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THIRTEENTH SERIES OF TEXTS SUBMITTED
TO THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Article 14

Forms of Paid Service Indications

§ 1 and § 2. (Fifth series of blue sheets)

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§ 2 bis. The following paid service indications serve to identify the category of telegram: =Etat Priorité Nations=, =Etat Priorité=, =Etat=, =OBS=, =Urgent=, =RCT=, =Presse=, =ELT=, =ELTF=, =LT=, and =LTF=.

§ 3. If there are several paid service indications in a telegram, the indications identifying the category of the telegram shall come first. In an urgent RCT telegram, the indication =Urgent= shall precede the indication =RCT=.

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§ 4. The paid service indications that may be used, and abbreviated forms in which they shall be transmitted, are shown in the following list:

Telegram to or from the United Nations 1)	=Etat Priorité Nations=
Government telegram with priority	=Etat Priorité=
Government telegram without priority	=Etat=
Urgent telegram	=Urgent=

1) See numbers 778 to 782 bis

Telegram concerning persons protected in wartime by the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949	=RCT=
Reply paid x	=RPx=
Collation	=TC=
Telegraphic notification of delivery (telegram with)	=PC=
To follow	=FS=
Telegram to be forwarded at the sender's request from (name(s)) of the place(s) of reforwarding	=FS de x=
Telegram redirected at the addressee's request from.. (name(s)) of the place(s)) of reforwarding	=Réexpédié de x=
x addresses	=TMx=
Communicate all addresses	=CTA=
Express	=Express=
Express paid	=XP=
Post	=Poste=
Registered post	=PR=
Poste restante	=GP=
Poste restante registered	=GPR=
Airmail	=PAV=
Registered Airmail	=PAVR=
Telegraph restant	=TR=
Telegram to be delivered on a de luxe form on a happy occasion	=LX=
Telegram to be delivered on a de luxe form on an occasion of mourning	=LXDEUIL=
Telegram for personal delivery	=MP=
Day delivery	=Jour=
Night delivery	=Nuit=

Telegram for which delivery
on a specified date has
been requested =Remettre x=
Telegram for which delivery
by telephone has been
requested =TFx=
Telegram for which delivery
by telex has been requested =TLXx= *)
x days =Jx=
Radiotelegram to be retrans-
mitted by one or two mobile
stations at the sender's
request =RM=
Press telegram =Presse=
Meteorological telegram =OBS=
Letter telegram of the
European system =ELT= or =ELTF= 1)
Letter telegram of the extra-
European system =LT= or LTF= 1)

289 In an urgent press telegram, the indication =Urgent=
shall precede the indication =Presse=.

289 § 5. In a multiple telegram, the paid service indications
identifying the category of the telegram, and the indication
=TC= shall be written only once before the indication =TMX=.
The indication =CTA=, if applicable shall be written once
after the indication =TMX=.

289 The other service indications shall be written before
the address to which they relate.

*} Plenary Assembly decision of 18 November 1958.

1) See numbers 745 to 748

Article 59

Multiple Telegrams

§ 1. (1) Any telegram may be addressed either to several addressees in the same locality, or in different localities served by the same telegraph office, or to the same addressee at different abodes in the same locality or in different localities served by the same telegraph office. For this purpose, the sender shall write before the address the paid service indication "x addresses" or =TMx=. The name of the office of destination shall appear once only, at the end of the address.

(2) In telegrams addressed to several addressees, instructions regarding the place of delivery, such as an exchange, railway station, market, etc., must appear after the name of each addressee. Similarly, in telegrams for a single addressee at several abodes, the name of the addressee must appear before each designation of a place of delivery.

§ 2. The use of the paid service indications shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions of 71.

§ 3. (1) A multiple telegram shall be charged as a single telegram, all the addresses being reckoned in the number of words.

(2) In addition to the rate per word, a fee of one franc (1 fr.) shall be charged in the case of multiple telegrams of all kinds for the preparation of each copy containing not more than fifty chargeable words.

(3) For copies containing more than fifty chargeable words, the fee shall be one franc (1 fr.) for the first fifty words, and fifty centimes (0 fr. 50) for each additional fifty words or fraction thereof.

(4) The charge for each copy shall be reckoned separately, on the basis of the number of chargeable words which it is to contain. The number of copies to be prepared shall be equal to the number of addresses.

287 § 4. (1) Each copy of a multiple telegram must bear only the address proper to it, preceded, if necessary, by:

a) one of the following paid service indications:

=Urgent=, =SEM=, =Presse=, =ELT=, =NAT=, =LT=, =LTF=, =Etat priorité Nations=, =Etat priority=, =Etat=, as well as the indication =TC=;

b) other paid service indications concerning the addressee and written before the address . (71).

