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**Subject:** Webinar series on the regulatory response to COVID-19

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to announce that, in line with its decision taken at the Council of Administration (CA) 2021.1 session, CA Committee 2 is holding a series of three webinars addressing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the postal sector and how the sector has responded from a regulatory and policy perspective. The aim of the webinars is to provide member countries with a comprehensive and informed view of how to sustain postal services under these new circumstances.

The three webinars, which will be conducted in English only, will take place in June, as follows:

Tuesday, 22 June 2021, 13.00 to 14.30 CEST (UTC+2): *The post as an essential service?*

Thursday, 24 June, 13.00 to 14.30 CEST (UTC+2) (TBC): *Quality of service: Tensions ahead?*

Tuesday, 29 June, 13.00 to 14.30 CEST (UTC+2): *State funding to support postal operations*

The first webinar will address important issues such as new services introduced in response to the pandemic that will continue to be offered as essential services in the future, as well as which aspects of the universal service obligation can be defined as an essential service.

You are invited to register in advance for this meeting:

[upu-int.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJArdOuurjkiHtYMNfjSpu34Cn3l2yrh94ob](https://upu-int.zoom.us/join/register/tJArdOuurjkiHtYMNfjSpu34Cn3l2yrh94ob)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information on how to join the meeting.

The relevant link and login details for the second and third webinars will be provided in due course.

We look forward to your active participation in the webinars.

Yours faithfully,

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