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PARCEL POST AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

Preamble

The undersigned, by virtue of the authority vested in them, have concluded the following Agreement.

Article 1. Purpose of the Agreement

The Agreement shall govern the exchange of parcels between the United States of America and the Hungarian People's Republic, including any areas for which the postal administrations of these countries exercise parcel post responsibilities.

Article 2. Definitions

As used herein the following terms shall have the indicated meanings:

1. Administration - an abbreviated form used to refer to one of the postal administrations of the countries signatory to this Agreement;
2. Chapters, articles, and sections - chapters, articles, and sections of this Agreement, except in the case of articles when the context indicates a reference to an article inserted or which can be inserted into a parcel;
3. Convention - the Universal Postal Convention² enacted by the Congress of the Universal Postal Union from time to time and adopted by the countries signatory to this Agreement;
4. Detailed Regulations of the Convention - the Detailed Regulations of the Universal Postal Convention enacted by the Congress of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) from time to time and adopted by the countries signatory to this Agreement;
5. Exchange office - an international parcel post exchange office;

¹ Came into force provisionally on 11 May 1979 by signature, and definitively on 8 August 1979 by the exchange of correspondence indicating its ratification or approval, in accordance with article 45 (1) and (2).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1005, p. 53.

6. Gold franc - the postal monetary standard established in the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union¹ adopted in Lausanne on July 5, 1974, as amended from time to time; provided, however, that the administrations may agree by correspondence to adopt any monetary standard replacing the gold franc which may be established by the Universal Postal Union and any amounts or rates established in gold francs under this Agreement shall be converted into the new standard on a directly proportionate basis;

7. Ordinary parcel - an uninsured parcel;

8. Office of origin - the post office which receives the parcel from the sender;

9. Office of destination - the post office serving the destination address;

10. References to the regulations of either administration or to the internal legislation of either country are to the general regulations or legislation governing that matter which are applicable regardless of the country of origin;

11. Service - the service for the exchange of parcels established by this Agreement.

Part I. Charges and fees

Article 3. Composition of the charges and fees

1. The charges and fees which administrations are authorized to collect from the senders and addressees of parcels shall be made up of the principal charges in article 4 and, where appropriate, of:

- (a) the air charges mentioned in article 5;
- (b) the supplementary charges mentioned in articles 6 and 7;
- (c) the charges and fees mentioned in article 20, section 5;
- (d) the non-postal fees mentioned in article 8.

¹United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 611, p. 7. For the texts of the Additional Protocols amending the Constitution, see vol. 810, p. 7, and vol. 1005, p. 7.

Article 4. Principal charges

1. Each administration shall fix the principal charges to be collected from senders.

2. The principal charges shall be closely linked with the rates and dues referred to in articles 31 through 35.

Article 5. Air charges

1. Each administration shall fix the charges to be collected from the sender for forwarding parcels by air.

2. Air charges shall be uniform for the whole of the territory of a country of destination whatever the routing used.

Article 6. Insured parcels

1. The charges on insured parcels established by the internal regulations of the administration of origin shall be collected from the sender in advance.

2. In addition, either administration undertaking to cover risks of force majeure shall be authorized to collect a charge for risks of force majeure.

Article 7. Supplementary charges

Administrations shall be authorized to collect the following supplementary charges:

(a) charge for presentation to Customs and for collection of customs duty to be collected by the administration of destination; the charge shall be collected at the time of delivery of the parcel to the addressee;

(b) storage charge on each parcel which has not been taken possession of within the prescribed period; this charge shall be collected by the administration which effects the delivery or return, on behalf of the administration in whose service the parcel has been kept beyond the prescribed period;

(c) advice of delivery charge, when the sender asks for an advice of delivery in accordance with article 16;

(d) inquiry charge, mentioned in article 24;

(e) charge for a request for withdrawal from the post or alteration of address;

(f) charge for cover against risks of force majeure, if the administration covers risks of force majeure;

- (g) charge for a certificate of mailing, when a sender asks for a certificate of mailing for an ordinary parcel;
- (h) charge for the return of a parcel to origin which may be collected by the administration of origin from the sender;
- (i) delivery charge; this charge may be collected by the administration of destination for each attempted delivery of the parcel at the address;
- (j) repacking charge; due to the administration of the first of the countries in whose territory a parcel has to be repacked in order to protect its content; it may be recovered from the addressee or, where appropriate, the sender.

Article 8. Non-postal fees

1. The administration of destination shall be authorized to collect, from the addressee, the customs duty and other non-postal fees payable on each item delivered in the country of destination.

2. Each administration shall ensure that the customs duty and other non-postal fees are canceled in the case of a parcel:

- (a) returned to origin;
- (b) redirected to a third country;
- (c) abandoned by the sender;
- (d) lost in its service or destroyed because of total damage of the contents; or,
- (e) rifled or damaged in their service. In these cases, cancellation of fees shall be requested only to the value of the missing contents or the depreciation suffered by the contents.

Article 9. Service parcels

Parcels relating to the postal service shall be exempt from all postal charges if exchanged between the two postal administrations or their post offices.

Part II. Operation of the service

Chapter I. Acceptance requirements