



PRESS RELEASE

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UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION (UPU): JEAN-PAUL FORCEVILLE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE POSTAL OPERATIONS COUNCIL

After a long campaign of 18 months due to the postponement of the initial Congress in Abidjan scheduled for 2020, Jean-Paul Forceville from Le Groupe La Poste was elected President of the Postal Operations Council of the Universal Postal Union on Thursday 26 August. He won 26 votes to 22 against his Chinese opponent Mrs. Dong Hongmei, whom he greets warmly. Jean-Paul Forceville's application was supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Economy, Finance and Recovery.

In addition, France was re-elected to the Council of Administration and the Postal Operations Council alongside 47 other member countries.

An international recognition

These victories attest to the confidence placed by the 192 member countries of the UPU, Le Groupe La Poste and Jean-Paul Forceville to carry out future developments in the postal sector. As a reminder, the Universal Postal Union is a specialized agency of the United Nations with its headquarters in Bern, the capital of Switzerland. Founded in 1874, it is one of the oldest international organizations and is the main forum for cooperation between postal sector players.

Within UPU, the Council of Administration ensures the continuity of work between Congresses, supervises the Union's activities and deals with regulatory, administrative, legislative and legal matters, while the Postal Operations Council is the UPU body responsible for technical and operational matters.

A 43rd year of expertise dedicated to the postal sector

Elected for a four-year term, Jean-Paul Forceville will carry his vision of the UPU, based on multilateralism and dialogue, and will contribute to overcoming tomorrow's challenges for a postal world that is to be more digital and supportive in a social and environmental way.

"It is an honor to have been elected to this position. I would like to thank all the countries for the trust they have placed in Le Groupe La Poste and in France. We will all work together to defend UPU's virtuous and ambitious objectives in the interests of its members, customers and citizens." has declared Jean-Paul Forceville.

About Le Groupe La Poste :

La Poste is a state-owned public limited company, a subsidiary of Caisse des Dépôts and the French State. Le Groupe La Poste is divided into four business units: Services-Mail-Parcels, Retail customers and Digital Services, GeoPost and La Banque Postale which, with its subsidiary CNP Assurances, is a European leader in banking and insurance as well as green finance. La Poste has been carbon neutral since 2012 and delivers 17.9 billion items worldwide (letters, printed advertising media and parcels), 6 days a week. Committed to its regional coverage, the Group has 17,000 retail outlets (post offices, local postal agencies, La Poste Relais outlets) and 15,000 points of access to a postal service (PickUp points, business centres, lockers and parcel drive service). In 2020, Le Groupe La Poste generated €31.2 billion in revenue (40% outside France) and had a headcount of almost 249,000, in 48 countries over 4 continents, of which 190,000 in France. Through its strategic plan "La Poste 2030 -



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Committed for you”, the public company has set itself the goal of becoming the leading European platform for links and exchanges, providing digital, people-oriented, green and socially-responsible services for the benefit of its customers in their projects, and the transformation of society as a whole.

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