

SECOND ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION¹

The plenipotentiaries of the Governments of the member countries of the Universal Postal Union, met in Congress at Lausanne, in view of article 30, § 2, of the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union concluded at Vienna on 10 July 1964 have adopted, subject to ratification, the following amendments to that Constitution.

Article I

(Article 21 amended)

Expenditure of the Union. Contributions of member countries

1. Each Congress shall fix the maximum amount which:
 - (a) the expenditure of the Union may reach annually;
 - (b) the expenditure relating to the organization of the next Congress may reach.
2. The maximum amount for expenditure referred to in § 1 may be exceeded if circumstances so require, provided that the relevant provisions of the General Regulations are observed.
3. The expenses of the Union, including where applicable the expenditure envisaged in § 2, shall be jointly borne by the member countries of the Union. For this purpose, each member country shall choose the contribution class in which it intends to be included. The contribution classes shall be laid down in the General Regulations.
4. In the case of accession or admission to the Union under article 11, the Government of the Swiss Confederation shall fix, by agreement with the Government of the country concerned, the contribution class into which the latter country is to be placed for the purpose of apportioning the expenses of the Union.

Article II

Choice of contribution class

Article I, § 3, shall be applicable before the entry into force of this Additional Protocol.

Article III

Accession to the Additional Protocol and to the other Acts of the Union

1. Member countries which have not signed the present Protocol may accede to it at any time.
2. Member countries which are party to the Acts renewed by Congress but which have not signed them, shall accede thereto as soon as possible.
3. Instruments of accession relative to the cases set forth in §§ 1 and 2 shall be sent through diplomatic channels to the Government of the country in which the seat of the Union is situated, which shall notify the member countries of these deposits.

¹ The Constitution of the Universal Postal Union was concluded by the 1964 Vienna Congress and appears in volume III of the Documents of that Congress. The first Additional Protocol was adopted at the 1969 Tokyo Congress.

Article IV

Entry into force and duration of the Additional Protocol to the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union

This Additional Protocol shall come into force on 1 January 1976 and shall remain in force for an indefinite period.

In witness whereof the plenipotentiaries of the Governments of the member countries have drawn up this Additional Protocol, which shall have the same force and the same validity as if its provisions were inserted in the text of the Constitution itself and they have signed it in a single original which shall be deposited in the archives of the Government of the country in which the seat of the Union is situated. A copy thereof shall be delivered to each party by the Government of the country in which Congress is held.

Done at Lausanne, 5 July 1974.