(2) The paid service indication =TMx= must not appear on it, unless the sender has requested the contrary. Such request must be included in the number of charged words and must be expressed by the indication =CTA=. Each copy of the multiple telegram must then bear, in addition to the indications =TMx= and =CTA= and the address proper to it, all the other addresses. Those shall be reproduced after the signature, or in the absence of a signature, after the text; they shall be preceded by the indication "telegram also addressed to ... (other addresses)".

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§ 5. (1) In the copies to be delivered, or to be redirected, the number of words appearing in the preamble to the telegram shall be altered to agree with the number of words on each copy.

(2) It shall be the altered number of words which shall be charged for when redirection takes place. The

indication "Telegram also addressed to ...", together with the following addresses shall be included in this number of words.

§ 6. The provisions of this article shall not be binding on administrations or recognized private operating agencies which notify that they do not accept them.

Article 60

Telegrams to be delivered by Express,
by Post or by Air-Mail

I, General Provisions

§ 1. Telegrams addressed to localities served by international telecommunication channels may be forwarded by express, by post or by air-mail only by a telegraph office of the country in which these localities are situated.

§ 2. (1) Telegrams addressed to localities not served by international telecommunication channels may be delivered at their address from a telegraph office of the country in which the locality of destination is situated, either by post, or, if these services exist, by express or by air-mail.

(2) Nevertheless, delivery may be effected by such means from a telegraph office of another country when the country of destination is not connected to the international telecommunication system or when the locality cannot be reached by the telecommunication system of the country of destination.

II. Telegrams to be delivered by Express

§ 3. By express is meant any mode of delivery more rapid than the post, when delivery takes place outside the area of free delivery of telegrams.

§ 4. Administrations or recognized private operating agencies which have organized an express service for delivery of telegrams shall notify, through the General Secretariat, the amount of the delivery charge to be paid at the time of handing in the telegram. This sum must be a fixed and uniform charge for each country. Where, however, an Administration or a recognized

private operating agency requests it, in the case of particular offices, special express charges may be noted against the names of the offices concerned in the International List of Telegraph Offices.

§ 5. (1) A sender who wishes to pay the fixed charge notified for express delivery shall write before the address of the telegram the paid service indication "Express paid" or =XP=.

287 (2) If he wishes the express charge to be collected from the addressee, he shall enter on his telegram the paid service indication =Exprès=. He must, however, guarantee the express charge to be collected from the addressee.

287 § 6. If the addressee of a telegram bearing the paid service indication =Exprès= refuses to pay the express charge, the telegram shall nevertheless be delivered. The office of destination shall inform the office of origin of the fact by an advice drawn up in the following form:

"425 fifteenth (number, date in words) exprès Durand (name of addressee) delivered, express charges not paid collect XP (the fixed express charge notified by the Administration or the recognized private operating agency concerned) or collect ... (indicate the charge to be collected if the Administration or recognized private operating agency concerned admits the special service Exprès but not the special service XP)".

287 § 7. When an unsuccessful attempt has been made to effect express delivery of a telegram bearing the paid service indication =Exprès=, the office of destination shall add to the non-delivery advice prescribed by 459, the note "Collect XP (the fixed express charge notified by the Administration or recognized private operating agency concerned) or the indication "Collect ... (indicate the charge to be collected if the Administration or

recognized private operating agency concerned admits the special Exprès service but not the special service XP)".

III. Telegrams to be Delivered by Post
or by Air-Mail

§ 8. A sender who wishes his telegram, addressed to a locality beyond the international telecommunication channels, to be forwarded by post, must write, before the address, the paid service indication: =Poste= if the telegram is to be forwarded as an ordinary letter; =PR= if the telegram is to be forwarded as a registered letter; =PAV= if the telegram is to be forwarded by air-mail.

§ 9. The name of the telegraph office from which the telegram is to be forwarded by post or air-mail must be placed immediately after the name of the locality of final destination; for example, the address: "Poste (or =PR=) Lorenzini Poggiovalle Teramo" would mean that the telegram was to be forwarded by post from Teramo to Poggiovalle, a locality not served by telegraph.

§ 10. Telegrams to be delivered by post or by air-mail shall be subject to the following supplementary charges, both for delivery within the country of destination and for forwarding to another country:

Ordinary post: paid service indication =Poste=: no surcharge;

Registered post: paid service indication =PR=: forty centimes (0 fr. 40);

Air-mail paid service indication =PAV=: sixty centimes (0 fr. 60);

Registered airmail: paid service indication =PAVR=: one franc (1 fr.).

