



# **Docket No. CP2019-83**

# **Technical Conference**

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## Presidential Memorandum of August 23, 2018

Section 2(a): It is the policy of the United States to promote and encourage the development of an efficient and competitive global system that provides for fair and nondiscriminatory postal rates.

Section 2(b)(ii): It is in the interest of the United States to promote and encourage unrestricted and undistorted competition in the provision of international postal services and other international delivery services, except where provision of such services by private companies may be prohibited by the laws of the United States (39 U.S.C. § 407(a)(2))/



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Section 2(d) It shall be the policy of the executive branch to support efforts that further the policies in this memorandum, including supporting a system of unrestricted and undistorted competition between United States and foreign merchants. Such efforts include:

- (i) ensuring that rates charged for delivery of foreign-origin mail containing goods do not favor foreign mailers over domestic mailers;
- (ii) setting rates charged for delivery of foreign-origin mail in a manner that does not favor postal operators over non-postal operators; and
- (iii) ensuring the collection of advance electronic customs data.



## Presidential Memorandum of August 23, 2018

Section 3(a): The U.S. must seek reforms to the UPU that promote the policies outlined in this memorandum. Such reforms shall provide for:

- (i) a system of fair and nondiscriminatory rates for goods that promotes unrestricted and undistorted competition; and
- (ii) terminal dues rates that:
  - (A) fully reimburse the USPS for costs to the same extent as domestic rates for comparable services;
  - (B) avoid a preference for inbound foreign small packages containing goods that favors foreign mailers over domestic mailers; and
  - (C) avoid a preference for inbound foreign small packages containing goods that favors postal operators over private-sector entities providing transportation services.