is currently grappling with the serious COVID-19 pandemic, which has already struck 184 countries.

While Côte d'Ivoire, like all the countries of the world, has taken appropriate steps to combat this pandemic, of which there is no end in sight as yet, it is also conscious of its impact on the planned holding of the 27th Universal Postal Congress, due to take place in Abidjan from 10 to 28 August 2020.

Given this exceptional health crisis, to which no country in the world is immune, we feel that it will be difficult to go ahead with this Congress in August.

This being so, the Government of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire wishes to propose that the 27th UPU Congress be postponed until a later date, to be agreed mutually by Côte d'Ivoire and the International Bureau as soon as the COVID-19 health situation allows.

In addition, I would like to thank you for the International Bureau's unwavering support for my country, and assure you that, despite the current global health situation, the team put in place to organize the Congress remains, and will continue to remain, ready to ensure the smooth organization of the 27th Congress and put the finishing touches to the preparations already made.

The National Organizing Committee formed to ensure the complete success of the next Congress will continue to work closely with the International Bureau team and carry on with the preparatory work, which is progressing well.

I hope that this serious global crisis will soon be behind us.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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