§ 11. The telegraph office of delivery shall be entitled to use the post:

- a) if the telegram contains no indication as to the means of delivery to be used;
- b) when the means indicated differ from the method adopted and notified by the Administration or recognized private operating agency of delivery;
- c) when express delivery charges would have to be collected from an addressee who has previously refused to pay similar charges.

§ 12. The use of the post shall be compulsory for the office of destination:

- a) when the addressee has specially requested this form of delivery (533);
- b) when the sender has specially requested this form of delivery (§ 8) and when the addressee has not expressed the desire to receive his telegrams by express;
- c) when the ~~office~~ of destination has not a more rapid means at its disposal.

§ 13. Telegrams to be forwarded to destination by post, which are posted by the telegraph office of delivery, shall be treated in accordance with the following provisions:

- a) those bearing the paid service indication =Poste= or =GP= or bearing no paid service indication relative to postal delivery, shall be posted as ordinary letters without charge to the sender or addressee; telegrams addressed poste restante may, however, be subject to a special surcharge for delivery (456);
- b) those received with the paid service indication =PR= or =GPR= shall be posted as registered letters duly stamped if necessary;

- c) those received with the paid service indication =PAV= shall be handed to the air-mail service bearing, if necessary postage stamps to the amount of the surcharge applicable to an ordinary letter to be conveyed by air-mail.

§ 14. When a telegram which is to be forwarded as a registered letter cannot at once be registered without missing the next mail, it shall first be posted as an ordinary letter, and a copy shall be sent as a registered letter as soon as possible.

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§ 14 bis. Telegrams to be sent or to be delivered by post shall be considered as postal correspondence from the moment they are surrendered to the postal service.

Article 61 (Unchanged)De Luxe Telegrams

§ 1. (1) The service of de luxe telegrams shall be admitted optionally between the countries of the Union.

(2) The service shall be organized by special arrangements between the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned, and any supplementary charge for the service shall not enter into the international accounts. These arrangements shall specify, in particular, the different occasions on which these telegrams may be used.

§ 2. For de luxe telegrams sent on happy occasions, the sender must write before the address the service indication =LX=; in the case of de luxe telegrams sent on an occasion of mourning, he must write before the address the paid service indication =LXDEUIL=.

CHAPTER XIX

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Semaphore Telegrams. Delete the Chapter (Article 72)

(N.B. As a consequence all references to SEM telegrams wherever they appear in the Regulations should also be deleted.)

CHAPTER XX (Unchanged)

RADIOTELEGRAMS

Article 73

Radiotelegrams.

The special provisions applicable to radiotelegrams are contained in the Radio Regulations and in the Additional Radio Regulations

CHAPTER XXI (Unchanged)

MONEY ORDER TELEGRAMS
AND POSTAL CHEQUE TELEGRAMS

Article 74

Money Order Telegrams
and Postal Cheque Telegrams

§ 1. The issue, wording and payment of money order telegrams and postal cheque telegrams shall be regulated by special international agreements.

§ 2. If the locality in which the post office of payment is situated has no telegraph office, the money order telegram must bear the indication of the post office of payment and that of the telegraph office which serves it.

§ 3. Money order telegrams and postal cheque telegrams may be admitted at the rate of charge for letter telegrams, subject to the application of the provisions of Article 82. They shall bear the paid service indication =ELT= or =LT=.

§ 4. In postal cheque telegrams, the only special services admitted shall be the following : urgent (=Urgent=) and collation (=TC=).

§ 5. The transmission of money order telegrams and postal cheque telegrams between Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies admitting them shall be subject to the same rules as other kinds of telegrams, and subject to the provisions of 356, 357, 384 to 388, 396 and 424.

Article 83 (continued)

§ 1. to § 4. (Doc. No. 288 - Twelfth Series of Texts)

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§ 4 bis. (1) Government telegrams for which the sender desires priority in transmission must bear the paid service indication =ETAT PRIORITE=.

(2) Government telegrams for which the sender does not request priority in transmission must bear the paid service indication = ETAT = which, if necessary, is officially inserted by the office of origin.

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§ 5. (1) Telegrams bearing the paid service indication = ETAT PRIORITE = shall be dealt with, in the order of transmission, immediately after SVH telegrams (Art. 72 bis) and the ADG service advices relating to serious interruptions in telecommunication channels.

(2) Telegrams bearing the paid service indication = ETAT = shall be dealt with, in the order of transmission, as ordinary telegrams.

