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Bathsheba Crocker  
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Dear Assistant Secretary Crocker:

*SHEBA,*

It was a pleasure to speak with you a couple of months ago. I appreciated the opportunity to introduce myself and to reaffirm our respective agencies' commitment, under relatively new leadership, to continue our close cooperation in advancing U.S. international postal policy objectives.

Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. § 407(c), the Commission is providing the Department of State with its view on a proposal that was considered at the April 2015 Universal Postal Union (UPU) Postal Operations Council (POC) meetings.

Prior to the start of the POC meetings on April 15, 2015, the Commission reviewed all POC proposals to amend the Regulations of the UPU Convention that were available to date. The Commission determined that none of these proposals required a view.

On April 27, 2015, however, the UPU published on its website six new POC proposals to amend the Regulations of the UPU Convention.<sup>1</sup> POC Committee 3, Physical Services, reached a decision on these new proposals on April 28, 2015. The Commission, therefore, had little time to analyze these proposals and consider whether a formal view was necessary prior to Committee 3's deliberations and decisions on April 28, 2015. Nonetheless, the Commission analyzed these proposals ex post facto and concluded that one of these proposals requires a view.

This proposal, which POC Committee 3 adopted, amends UPU Convention Article RL 141 Advance of Delivery (attached).<sup>2</sup> More specifically, it establishes a rate for an electronic advice

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<sup>1</sup> Four new proposals were in documents POC C3 2015.1 – doc. 3a Rev. 2, Annex 3 through Annex 7. One new proposal was in POC C3 2015.1 – doc. 3b Rev. 1, Annex 13.

<sup>2</sup> This proposal is in POC C3 2015.1 – doc. 3b Rev. 1, Annex 13.

of delivery, or delivery scan. Previously, no rate existed for this service. The Commission's view is that this proposal is consistent with the statutory criteria of subchapter 1 of chapter 36 of title 39, U.S. Code.

The Commission understands that the UPU has already adopted this proposal. Nonetheless, the Commission considers it important to provide the Department of State with the results of our review.

Thank you for consideration of this view. Again, as I indicated in our teleconference, I am always available to you if there are any issues that you would like to discuss. The Commission looks forward to a continued close working relationship, particularly as we move towards the 2016 UPU Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Taub', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert G. Taub  
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Attachment