



**Memorandum of Understanding  
between the  
European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT)  
and  
the Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications (RCC)**

*Acknowledging*

- a) the purposes of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and Universal Postal Union (UPU) stipulated in the Constitutions of the Unions (Articles 1);
- b) the importance of promoting the use of advanced information and communication technologies and harmonising the actions of ITU Members in both regions in the field of radiocommunication, telecommunication and postal communication;

*considering*

- a) Resolution 58 of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, Kyoto 1994 and also Resolution C 103 of the UPU Congress, regarding strengthening of relations with Regional Telecommunication and Postal Organizations;
- b) the interrelationship of plans and programmes of the ITU, UPU activities and regional telecommunication organizations;
- c) that co-ordination meetings between representatives of regional telecommunication and postal organizations in connection with ITU and UPU Conferences, Congresses and meetings would ensure better co-ordination and exchange of information based on their respective experiences;
- d) the role of regional telecommunication and postal organizations in preparatory discussions designed to facilitate the work of ITU and UPU Conferences, Congresses and meetings;
- e) the benefits that may accrue to both the RCC and CEPT resulting from the co-operation between the two regional bodies in matters concerning general exchange of information, experience and documentation related to the development of telecommunications and postal communication in both regions,

*convinced*

of the need for, and desirability of, greater co-operation between regional telecommunication and postal organizations;

The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding hereby agree to co-operate with the purpose of:

Article 1 Exchange of Information and Documentation

The parties will work to increase exchange of information and documentation related to telecommunication and postal matters.

Article 2 Co-ordination of Positions

The parties will co-ordinate, as far as possible, their positions on matters of common interest.

Article 3 Relations with ITU and UPU

The parties will co-operate together and with the ITU and UPU with the purpose of developing stronger relations between them and the ITU and UPU, and for further improvement of the functioning of the ITU and UPU.

Article 4 Preparations for ITU and UPU Conferences, Congresses and Meetings

The parties will exchange views on preparations for ITU and UPU Conferences, Congresses and meetings.

Article 5 Development of Telecommunications and Postal Communication

The parties will co-operate as far as possible in matters relating to the development of telecommunications and postal communication in both regions by exchanging experience and relevant documentation.

Article 6 Confidentiality

Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding should be construed as requiring either of the parties to disclose confidential or restricted documents or other information.

Article 7 Communications

The parties will establish regular channels of communications by designating individual points of contact.

Article 8 Areas of focus

The parties will on a periodic basis seek to agree on areas of work of mutual particular interest which should receive focused attention.

Article 9 Costs

Each party will bear the full cost of discharging its own responsibilities arising from this Memorandum of Understanding.

## Article 10    Review

The parties will review on a biennial basis the results and of their co-operation under this Memorandum of Understanding. When appropriate the parties will consider the need for improvements in their co-operation and make suitable proposals for modifying the scope of this Memorandum of Understanding.

## Article 11    Entry into force and Termination

This Memorandum of Understanding enters into force on the date set forth below, and may be terminated by either party upon three (3) months prior written notice to the other.

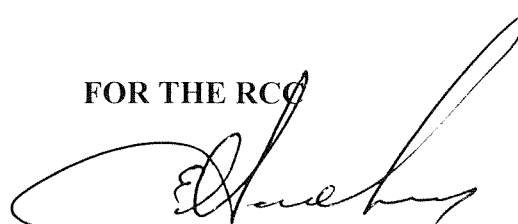
Signed in Marrakesh on ... October 2002  
in 2 duplicates in English, French, German and Russian,  
all texts having equal validity.

**FOR CEPT**



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