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**Subject: Appeal for cash contributions to the Special Fund for the recovery of the postal sector within the framework of South–South and triangular cooperation**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The world is currently facing an acute health and economic crisis caused by the rapid spread of the COVID-19 virus. This is a development-related emergency, as much as a health and humanitarian crisis, and this unprecedented threat calls for decisive and collective action.

During these difficult times, the revenue of many designated operators (DOs) has suffered greatly, owing to lockdown measures and disruption to international transport networks. This is especially true in small island developing states (SIDS), least developed countries (LDCs), and landlocked developing countries (LLDCs). DOs in most of these countries are heavily dependent on their revenue from international mail, which has been hard hit by the disruption.

I would like to highlight that, during the pandemic and ensuing national lockdowns, Posts have played a major role in the delivery of medicines, medical equipment, food and other important items to citizens' doorsteps. Governments have utilized Posts to deliver a range of social and financial services to citizens, including conducting wellness checks for the elderly and providing remittances, pension payments and other forms of cash transfer. Furthermore, the postal sector has played an important role in working to meet the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

It is important that the world community now come to the aid of DOs, particularly those in SIDS, LDCs and LLDCs. It is essential to support these DOs in every possible way. This contribution may be in cash or in kind. In particular, the UPU would like to upgrade both the physical and IT infrastructures of these countries.

The priority objectives of UPU support are to:

- Underpin national and regional development efforts;
- Strengthen institutional and technical capacities;
- Improve the exchange of knowledge and experiences among developing countries;
- Respond to the specific development challenges of developing countries; and
- Increase the impact of international cooperation.

In view of the above, I appeal to all Union member countries and their DOs, especially those in wealthier parts of the world, to contribute to the UPU Special Fund. We hope that we can count on your generosity, so that we can launch the planned Special Fund activities as soon as possible.

The UPU's bank account information is as follows:

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Reference:	CONTRIBUTION SPECIAL FUND	

Many thanks in advance for your invaluable contribution, which will help to strengthen the bonds of solidarity between Union member countries.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Hussein', with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Bishar A. Hussein  
Director General