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§ 6. (1) Exceptionally, and subject to the application of Articles 36 and 46 of the Convention, Administrations shall take the necessary steps for a special priority over all other telegrams, including those bearing the paid service indication = ETAT PRIORITE = mentioned in Article 37 of the Convention to be granted to telegrams relative to the application of the provisions of Chapters VI, VII and VIII of the United Nations Charter, exchanged in an emergency, between the President of the Security Council, the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Chairman of the Military Staff Committee, the Chairman of a regional sub-committee of the Military Staff Committee, a representative to the Security Council or to the General Assembly, a Member of the

Military Staff Committee, the Chairman or the Principal Secretary of a committee set up by the Security Council or the General Assembly, a person performing a mission on behalf of the United Nations, a minister member of a Government, or the Administrative Head of a trust territory designated as a strategic area. Such telegrams shall be accepted only if they bear the personal authorization of one of the officials mentioned above.

(2) The sender of these telegrams must write the paid service indication = ETAT PRIORITE NATIONS = before the address.

For the attention of the Editorial Committee as regards the English text.

§ 7. In the absence of private arrangements or regional agreements concluded under Articles 41 and 42 of the Convention, = ETATS =, = ETAT PRIORITE = and = ETAT PRIORITE NATIONS = telegrams shall be charged as for ordinary private telegrams.

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§ 8. Government telegrams which do not fulfil the conditions stated in Articles 10 and 11 shall not be refused, but they shall be reported by the office which observes the irregularities to the Administration to which it is subject.

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§ 9. (1) Telegrams bearing the paid service indication = ETAT PRIORITE = or = ETAT PRIORITE NATIONS = shall bear the abbreviation "S" at the top of the preamble; telegrams bearing the paid service indication = ETAT = shall bear the abbreviation "F" at the top of the preamble.

(1) bis. These abbreviations shall be officially inserted by the office of origin or, in case of omission in transmission, by the transit office.

§ § 10. to 12 (Document No. 288)

CHAPTER XXVII

TELEGRAPH SERVICE CORRESPONDENCE

Article 84 (unchanged)

Telegraph Service Correspondence

Telegraph service correspondence includes :

- a) service telegram;
 - b) service advices;
 - c) paid service advices.
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Article 85

Service Telegrams and Service Advices1. General Provisions

§ 1. Service telegrams and service advices must be used only in urgent cases and must be worded as briefly as possible. Administrations, recognized private operating agencies and telegraph offices shall take all necessary steps to diminish, so far as possible, the number and length of these messages.

§ 2. They shall be expressed in French when the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned have not agreed to use another language. The same rule shall apply to service notes accompanying telegrams.

§ 3. They shall be transmitted free in all relations except in the cases specified in 794 and in Article 86¹⁾.

§ 4. Their nature shall be indicated by one of the service instructions prescribed in 363.

§ 5. The provisions of this Article shall not be considered as authorizing the free transmission, by mobile radiotelegraph stations, of service telegrams relating exclusively to the telegraph service, nor the free transmission over the telegraph system of service telegrams relating exclusively to the service of mobile stations, nor the free transmission by any telecommunication route of service telegrams on the business of a competing route.

1) It is agreed, temporarily and provisionally, that recognized private operating agencies shall not be obliged to accept free of charge service telegrams originating in or destined for the United States and Canada or in transit through the United States or Canada that do not concern operation of the telegraph service and have not been sent by or addressed to an Administration or recognized private operating agency actually operating an international telegraph service.

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§ 6.(1) 2) By agreement between the Administrations or recognized private operating agencies concerned, the free use of the telephone service may in cases of absolute necessity be authorized by these Administrations or recognized private operating agencies for the transmission of service telegrams and service advices and for the exchange of calls relating to the working of the international telegraph service. These calls shall then be regarded as service calls.

(2) 2) By way of reciprocity, the agreements mentioned in the preceding sub-paragraph may provide that, in the same relations and under the same conditions of absolute necessity, the telephone service may use free of charge the telegraph service conducted by the Administrations or recognized private operating agencies for the despatch of telegrams relating to the working of the international telephone service. These telegrams shall then be regarded as service telegrams.

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§ 7. (1) Service telegrams shall be those which are exchanged between :

- a) Administrations;
- b) recognized private operating agencies;
- c) Administrations and recognized private operating agencies;
- d) Administrations and recognized private operating agencies on the one hand and the Secretary-General on the other;

and relating to public international telecommunication.

(2) The Chairman of the Administrative Council, the Secretary-General of the Union, the Director of the C.C.I.T.T., the Director and the Vice-Director of the C.C.I.R. and the Chairman of the I.F.R.B. are authorized to send free of charge,

2) Provisions common to the Telegraph and Telephone Regulations.

to Administrations or recognized private operating agencies, service telegrams relating to the official business of the Union.

