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POLICY AND REGULATION COMMITTEE**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION No.01/PAPU/AC/XXVIII/2009 ON THE RECOVERY OF
MEMBER STATES' OUSTANDING MANDATORY CONTRIBUTIONS**

Agenda item No. 15

1. Subject

Proposed amendment to Resolution No.01/PAPU/AC/XXVIII/2009 on Recovery of Member States' Outstanding Mandatory Contributions and to the Detailed Regulations of the PAPU Convention

2. References/paragraphs

- PAPU Acts
- Resolution No. 01/PAPU/AC/XXVIII/2009 of 7th June 2009

3. Decision expected

- Consider the document and make any relevant comments, proposals or adopt the proposed amendment to Resolution No. 01/PAPU/AC/XXVIII/2009
- Recommend that the Conference adopts the proposed amendment to Article 27 of the Detailed Regulations of the Convention

I. BACKGROUND

The Administrative Council, meeting during its 28th Ordinary Session from 6 to 7 June 2009 in Cairo, Egypt, adopted Resolution No. 01/PAPU/AC/XXVIII/2009 on the recovery of Member

States' outstanding mandatory contributions. This Resolution contains several provisions, including those governing the submission of accreditation instruments.

More specifically, it provides that accreditation to participate in Plenipotentiary Conferences shall be based on (...) the presentation of authentic instruments signed by the President, the Prime Minister or the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Thereafter, Member States' participation in each Ordinary Session of the Plenipotentiary Conference has been subject to the presentation of the original instrument of accreditation duly signed by one of the aforementioned authorities.

However, during the deliberations of the Ad Hoc Credentials Committee established for the 11th Ordinary Session of the Plenipotentiary Conference, members of this Committee highlighted the following shortcomings and recommended they be promptly addressed:

- i) Some instruments of accreditation are drafted in one of the working languages of the Union other than English and French;
- ii) Consistent submission of scanned or soft copies of instruments of accreditation;
- iii) Serious difficulties often encountered by members of the ad hoc Committee in differentiating scanned or soft copies from authentic (original) instruments of accreditation;
- iv) The issuance of credentials is an act of national sovereignty and only Member States can certify their authenticity.

This document therefore seeks to propose amendments to Resolution No. 01/PAPU/AC/XXVIII/2009 and Article 27 of the Detailed Regulations of the Convention.

II. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

In order to remedy the aforementioned challenges, it is proposed to amend:

- i) **Resolution No. 01/PAPU/AC/XXVIII/2009 of 7 June 2009** in order to henceforth accept both scanned/soft copies and authentic instruments submitted by Member States. This proposal is further substantiated by the fact that the Resolution dates as far back as 2009 and has therefore become antiquated, in light of the ongoing drive to digitalize government services by Member States. Furthermore, it is worth noting that the promotion of digitalized public services (e-government...) has become an integral part of the general ecosystem in Member States and PAPU. Additionally, benchmarking with the UPU highlights, it is worth noting that

scanned/soft copies of instruments of accreditation are accepted at our global postal body;

- ii) Amend **Article 27 of the Detailed Regulations**, in order to expressly provide that where an instrument of accreditation is drafted in any of the PAPU working languages other than English or French, the Member State concerned shall be required to submit a translated copy of same into English or French.

III. CONCLUSION

Members of the Administrative Council are therefore invited to:

- Consider the document and make any relevant comments, proposals and adopt the proposed amendment to Resolution No. 01/PAPU/AC/XXVIII/2009
- Recommend that the Conference adopts the proposed amendment to Article 27 of the Detailed Regulations of the Convention

Resolution No. 01/PAPU/AC/XLIV/2026
Amending Resolution No. 01/PAPU/AC/XXVIII/2009 on the Recovery of Member States' Outstanding Mandatory Contributions

The Administrative Council of the Pan African Postal Union (PAPU), meeting during its 44th Ordinary Session from 23 to 24 March 2026 in Kampala, Republic of Uganda;

Mindful of Article 19 of the PAPU Convention;

Further mindful of Article 20 of the PAPU Convention;

Having regard to Article 5 (3) of the Detailed Regulations of the PAPU Convention;

Considering Article 27 of the Detailed Regulations of the PAPU Convention;

Further considering Article 61 (5) and (10) of the PAPU Financial Regulations;

Mindful of Resolution No. 06/PAPU/PC/VII/2008 on exceptional measures for the recovery of Member States' outstanding contributions and the opportunity afforded to Member States to settle their arrears to the PAPU budgets;

Noting that despite Resolution No. 01/PAPU/PC/X/2021, the situation has not improved as expected by the Union;

Considering the proposals of the Credentials Committee;

Recognizing the need to ensure that the PAPU General Secretariat effectively fulfils its mandate without constraints;

Desirous of encouraging Member States currently negotiating repayment plans with the General Secretariat;

HEREBY DECIDES AS FOLLOWS:

- i) Accreditation to participate in Plenipotentiary Conferences shall be contingent on each Member State's financial standing with the Union and the submission of **authentic** instruments of accreditation **in either physical or electronic form**, duly signed by the President, the Prime Minister or the Minister in charge of Foreign Affairs. **More specifically, the instruments of accreditation must be drafted in either English or French, which are the Union's working**. The eligible financial status shall include entering into and implementing an amortization plan with the General Secretariat to repay the outstanding contributions, in accordance with the relevant Resolution taken by the Plenipotentiary Conference.
- ii) Amendment of Article 32 (1) of the Convention to read "two thirds of the members present and voting"

- iii) Withholding of right to make contributions on the floor during sessions of the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- iv) Denial of hosting, convening or participating in conferences, meetings and workshops organized by PAPU;
- v) The credentials report which must precede the meeting of the Plenipotentiary Conference, shall include financial status of members, analysis of instruments of accreditation and countries who are financially qualified but whose instruments of accreditation do not meet the standard specified for participation to vote or be voted for;
- vi) Disqualification of candidates to elective positions from member states with outstanding contributions including the current year;
- vii) Nationals of Member-states with outstanding contributions for more than one year shall not be offered employment by the Union;
- viii) Enforcement of the provisions of the Convention or Plenipotentiary Conference resolutions on suspension of member states with outstanding contributions in excess of three years;
- ix) Extension of deadline for defaulting members to be availed additional opportunity to benefit from Resolution No 06 of the 7th Ordinary Plenipotentiary Conference on “extraordinary provision for the recovery of arrears from members” to 31st December, 2009.

Done in Kampala, Republic of Uganda , on 24th mars 2026