



**SUPPLY CHAIN WORKING GROUP**  
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**PAPU SECURITY ACTION GROUP (PSAG)**  
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**POSTAL SECURITY ACTIVITIES**

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| <b>1. Subject</b><br><b>Postal Security Activities</b>  | <b>References/Paragraphs</b><br><b>PAPU Action Plan 2022-2025</b> |
| <b>2. Decisions Expected</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Take note of the activities undertaken;</li><li>• Adopt the Report;</li><li>• Submit the Report to the Supply Chain Working Group.</li></ul> |   |

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Universal Postal Union (UPU) recognizes that the safety and security of the postal sector as part of the global supply chain is critical to supporting worldwide commerce and communication activities. To facilitate the development and implementation of security standards and best practices among Posts, the UPU has established the Postal Security Group (PSG) which coordinates security activities in the Post. PAPU also implements the PSG's recommendations to ensure the implementation of security strategies and programmes in Africa.

**2.0 SECURITY ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY PAPU**

The following postal security activities were undertaken during the 2024/2025 financial year:

**2.1 Implementation of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session of the PAPU Administrative Council Resolution**

During its 42<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session held in Arusha, Tanzania, in June 2024, the PAPU Administrative Council approved the creation of the PAPU Security Action Group (PSAG) within its structures under the Supply Chain Working Group vide **Resolution No. 02/PAPU/AC/XLII/2024**.

To implement this resolution, the following activities were undertaken

- The PAPU General Secretariat made a call through a circular **CL/PAPU/GS/OT/H/015** to the Member States for the nomination of members into the Group;
- This process was duly coordinated by Sub-Regional Postal bodies and PMGs/ CEOs of Designated Operators in Africa;
- The submissions made resulted in the successful evaluation and appointment of nine (9) members into the PAPU Security Action Group from Algeria, Botswana, Benin, Burkina Faso, Kenya, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Morocco, and Malawi;
- All the 5 African sub-regions are represented in the Security Action Group, which also incorporated the current Regional Postal Security Managers (RPSMs) – Malawi, Morocco, and Cape Verde;

## **2.2 Notification of UPU Security Group of the Creation of the PSAG**

The Secretary-General notified the Universal Postal Union International Bureau, the Secretariat of the Security Group, of the PSAG's creation. The UPU was sought for technical and financial support on the Group's future activities. The UPU acknowledged receipt of the communication and pledged its support.

## **2.3 Inaugural meeting of the PASG**

The PAPU Security Action Group held its first meeting online on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024, at which all members were present. Ms. Susan Patnote represented the UPU International Bureau at the meeting.

The meeting discussed the following:

- i. Introduction of the PAPU SAG;
- ii. PAPU Security Action Group objectives;
- iii. Message from UPU Security Group Chair;
- iv. UPU support on the organization on the execution of the PSAG mandate;
- v. Nominations of the PSAG Chairperson & Vice Chairperson.

## **2.4 Notification of PAPU Member States of the Creation of the Group**

Circular under REF: CL/PAPU/GS/OT/H/005 was sent out by the PAPU General Secretariat on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025, notifying PAPU Member States of the creation of the PSAG as per the resolution of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session of the PAPU Administrative Council.

## **2.5 Analysis of Supply Chain Questionnaire – Security**

The General Secretariat circulated a Questionnaire on the Status of Supply Chain Services in Africa on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to elicit and collect information on supply chain activities being implemented by Member

States. Security activities were part of the matters included in the questionnaire. Thirty-four (34) Designated Operators responded to the questionnaire, and their responses are analyzed in **Annex 1 (Excel sheet)**.

### **3.0 UPU Security Certification**

Member States in Africa continue to implement the UPU security standards S58 and S59 and attain certification. The following African Designated Operators have so far been certified for compliance with the security standards: Algeria, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Egypt, Eswatini, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Morocco, Sierra Leone, and Togo.

Morocco and Cape Verde were awarded their re-certification during the Postal Operation Council meeting held in Berne, Switzerland, in February 2025.

### **4.0 DECISIONS EXPECTED**

The Report is submitted for the PSAG to:

- Take note of the activities undertaken;
- Adopt it;
- Submit the Report to the Supply Chain Working Group.