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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Joint Standing Committee on Treaties

Public Hearing

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## Universal Postal Union Amendments

Australia's ongoing participation in the international postal system will be discussed at a public hearing today with federal parliament's [Joint Standing Committee on Treaties](#).

The Universal Postal Union, a UN Agency which oversees rules governing the reciprocal exchange of international mail, would like Australia to ratify a series of amendments to its constitution and the conventions guiding the flow of international mail.

Committee Chair, [Mr Stuart Robert MP](#), said Australia has been a Member of the Universal Postal Union since 1907.

"Participation in the Universal Postal Union enables Australian's postal agency Australia Post to contribute to international policies and regulations governing international mail," Mr Robert said.

"We'll be discussing the proposed amendments with the relevant government agencies to ensure that ratifying them will safeguard Australia Post's interests and empower it to continue to pursue benefits for Australian consumers."

### Public hearing details:

**11.00am – 11.30am, Monday 5 February 2018**

**Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra**

**11.00am: Universal Postal Union Amendments**

Department of Communications and the Arts

**11.30am: Close**

The hearing will be broadcast live at [aph.gov.au/live](http://aph.gov.au/live)

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