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The plenipotentiaries of the governments of the member countries of the Universal Postal Union, having met in Congress at Dubai, in view of article 28.2 of the Constitution concluded at Vienna on 10 July 1964, have, subject to ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, adopted the following amendments to the said Constitution.

Article I
(Article 9 amended)
Regional Unions. Special Agreements

1 Member countries, or their designated operators if the legislation of those member countries so permits, may establish **Regional** Unions and make Special Agreements concerning the postal service, provided always that they do not introduce provisions less favourable to the public than those provided for by the Acts to which the member countries concerned are parties.

2 **Regional** Unions may send observers to Congresses, to the Council of Administration, to the Postal Operations Council, and to other conferences and meetings organized by the Union.

3 The Union may send observers to Congresses, conferences and meetings of **Regional** Unions.

Article II
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 2027 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 with the Director General of the International Bureau. A copy thereof shall be delivered to each member country by the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union.

Done at Dubai, 19 September 2025.