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To:

- Designated operators of Union member countries
- Members of the World Association for the Development of Philately Management Committee
- Directors and Heads of Philately Services
- The United Nations Postal Administration

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Subject: Commemorative stamp issue – 100th anniversary of the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (FIP)

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Universal Postal Union (UPU), through the activities of the World Association for the Development of Philately (WADP), is pleased to support the initiative of the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (FIP) to mark its 100th anniversary in 2026.

As a founding member of the WADP and a long-standing partner of the UPU in promoting philately worldwide, the FIP plays a key role in strengthening cooperation between designated operators and the philatelic community.

Designated operators are invited to commemorate this milestone by issuing a special stamp or souvenir sheet, in collaboration with their national philatelic federation where possible.

Further details on the initiative, including use of the official FIP centenary logo and contribution to a multi-national stamp collection, are provided in the attached invitation letter.

The UPU International Bureau encourages all designated operators to take part in this celebration of global philatelic heritage.

Yours faithfully,


Vladyslav Dubenko
Director of Logistics



In 2026, the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (FIP) will celebrate its 100th anniversary. To mark this historic milestone, a special FIP Centenary logo has been created. The FIP wishes to invite Union member countries and their designated operators to celebrate this special occasion through a commemorative stamp issue. Where possible, this initiative should be undertaken in collaboration with the respective FIP member (National Philatelic Federations of each country).

The Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (FIP) was founded in 1926. It grew from a society of a handful of European Philatelic Federations to a Federation with a network throughout the world with more than 90 regular FIP members.

The aims of FIP are:

- to promote stamp collecting and philately
- to maintain friendly relations and friendship among all peoples
- to establish and maintain close relations with the philatelic trade and postal administrations
- to promote philatelic exhibitions by granting Patronage and Recognition

One of the irreplaceable roles of FIP in promoting worldwide philately is giving FIP Patronage for World Stamp Exhibitions (WSE), and FIP Recognition to continental exhibitions.

Should any postal administration wish to use the FIP Centenary logo to one of their stamp issues for 2026, please contact first your local FIP Member <https://www.f-i-p.ch/fip-organisation/member-federations/> and write to FIP to obtain the high-resolution file.

To commemorate its 100th anniversary, the FIP intends to compile a unique multi-national collection of the special souvenir sheets or commemorative stamps issued by each postal administration in collaboration with their respective FIP Member.

These sets will be redistributed in 2026 to all contributing members. In this regard, we kindly request that 100 sets of the special souvenir sheets or commemorative stamps be sent to the FIP office for this purpose at the following address:

Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (FIP)
Ms Kelly Ong
Secretary General
Privy Box No. 920682
Singapore 929292

Designated Operators must ensure that the official guidelines for use of the Centenary logo are followed. These guidelines are available upon request, and Operators are kindly invited to share the final artwork of any souvenir sheets or commemorative stamps with FIP at kelly@f-i-p.ch.

The final artwork of each souvenir sheet and/or commemorative stamp will also be uploaded on the FIP Centenary website and credited to the respective Designated Operator.

We would be very pleased if you would commemorate this extraordinary centenary, celebrating 100 years of commitment to the development and promotion of philately worldwide. Thank you very much.

Prakob Chirakiti
FIP President