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Cabinet Business Committee

Minute of Decision

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Universal Postal Union: Voting Positions for the 28th Congress

Portfolio **Media and Communications**

On 1 September 2025, the Cabinet Business Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Universal Postal Union (UPU) is a United Nations specialised agency responsible for coordinating the postal policies of its member states;
- 2 **noted** that the UPU's supreme body, the Congress, is considering changes to the UPU's international agreements, notably the UPU Treaty and the UPU Convention;
- 3 **noted** that New Zealand Post Limited (NZ Post) represents New Zealand at the UPU Congress because it is New Zealand's designated postal operator under the Postal Services Act 1998;
- 4 **noted** that the 28th Congress of the UPU will be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 8 to 19 September 2025 and NZ Post will be attending in person;
- 5 **agreed** to the following negotiating positions for the New Zealand delegation:
 - 5.1 support the Integrated Product Plan;
 - 5.2 support the Integrated Remuneration Plan;
 - 5.3 support the Integrated Quality Plan;

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5.8 support the UPU Strategy 2026-2029;

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- 6 **noted** that elections for the UPU's permanent bodies are taking place at the Congress and NZ Post is seeking election to the Postal Operations Council;
- 7 **noted** that, following signature of the amendments, Cabinet approval will be sought for the ratification of the amendments in due course;
- 8 **authorised** the New Zealand delegation to make decisions on any new issues that arise at the Congress as required, in consultation with relevant government agencies and Ministers as appropriate;
- 9 **authorised** the New Zealand delegation to sign the treaty level Final Acts, subject to them being consistent with the negotiating positions as agreed under paragraph 5, or at the approval of the Minister for Media and Communications for matters that fall outside these positions.

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon (Chair)
Hon David Seymour
Hon Chris Bishop
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Mark Mitchell

Officials present from:

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