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United Arab Emirates – Illegal issue of
postage stamps

Dear Sir/Madam

The postal administration of the **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** wishes to inform the postal administrations of UPU member countries and WADP members of the following:

"The Emirates Post has once again been the victim of a pirating operation involving the issue of postage stamps bearing the name of Ras-al-Khaimah and Sharjah (United Arab Emirates). These include three 50-fil stamps featuring important places in the emirates of Ras-al-Khaimah and Sharjah, in addition to the Rotary Club symbol.

"Several unidentified, unscrupulous individuals are seeking to undermine the trust that our country enjoys by circulating postage stamps which they claim have been issued by the United Arab Emirates. This regrettable activity is causing moral and economic harm to our country.

"The Emirates Postal Corporation, which represents the sole authority entitled to issue and circulate postage stamps under the country's legislation, denounces and condemns these reprehensible actions and will take appropriate measures to thwart this attempt to usurp its rights, a violation of the Acts of the UPU.

"We also call on the solidarity of all Union member postal administrations and their partners to combat this dangerous activity which is harming our sector of activity.

"For future action in this matter, you are asked to contact Ms. Eman Mohammed Al Khaja, who heads the philately department at Emirates Post (Tel: +971 4 203 1443), or Mr. Khaled Auda, philatelic coordinator at Emirates Post (Tel: +971 4 203 1368, Fax: +971 4 203 1372)."

Yours faithfully,

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