

Dear Sir/Madam,

The designated operator of **KIRIBATI**, Kiribati Post, asks me to inform the designated operators of UPU member countries of the following:

"Kiribati Post has recently discovered that the series shown in Annex 1 are being sold and distributed as stamps produced by Kiribati Post. Kiribati Post confirms that these are illegal issues and are not valid as evidence of the payment of postage. The UPU strongly denounces and condemns the designing, printing and selling of such illegal stamp issues. This regrettable activity is causing moral and economic harm to Kiribati.

"Consequently, Kiribati Post 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 in accordance with their own laws and regulations, as well as the provisions of the Universal Postal Convention, and to help Kiribati to take all necessary and appropriate measures to bring the perpetrators of the illegal stamps to justice. The continued production and sale of illegal issues is a dangerous activity, which is harming not only philately and the reputation of the country concerned, but is detrimental to all countries and the wider postal sector."

Yours faithfully,

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Markets