(3) Service telegrams must contain in the preamble the name of the office of origin, the number, the number of words and the date and time of despatch. Their address shall take the following form :

"....(sender) à....(addressee and destination);

Example : Gentel à Burinterna Genève".

They shall not bear a signature.

§ 8. Administrations and recognized private operating agencies must use a registered address for service telegrams(91).

§ 9. The text of service telegrams may be expressed in secret language in all relations.

III. Service Advices

§ 10.(1) Service advices shall relate to details of service or to the working of lines and telegraph offices and to transmissions. They shall be exchanged between telegraph offices and shall bear neither address nor signature.

(2) They shall preferably be worded by using the code expressions appearing in Appendix No. 1 to these Regulations.

(3) The destination and the origin of these advices shall be given only in the preamble which shall be drawn up as follows :

"A Lyon Lilienfeld 10 15 1045 (number of words, date and time of handing in)...(then follows the message of the sending office)".

(N.B.: The attention of the Editorial Committee is drawn to the fact that it will be necessary to carry the modification incorporated in the above example into all similar examples shown in the Regulations).

(4) Important offices may add to the name of the place of origin the name, in abbreviated form, of the branch issuing the advice, for example : "A Paris Berlin Nf (Nachforschungsstelle - Tracing Branch) 15 1045 (date and time of despatch)". This addition must appear in the reply, thus : "A Berlin Nf Paris 15 1345."

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§ 11.(1) Service advices relative to a telegram already transmitted shall repeat all the particulars necessary to facilitate the tracing of the telegram, especially the office number or the serial number, or both, if both appear in the preamble of the original telegram, the date (the name of the month shall be given only in cases of doubt), the route given in the original telegram, the name of the addressee, and, if necessary, the full address. When the original telegram bears a serial number only, the office concerned must take care to substitute the office number for it when the advice reaches the country of destination.

(2) When there are several direct routes between two telegraph offices, it should be stated, so far as possible, when and by which route the original telegram was forwarded and the service advices should be forwarded, so far as possible, by the same route.

(3) If interruptions have intervened on the route followed by the original telegram, the retransmitting office shall mark the service advice "dévié". In addition, the service advice must include particulars of transmission of the original telegram. In this case, the answering service advice must be transmitted by the same route as the original service advice if the route followed by the original telegram has not yet been re-established at the time when the answering service advice is sent.

(4) If intermediate offices cannot obtain without delay the information necessary for acting on service advices, they must send them on at once *).

(5) After immediate retransmission of these advices, however, intermediate offices must make any necessary enquiries and take any necessary action.

§ 12. When a transit office can, without inconvenience or delay, collect the necessary information for acting on a service advice, it shall take steps to prevent the unnecessary retransmission of the advice; otherwise it shall send on the advice to its destination.

*) Referred to the Editorial Committee in connection with Proposal No. 569 of the Belgian Congo.

Article 86

Paid Service Advices

§ 1. (1) During the minimum period of preservation of records as fixed by Article 95, the sender and the addressee of any telegram which has been transmitted or is in course of transmission, or a person duly authorized by either of them, may have information obtained or instructions given by telegraph about the telegram, after first, if necessary, establishing their status and identity.

(2) They may also, with a view to correcting a telegram which they have sent or received, have it repeated, wholly or partially, by the office of destination or origin or by an intermediate office.

(3) With the exception of the cases provided for in 818 to 820, they must deposit the following sums:

1. The cost of the telegram (at the ordinary rate) conveying the request;
2. If necessary (822), the cost (at the ordinary rate) of a reply retelegram.

(4) These telegrams (request and reply) shall be termed "paid service advices".

§ 2. (1) When the addressee asks for a repetition, he shall be required to pay only the established charge for each word to be repeated; this charge shall always be at the ordinary rate, based on the rules regarding the counting of words (Chapter VI), regardless of the nature of the telegram (urgent, etc.).

(2) The charge for each word to be repeated, which shall be paid by the addressee, shall cover the cost of both the request and the reply paid service advice (822). The minimum charge shall be one franc fifty centimes (1 fr. 50c.).

§ 2. (3) When the addressee asks for a repetition with a view to a correction, Administrations and recognized private operating agencies shall be free not to collect a charge.

§ 3. Rectifying, completing and cancelling telegrams, and all other communications relating to telegrams, already transmitted or in course of transmission, must, when they are addressed to a telegraph office, be exchanged solely between the offices in the form of paid service advices, at the expense of the sender or addressee.

