

REPORT OF THE EACO LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING OF 22ND TO 24TH SEPTEMBER 2014

The East African Communications Organisation (EACO) Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (LCAC) meeting was held between 22nd and 24th September 2014 in Kigali, Rwanda. The meeting was hosted by the EACO Secretariat.

AGENDA

The following agenda was adopted:

1. Opening remarks and adoption of the agenda
2. Finalisation of draft Rules of Procedure for the Working Groups and Committees of EACO;
3. Finalisation of draft Rules of Procedure for Congress and Assemblies;
4. Opinion of LCAC on proposal for EACO to become restricted Union of UPU;
5. Review of Procedures for Imposition of Sanctions;
6. Review of Dispute Settlement Procedures;
7. Any Other Business

The proposed Agenda was adopted by all Members

1. Opening remarks and adoption of the agenda

The Chairperson welcomed members to the LCAC meeting and thanked everyone for attending. She stated that the objective of this meeting would be to focus on LCAC's action plan for the year 2014-2015.

2. Finalisation of draft Rules of Procedure for the Working Groups and Committees of EACO.

Noted 1:

The EXCOM recommended that physical meetings of EACO Working Groups and Committees should be twice a year and other meetings be conducted online.

Agreed 1:

To include in the Rules that the last meetings of Committees and Working Groups should be held at least one (1) month before the meetings of Assemblies and /or congress.

Agreed 2:

To define "online meetings" as meeting held by means of video conference /tele conference.

3. Finalisation of draft Rules of Procedure for Congress and Assemblies

Noted 2:

The proposal of the Assemblies that the term of Assemblies Chairs be two (2) years instead of one (1) year as provided in the Draft Rules.

Agreed 3:

The Draft Rules to be amended accordingly.

4. Opinion of LCAC on proposal for EACO to become restricted Union of UPU

Noted 3:

EACO becoming a restricted Union of UPU would present many advantages to EACO.

Agreed 4:

The Secretariat tables the proposal before the Assembly of Postal Operators which should pass a resolution on whether they support the process. The report of LCAC is attached as **Annex I**.

6. Review of Procedures for Imposition of Sanctions

Noted 4:

The procedures are developed pursuant to Article 23 of the EACO Constitution.

Agreed 5:

To submit the draft procedures for imposition of sanctions to EXCOM for consideration.

Agreed 6:

Since the Congress meeting will be held every two years to take any decision related to sanctions, the Congress to delegate some of its powers to EACO Secretariat for easy implementations of the procedures.

Agreed 7:

The Secretariat in collaboration with LCAC to identify powers of Congress that can be delegated and prepare an instrument of delegation.

7. Review of Dispute Settlement Procedures

Agreed 8:

To review and finalize the Dispute Settlement Procedures in the next LCAC Meeting.

8. Conclusion:

The chairperson thanked the members for their contribution and active participation in the meeting and encouraged the Members to prepare for and attend the next meetings in the coming year.

Lucky W. Kulecho
Chairperson