



UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION

Berne, 29 February 2008

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

/ The International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of Slovakia at Berne and has the honour to send it herewith, for the intention of the Head of Government, the invitation to the Government of the Republic of Slovakia to be represented at the 24th Universal Postal Congress, which is to be held in Geneva from 23 July to 12 August 2008.

The International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Republic of Slovakia the assurances of its highest consideration.



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The Director General of the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union presents his compliments to the Head of Government of

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and has the honour of furnishing the following information:

The last Congress of the Universal Postal Union (Bucharest, 2004) accepted the invitation from the Republic of Kenya to hold the next Congress in its country. Thus, in accordance with article 101.5 of the General Regulations of the Universal Postal Union, in August 2007, the Government of the Republic of Kenya sent an invitation to the government of each member country of the Universal Postal Union to be represented at the 24th Congress of the Universal Postal Union.

However, in view of the situation in Kenya, the Council of Administration, at its latest session, by virtue of article 101.4 of the General Regulations of the Universal Postal Union, decided by consensus to hold the 24th Universal Postal Congress in Geneva (Switzerland), instead of Nairobi (Kenya). In accordance with paragraph 6 of that article, the UPU International Bureau will perform the functions of the host government.

Consequently, the Director General of the UPU International Bureau has the honour to invite the Government of

SLOVAKIA

to be represented at the 24th Universal Postal Congress, which is to be held from 23 July to 12 August 2008 at the Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG). The Congress timetable / and registration form* are enclosed with this note.

The Director General of the International Bureau should be obliged if the Head of Government would inform him as rapidly as possible of the planned participation of the Government of

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and the names of the members of the delegation (head of delegation, assistant head of delegation, delegates or assisting officials).

* In English and French only.

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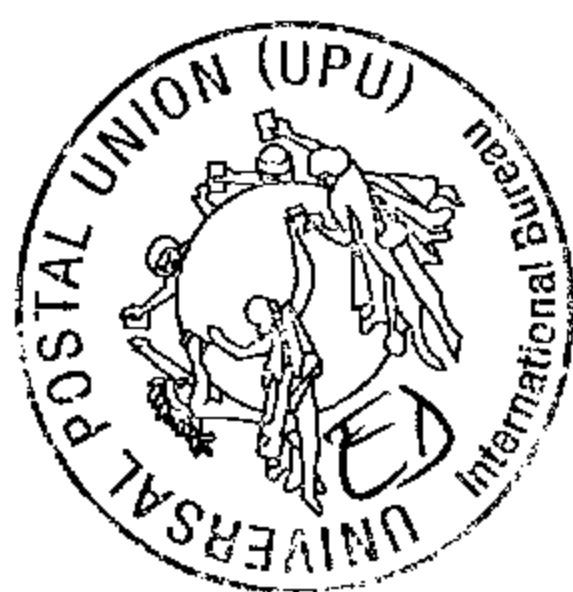
Lastly, the Director General of the International Bureau wishes to draw the attention of the Head of Government to the fact that delegations must be provided with credentials drawn up in due and proper form. Full details are to be found in articles 2 and 3 of the UPU Rules of Procedure of Congresses. Particular note should be taken of paragraph 1 of the above-mentioned article 3, which stipulates the following:

"Delegates' credentials shall be signed by the Head of State, the Head of Government or the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the country concerned. They shall be drawn up in due and proper form. The credentials of delegates entitled to sign the Acts (plenipotentiaries) shall specify the scope of such signature (signature subject to ratification or approval, signature ad referendum, definitive signature). In the absence of such specific information, the signature shall be regarded as being subject to ratification or approval. Credentials authorizing the holder to sign the Acts shall implicitly include the right to speak and to vote. Delegates on whom the relevant authorities have conferred full powers without specifying their scope shall be authorized to speak, to vote and to sign the Acts unless the wording of the credentials is explicitly to the contrary."

It should also be noted that the credentials must be deposited at the opening of Congress with the authority designated for that purpose.

All documents and information relating to the 24th Universal Postal Congress will be made available on the UPU website (www.upu.int).

The Director General of the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union takes this opportunity to renew to the Head of Government of
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the assurances of his highest consideration.



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