

Press Release

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PRC Hosts First International Postal Regulatory Dialogue in Washington, D.C.

Washington, DC – On March 4 and 5, Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) Chairman Dan G. Blair convened the first-ever “Postal Regulatory Dialogue” at the PRC office in Washington, D.C. to promote greater sharing of information and best practices among postal regulators at an interactive and practical level. Attendees included postal regulators from the State Post Bureau of the People’s Republic of China, Ecuador’s National Postal Agency, Japan’s Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, and ANACOM, the National Communications Authority of Portugal. Also in attendance were representatives of the European Commission.

“This Dialogue was designed to build relationships and strengthen channels of communication among postal regulators,” said Chairman Blair. “Over the past two days, we created a positive framework for a global community of postal regulators. I see great value in continued dialogue among regulators at a global level.”

Participants presented the status of postal reform in their country or region and the role of the regulator. Additional discussions focused upon issues of primary importance to postal regulators, such as universal service, ratemaking and costing, and quality of service. Highlighting the value of the Postal Regulatory Dialogue, Mr. Xu Jianzhou, Deputy Director General of the State Post Bureau of China, said, “In my view, dialogues such as this among postal regulators are absolutely helpful. This is a platform on which we can exchange information, share our experiences, and promote cooperation. It is my hope that this dialogue will continue, either on a regular or ad hoc basis.”

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