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**Third Additional Protocol to the Constitution of the  
Universal Postal Union**

**Done at Hamburg on 27 July 1984**

**Signed on behalf of Ireland on 27 July 1984**

**Ireland's Instrument of Ratification deposited with the  
Government of the Swiss Confederation on 23 November 1989**

**Entered into force with respect to Ireland  
on 1 January 1986**

**Presented to Dáil Éireann by the Minister for Foreign Affairs**

## **THIRD ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION<sup>1</sup>**

The plenipotentiaries of the Governments of the member countries of the Universal Postal Union, met in Congress at Hamburg, in view of article 30, paragraph 2, of the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union concluded at Vienna on 10 July 1964, have adopted, subject to ratification, the following amendments to that Constitution.

### Article I (Article 13 amended) *Bodies of the Union*

1 The Union's bodies shall be Congress, the Executive Council, the Consultative Council for Postal Studies and the International Bureau.

2 The Union's permanent bodies shall be the Executive Council, the Consultative Council for Postal Studies and the International Bureau.

### Article II Article 16 *Administrative Conferences*

(Article 16 deleted)

### Article III Article 19 *Special Committees*

(Article 19 deleted)

### Article IV (Article 20 amended) *International Bureau*

A central office operating at the seat of the Union under the title of the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union, directed by a Director-General and placed under the control of the Executive Council, shall serve as an organ of liaison, information and consultation for postal administrations.

### Article V (Article 31 amended) *Amendment of the General Regulations, the Convention and the Agreements*

1 The General Regulations, the Convention and the Agreements shall define the conditions to be fulfilled for the approval of proposals which concern them.

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<sup>1</sup> The Constitution of the Universal Postal Union was concluded by the 1964 Vienna Congress and appears in volume III of the Documents of that Congress. The first Additional Protocol was adopted at the 1969 Tokyo Congress, and the second at the 1974 Lausanne Congress.

2 The Acts referred to in paragraph 1 shall enter into force simultaneously and shall have the same duration. As from the day fixed by Congress for the entry into force of these Acts, the corresponding Acts of the preceding Congress shall be abrogated.

#### Article VI

##### *Accession to the Additional Protocol and to the other Acts of the Union*

1 Member countries which have not signed the present Protocol may accede to it at any time.

2 Member countries which are party to the Acts renewed by Congress but which have not signed them, shall accede thereto as soon as possible.

3 Instruments of accession relating to the cases set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be sent through diplomatic channels to the Government of the Swiss Confederation, which shall notify the member countries of their deposit.

#### Article VII

##### *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 1986 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 in the archives of the Government of the Swiss Confederation. A copy thereof shall be delivered to each party by the Government of the country in which Congress is held.

**DONE** at Hamburg, 27 July 1984