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§ 4. (1) Paid service advices shall be denoted by the service instruction ST; they shall be sent, so far as possible, by the same route as the telegram to which they relate. Those sent at the request of the addressee, to obtain the repetition of a message believed to be incorrect, shall always involve a reply by telegram, without the need for using the paid service indication =RPx=. In other cases, where a reply by telegraph is desired, that indication must be used, and a charge for a reply of seven words must be collected.

The paid service indication =RPs= shall be obligatory, even if the Administration or recognized private operating agency sending the paid service advice avails itself of the option provided for in 843.

(2) Deleted.

§ 5. (1) The following examples show the form in which service advices should be prepared in the cases mentioned below:

a) correction or completion of the address:

"ST Paris Bruxelles 365 (number of paid service advice) 8 (number of words) 17 (date) 10.15 (time) = 315 twelfth François Rueroyale 138 (number, date in words, name and address of addressee of original telegram) deliver (or read)...(state the correction)";

- b) correction or completion of text:
"ST Paris Vienne 26 (number of the paid service advice) 11 (number of words) 17 (date) 10.15(time) = 235 thirteenth Kriechbaum Rueroyale 138 (number, date in words, name and address of addressee of telegram to be corrected) replace three (cardinal number in words corresponding to the place occupied in the text by the word to be replaced) 20 (word of the text to be replaced) by 2000";
- c) request for repetition of part or whole of the text:
"ST Calcutta Londres 86 (number of paid service advice) 9 (number of words) 17 (date) 10.15(time) via Empiradio = 439 fifteenth Brown (number, date in words, name of addressee of telegram to be wholly or partly repeated) one fnobk four holba nine muklo (words to be repeated in the text of the original telegram, each preceded by the cardinal number in words corresponding to the place occupied in the text) or word (or...words) after....or text";
- d) partial or complete repetition of the text requested by the addressee to be furnished after consulting the sender:
"ST Paris Helsinki 68 (number of paid service advice) 6 (number of words) 17 (date) 10.15(time) = 651 twentyfourth Kansallispankki (number, date in words, name of addressee of the original telegram) three 4500 (text word of the original telegram to be repeated) POSAG 1) (consult sender) or PYHOP 1) (if this agrees with original consult sender)";

1) Since the use of the code expressions shown in "Codes and abbreviations for the use of the international telecommunication services" is merely recommended, these abbreviations are given only as examples.

e) cancellation of a telegram:

"ST Paris Berlin 126 (number of paid service advice)
8 or 12 (number of words) 17 (date) 10.15 (time)
=RPx= 285 sixteenth Grunewald rue Voltaire 18
(number, date in words, name and address of the
addressee of the telegram in question) cancel or
cancol do not inform addressee";

f) request for information:

"ST Londres Berlin Nf 40 (number of paid service
advice) 17 (number of words) 17 (date) 10.15(time)
=RPx= 750 twentysixth Robinson 27 Kingsroad (number,
date of handing in, in words, name and address of
addressee of the telegram in question) confirm
delivery sender without reply inform addressee";

g) Deleted.

(2) The reply to a paid service shall be denoted by the service instruction RST. The text of the reply shall comprise: the number of the original paid service advice, the date of the original paid service advice (in words), the name of the addressee of the original telegram, followed by the information to be given to him. For instance, the replies to the paid service advices quoted in the examples 827 to 830 would take the following form:

"RST Londres Caloutta 40 (number of reply paid service advice) 6 (number of words) 17 (date) 10.15 (time) =via Empiradio = 86 (number of original paid service advice) seventecnth (date of original paid service advice in words) Brown (name of addressee) fnobk, holba, muklo (the three words of the original telegram of which repetition was requested)".

"RST Helsinki Paris 450 (number of reply paid service advice) 5 (number of words) 17 (date) 10.15 (time) = 68 (number of original paid service advice in words) Kansallispankki (name of addressee) 4500 (word repeated) PITUG 1) (sender's confirmation)".

"RST Berlin Paris 53 (number of reply paid service advice) 4 (number of words) 17 (date) 10.15(time) = 126 (number of original paid service advice) seventeenth (date in words) Grunewald (name of addressee) cancelled".

"RST Berlin Paris 53 (number of reply paid service advice) 8 or 7 (number of words) 17 (date) 10.15 (time) = 126 (number of original paid service advice) seventeenth (date in words) Grunewald (name of addressee) already delivered addressee not informed or already delivered addressee informed".

"RST Berlin NF London 456 (number of reply paid service) 8 (number of words) 18 (date) 10.15(time) =40 (number of original paid service advice) seventeenth(date of original paid service advice in words) Robinson (name of addressee) delivered twenty-seventh 1805 (date in full, exact time of delivery) addressee informed".

