

Dear Sir/Madam,

The designated operator of **NAMIBIA**, Namibia Post Ltd, asks me to inform the designated operators of UPU member countries of the following:

"Namibia Post Ltd takes this opportunity to confirm and underline that, in accordance with the national legislation of Namibia and article 8 of the Universal Postal Convention, Namibia Post Ltd represents the sole official authority and only designated operator on the territory of Namibia that is entitled to issue and circulate postage stamps in the name of Namibia as per the country's legislation.

"Indeed, Namibia Post Ltd has recently discovered, thanks to the philatelic community, that a series of two minisheets is being sold and distributed over the Internet as stamps produced by Namibia Post Ltd (please see Annex 1). Namibia Post Ltd confirms that these are illegal issues and are not valid as evidence of the payment of postage. Namibia Post Ltd strongly denounces and condemns the designing, printing and selling of such illegal stamp issues. This regrettable activity is causing moral and economic harm to this country. The unscrupulous individuals responsible for these acts are seeking to undermine the country's reputation and good name by circulating postage stamps which they claim have been issued by Namibia.

"Consequently, Namibia Post Ltd is calling upon the cooperation, solidarity and support of all member countries of the Universal Postal Union and its bodies to prohibit the sale and circulation of the illegal stamps according to their own laws and regulations, as well as the provisions of the Universal Postal Convention, and to help Namibia to take all necessary and appropriate measures to bring the perpetrators of this crime to justice. The continued production and sale of illegal issues is a dangerous activity which is not only harmful to the philately and the reputation of the country concerned, but also detrimental to all countries and the wider postal sector."

Yours faithfully,

Murray Buchanan
Director of Regulation, Economics and
Markets

Annex 1

