

Memorandum of Understanding
between
Universal Postal Union (UPU)
and
Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)

The Universal Postal Union (hereinafter referred to as UPU) and the Economic Cooperation Organization (hereinafter referred to as ECO), hereinafter referred to as Parties,

Considering the provisions of the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union, by which the aim of the UPU is to secure the organization and improvement of the postal services and to promote in this sphere the development of international cooperation, and the fact that the UPU was created with the mission of stimulating the lasting development of efficient and accessible universal postal services of quality in order to facilitate communication between the inhabitants of the world by:

- guaranteeing the free circulation of postal items over a single postal territory composed of interconnected networks;
- encouraging the adoption of fair common standards and the use of technology;
- ensuring cooperation and interaction among stakeholders;
- promoting effective technical cooperation;
- ensuring the satisfaction of customers' changing needs,

Noting the objectives of the Economic Cooperation which are; sustainable economic development of member states; development of transport and communications infrastructure; economic liberalization and privatization; regional cooperation for drug abuse control, ecological and environmental protection, especially wetlands and watersheds; and mutually beneficial cooperation with regional and international organizations,

Being aware of the need to develop close cooperation between UPU and ECO in areas of joint interest, and wishing to promote and strengthen such cooperation,

Agree to cooperate with a view to the achieving of their shared objectives in particular with regard to the promotion of postal reform and development, postal financial services, training and capacity building in relevant fields as follows:

Article I

Exchange of information, representation and consultation

1. The Parties shall, as needed, exchange information and documents concerning matters of joint interest.
2. Each Party may invite the other to attend as an observer, in accordance with its own current procedures and practices, any conferences and meetings which it may hold on matters of joint interest.
3. Wherever desirable and useful, the Parties shall hold consultations on matters of joint interest and on topics relating to their collaboration.

Article II

Cooperation arrangements

1. Within the framework of their respective activities, both Parties may agree to design and implement joint cooperation projects, which may take the form of technical meetings, seminars, thematic projects and support actions aimed at particular sub-regions or countries.
2. Both Parties will promote the setting up of twinning projects between ECO members, aimed at the improvement of their postal sectors, with special focus on quality of service in ECO Region.
3. Such projects shall be designed and implemented in accordance with specific arrangements, setting the practical, technical and financial conditions for the participation of the Parties, whose availability shall be duly ensured.

Article III

Publications

1. Both organizations recognize the desirability of cooperation in regard to the exchange of relevant publications with a view to promoting optimum use thereof in the context of the work of the other organization.

Article IV

Entry into force, amendments and duration of this Memorandum of Understanding

1. This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force upon the signature by the duly authorized representatives of both Parties.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual agreement of the Parties.
3. This Memorandum of Understanding may be denounced by either party provided that six months' notice is given to the other Party. Denunciation of this Memorandum of Understanding by either party shall in no way affect previous obligations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned have signed this Memorandum of Understanding in

duplicate, with the same authentication in English.

For the
**Economic
Cooperation
Organization**

Khurshid Anwar
Secretary-General

Tehran, November
2008

For the
**Universal Postal
Union**

Edouard Dayan
Director General

Berne, 20 November
2008