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REGULATION DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

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REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF DOCUMENTS ON MODEL POSTAL REGULATIONS

Agenda item No. 4.1

1. Subject Report on the Development of Postal Regulation Model Documents	2. References/paragraphs Report of the 41 st Ordinary Session of the Administrative Council.
3. Decision expected <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take note of the Report;• Operationalize the thematic groups during the 2024/25 period;• Make any relevant comments or recommendations	

I. BACKGROUND

One of the activities in the Policy and Regulation Committee's Programme of Activities is to produce the following documentation:

- ❖ A regulatory cooperation framework;
- ❖ A postal regulation policy and legal framework;
- ❖ A capacity-building mechanism for postal regulation officers;
- ❖ A postal financial services regulatory framework.

In this regard, the inaugural edition of the Postal Regulators' Conference held in 2023 witnessed the formation of thematic teams to consider the aforementioned documents. As a recap, the membership of the thematic teams is as follows:

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- ❖ **Thematic Team 1: Responsible for the Regulatory Cooperation Framework**
Members are from the following Member States and subregional organizations:
Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Eswatini, Lesotho, Niger, Senegal and CRASA.

- ❖ **Thematic Team 2: Responsible for the Legal and Policy Framework**
Members are from the following Member States and subregional organizations:
Benin, Cameroon, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Madagascar, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Sao Tome & Principe, Zimbabwe and CRASA.

- ❖ **Thematic Team 3: Responsible for the Capacity-building mechanism for postal Regulation Officers**
Members are from the following Member States and subregional organizations:
Cameroon, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Madagascar, Malawi, Nigeria, Senegal, Somalia, Tunisia and CRASA.

- ❖ **Thematic Team 4: Responsible for the Postal Financial Services Regulatory Framework.**
Members are from the following Member States and subregional organizations:
Burkina Faso, Cameroon and CRASA.

In this regard, the General Secretariat sent a letter to Member States and Restricted Unions on 8th February 2023 requesting their models and related documents. However, only the Communication Regulator's Association of Southern Africa (CRASA) and the Southern Africa Postal Operators' Association (SAPOA) shared their model documents. In view of the fact that only few documents had been received, the Policy and Regulation Committee decided, prior to the **41st** Ordinary Session of the Administrative Council held from 29 to 30 August 2023, to instruct the General Secretariat to issue a reminder to Member States and Restricted Unions.

Accordingly, a circular letter was re-sent to them in this regard.

Additionally, the Secretariat General administered a questionnaire on postal regulation in Africa to make up for the lack of response or complement the documents or information provided by the Member States.

II. CONCLUSION

The Policy and Regulation Committee is requested to:

- Take note of the Report;
- Operationalize the thematic groups during the 2024/25 period;
- Make any relevant comments or recommendations