(N.B. The attention of the Editorial Committee is drawn to the need for the similar alteration of comparable texts in the other parts of the Regulations).

- 1) Since the use of the code expressions shown in "Codes and abbreviations for the use of the international telecommunication services" is merely recommended, these abbreviations are given only as examples.

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§ 6. In the paid service advice (ST), the words to be repeated or corrected shall be quoted as received; they shall be described by cardinal numbers in words indicating their place in the text of the telegram, irrespective of the rules of charging.

§ 7. When the words of which repetition is requested are indistinctly written, the office of origin, before giving a repetition, shall consult the sender. If he cannot be found, the office of origin shall add to the repetition a note as follows: "writing doubtful".

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§ 8. (1) When the repetition relates to a telegram received at the office of origin by telephone or private telegraph wire, the office, before giving a repetition, shall ask the sender to repeat the words in question. If the sender cannot be consulted at once, a provisional repetition shall be given from the copy of the telegram at the office of origin. The repetition shall bear at the end of the text the special information "CTESN" (correction will follow if necessary). The office of destination shall inform the addressee of the meaning of this expression.

(2) The same procedure shall be followed when the addressee of the telegram has asked for the sender to be consulted (838).

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(3) When the sender, upon consultation, corrects one or more words in the text of the original telegram, the office shall give the desired repetition as corrected by the sender; it shall add the indication "NODHE" ¹⁾ to the service advice accompanied by an indication written out in full, of the number of words corrected by the sender, for which the charge is not to be refunded. For instance: "NODHE one" "NODHE two" etc.

1) "Sender's error" in the Marconi Service Code.

§ 9. (1) Even in cases other than those contemplated in 834 and 835, the office of origin may, upon the special demand of the addressee, consult the sender regarding the words of which repetition has been requested by the addressee. In such case, the text of the original paid service advice must bear the special instruction POSAG¹⁾ (consult sender) or PYHOP¹⁾ (if identical with original copy consult sender). The applicant must pay for such an advice, a fee of two francs (2 fr.) which shall be retained by the Administration or recognized private operating agency which forwards the advice.

(1 bis) However, when the request is made by the expression PYHOP¹⁾ (if in accordance with the original copy consult sender), this surcharge may, if desired, be collected only when the service advice of reply bears the indication NODHE (sender's error) or PYTUG¹⁾ (confirmation given by the sender) (832).

(2) The provisions of 837 shall be applicable when the words repeated are not the same as they were in the telegram.

§ 9 bis. Modifications introduced by means of paid service advices do not affect the number of words announced in the preamble of telegrams transmitted as far as the establishment of accounts is concerned, except when they involve the addition of one or more words to such telegrams. In this case, the office of origin may collect only the charge for the paid service advice from the sender, but he must correct the number of words in the original telegram by entering the code expression CODUN... in the paid service advice. Hence the telegrams in question will be shown in the international accounts with the number of words thus corrected.

1) Since the use of the code expressions shown in "Codes and Abbreviations for the use of the international telecommunications services" is merely recommended, these abbreviations are given only as examples.

§ 10. (1) The various communications relative to telegrams already transmitted, of which mention has been made in this Article, may be made by post, through the medium of the telegraph office of origin or delivery.

(2) Such communications shall always be impressed with the stamp of the office formulating them. They shall be forwarded at the expense of the applicant, by ordinary letter or under registered cover, as requested by him. The applicant must also pay the cost of a reply by post when he requests one; in that case the Administration or recognized private operating agency of destination shall frank the reply.

§ 11. The charges for service advices which are the subject of this Article shall be refunded in accordance with the conditions prescribed in Article 87.

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§ 12. The provisions of 814 to 816, 819, 823, 838 and 839 relating to rates for paid service advices shall not be compulsory for Administrations and recognized private operating agencies which declare that they do not wish to apply them. If in application of this provision, no charge is collected for a service advice emitted for the purpose of adding words to a telegram which has already been transmitted or is being transmitted (new § 9 bis), the person asking for the transmission of such an advice must nevertheless pay for the corresponding charge of the words added; and the office of origin shall consequently correct the number of words in the telegram (number 839 bis).

Article 95

Archives

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§ 0. The originals of telegrams and the relevant documents relating to the handing in, transmission and delivery which are retained by the Administrations or recognized private operating agencies shall be preserved until the accounts relative thereto are settled and in any case, for at least six months counted from the month after that in which the telegram was handed in, with all precautions necessary to ensure secrecy.

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§ 0 bis. However, should an Administration or recognized private operating agency deem it desirable to destroy such documents before the above-mentioned period, and hence is not in a position to carry out an enquiry for which it is responsible for one service question or another, such an Administration or recognized private operating agency shall bear all the consequences both as regards refund of charges and difference which might be noted in international accounts.

