

8. Universal Postal Union (UPU)

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The Acts of the UPU²³⁸ consist of the *Constitution of the UPU*, the *General Regulations of the UPU*, the *Universal Postal Convention* (and its Final Protocol), the optional *Postal Payment Services Agreement* (and its Final Protocol), as well as any Additional Protocols thereto; such a definition also comprises the *Regulations to the Universal Postal Convention* (and their Final Protocol) as well as the *Regulations to Postal Payment Services Agreement* (and their Final Protocol).

Insofar as the Acts of the UPU are concerned, it is important to emphasize that these Acts do not require a minimum number of approvals, acceptations, ratifications or accessions. Accordingly, they enter into force on the date specified therein as decided by the relevant UPU body (*i.e.* the Congress or, in the case of the aforementioned Regulations, the Postal Operations Council) adopting such Acts.

The UPU has not, to date, resorted to the provisional application of those Acts in the manner contemplated in article 25 of the *Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties*. This is also the case for treaties to which the UPU is a party.

²³⁸ As defined in article 21 of the Constitution of the UPU.