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# IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE POLICY & LEGAL HARMONIZATION WORKING GROUP (WGPL) QUADRENNIAL WORK PLAN

## Agenda item No. 5

<b>1. Subject</b> Implementation Status of the WGPL Quadrennial Work Plan.	<b>2. References/paragraphs</b> Policy and Regulation Committee Quadrennial Work Plan
<b>3. Decision expected</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider the Report;</li><li>• Make any relevant comments/observations.</li></ul>	

### I. Introduction

The Working Group on Policy and Legal Harmonization's Quadrennial Work Plan was adopted by the Administrative Council during its 40<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session held from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022 in Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo). Since then, it has been gradually implemented throughout the 2021/2022-2024/2025 cycle. To date, some activities have been completed, while others are still in progress. This document serves to apprise the Working Group on Policy and Legal Harmonization on the implementation status of the planned activities. It also seeks to capture any relevant comments or inputs aimed at improving the implementation of current and subsequent activities.

The implementation status of Working Group's Quadrennial Work Plan 2021/2022-2024/2025 is tabulated below.

### II. Decision expected

The Working Group's members are therefore requested to consider this document and make any useful comments or inputs.

**Completed****In process****Pending**

## IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE POLICY & LEGAL HARMONIZATION WORKING GROUP (WGPL) QUADRENNIAL WORK PLAN ON POLICY & LEGAL MATTERS

DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE ORGAN	STATUS	COMMENTS
Terms of Reference (ToRs) of the Policy and Regulation Committee (PRC)	Take ownership of Committee ToRs	- Working Group on Policy and Legal Harmonization		
	Implement the Committee's ToRs	- Policy and Regulation Committee		
Rules of Procedure of the PRC	Consider the Draft Rules of Procedure	- Working Group on Policy and Legal Harmonization - Policy and Regulation Committee		
	Adopt the Rules of Procedure internally			
	Present the Rules of Procedure to the AC for adoption			
	Implement the Rules of Procedure			
Proposed amendments to the Acts of the Union	Consider proposed amendments to the Acts of the Union	- Working Group on Policy and Legal Harmonization		<b>Ongoing</b>
	Consider proposed amendments to the Financial Regulations, the Staff Rules and Regulations, as well as the Rules of Procedure of the Conference and the Council	- Policy and Regulation Committee		

	Present recommendations to the Administrative Council and/or Plenipotentiary Conference for consideration.			
Implementation status of Decisions, Resolutions and Recommendations taken by the Plenipotentiary Conference and the Administrative Council on policy matters	Establish a framework for monitoring/evaluation of implementation of decisions, resolutions and recommendations by the Plenipotentiary Conference and Administrative Council.	PAPU General Secretariat		
	Consider the proposed framework for monitoring/evaluation of implementation of decisions, resolutions and recommendations of the Plenipotentiary Conference and Administrative Council.	- Working Group on Policy and Legal Harmonization - Policy and Regulation Committee		
	Present the monitoring and evaluation framework for adoption	Policy and Regulation Committee		
	Draw up the implementation status of decisions, resolutions and recommendations by the Conference and the Council	PAPU General Secretariat		

	Consider implementation statuses of decisions, resolutions and recommendations of the Plenipotentiary Conference and Administrative Council at the agreed frequency.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working Group on Policy and Legal Harmonization</li> <li>- Policy and Regulation Committee</li> </ul>		
Monitor and implement the African Postal Guidelines	In partnership with the General Secretariat, monitor the process for approval of the Guidelines by the competent body of the African Union;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working Group on Policy and Legal Harmonization</li> <li>- Policy and Regulation Committee</li> </ul>		
	Identify in order of priority, the areas to be harmonized as highlighted in the Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working Group on Policy and Legal Harmonization</li> <li>- Policy and Regulation Committee</li> </ul>		This activity is contingent on approval of the African Postal Guidelines by the African Union, which is still pending despite repeated reminders. However, adoption of recommendations from the survey will serve as a palliative in the absence of duly adopted Guidelines and robust data to inform the harmonization process.
	Monitor implementation of the Guidelines;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working Group on Policy and Legal Harmonization</li> <li>- Policy and Regulation Committee</li> </ul>		This activity is contingent on approval of the African Postal Guidelines by the African Union, which is still pending despite repeated reminders.

	Identify bottlenecks and propose appropriate actions to Council Propose detailed regulations for operationalizing the African Postal Guidelines;	- Working Group on Policy and Legal Harmonization - Policy and Regulation Committee		This activity is contingent on approval of the African Postal Guidelines by the African Union, which is still pending despite repeated reminders.
	Consider the report analyzing Africa's postal market as proposed in the Guidelines	- Working Group on Policy and Legal Harmonization - Policy and Regulation Committee		This activity is contingent on approval of the African Postal Guidelines by the African Union, which is still pending despite repeated reminders.
Harmonized Rules of Procedure of Administrative and Technical Committees	Harmonize the Rules of Procedure of Administrative and Technical Committees	- Working Group on Policy and Legal Harmonization - Policy and Regulation Committee		
Proposed amendments the UPU Acts and Regulations	Make appropriate recommendations to the amendments proposed by Member States	- Working Group on Policy and Legal Harmonization - Policy and Regulation Committee		The UPU Acts are currently being examined and any proposals will be submitted pursuant to Article 139 of the UPU General Regulations
	Ensure that the interests of Member States are safeguarded			
Handover/takeover procedures between incoming and outgoing officials	Handover/takeover procedures between incoming and outgoing officials	- Working Group on Policy and Legal Harmonization - Policy and Regulation Committee		