Article 96

Inspection of Original Forms of Telegrams
Supplying Copies of Telegrams

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§ 1. (1) Subject to the exceptions contemplated in Article 32, paragraph 2, of the Convention, originals or copies of telegrams may be shown only to the sender or the addressee, after verification of their identity, or to the authorized representative of one of them.

(2) A charge may be levied by Administrations for this service.

§ 2. During the minimum period fixed for preservation of the records, the sender and the addressee of a telegram or their authorized representatives shall have the right to obtain certified copies or photographs :

- a) of this telegram;
- b) of the delivery copy, if this copy or a duplicate of it has been preserved by the Administration or recognized private operating agency of destination.

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§ 3. (1) and (2). Administrations or recognized private operating agencies may ~~fix~~ a charge for copies and photocopies of originals or of copies delivered in accordance with this Article.

§ 4. Administrations and recognized private operating agencies shall not be bound to show or to furnish copies or photographs of the documents mentioned above unless the senders, the addressees or their authorized representatives furnish the particulars necessary for tracing the telegrams to which their requests relate.

CHAPTER XXXI
GENERAL SECRETARIAT
RECIPROCAL COMMUNICATIONS

Article 97 (Unchanged)

Relations of Administrations with one another through
the medium of the General Secretariat

§ 1. The Administrations of the Union shall furnish one another with essential documents relative to their internal organization and shall inform each other of important improvements which they have introduced.

§ 2. As a general rule, the General Secretariat shall serve as the medium for these communications.

§ 3. The said Administrations shall send to the General Secretariat by prepaid letter, or in case of urgency, by telegram, a notification of all measures relative to the formation of internal and international tariffs and to changes in them, to the opening of new channels of communication and the closing of existing channels, so far as they concern the international service, and lastly to the opening, closing and changes in the service of offices. Printed or duplicated documents in this connection, issued by Administrations, shall be sent to the General Secretariat, either on the date of issue, or, at latest, on the first day of the following month.

§ 4. The said Administrations shall also send to the General Secretariat by telegraph, notice of every interruption or restoration of communication or any other abnormal circumstance affecting international correspondence. (Art. 30 of the Convention).

§ 5. They shall furnish to it, at the beginning of each year, statistical tables drawn up, as fully as possible, on the lines indicated by the General Secretariat which shall distribute forms for the purpose.

§ 6. They shall also send to the General Secretariat two copies of the various publications which they issue and which they consider likely to interest the other Administrations of the Union.

§ 7. Any Administration which finds difficulty in strictly observing the provisions of this article, shall endeavour to observe them so far as practicable.

Article 98

Work of the General Secretariat

§ 1. The General Secretariat shall compile and publish the tariff. It shall communicate to the Administrations, in due time, all information relating to it, especially that specified in 963. In cases of urgency, particularly the cases contemplated in 964, these communications shall be made by telegraph. In notifications relating to changes of rates, the communications shall be made in a form suitable for insertion, as they stand, in the body of the Tables of Rates.

289 § 2. The General Secretariat shall draw up the General Telegraph Statistics in accordance with the formula prescribed by the C.C.I.T.T.

§ 3. It shall prepare, issue and revise periodically official maps of international telecommunication channels.

§ 4. (1) It shall prepare and publish a list of telegraph offices open for international service, including radio-telegraph land stations and semaphore stations and shall issue periodic supplements to the list, notifying additions and changes to be made in it.

(2) With a view to ensuring the accuracy of the particulars in the list, Administrations shall be required to supply the General Secretariat with the names of their offices, the name of the division of territory (department, country, federal state, canton, etc.) for entry after the name of the country in the second column of the list. Only the Administrations of small countries shall be exempt from this obligation.

§ 5. The General Secretariat shall also publish a list of point-to-point radiocommunication channels.

§ 6. Besides the documents mentioned in 969 to 973, the General Secretariat shall publish the following documents:

Table A of the elementary rates of the European system (176);

Table B of the elementary rates of the extra-European system (195);

Table C of the through rates of the European system;

Table showing application of the optional provisions of the International Telegraph Regulations, the languages proper to international telegraph correspondence in plain language, legal times, etc.;

List of cables forming the world submarine network;

List of international telecommunication channels.

CHAPTER XXXII

INTERNATIONAL TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (C.C.I.T.T.)

Article 99

International Telegraph and Telephone
Consultative Committee (C.C.I.T.T.)

§ 1. The duties of the International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee (C.C.I.T.T.) shall be to study technical, operating and tariff questions relating to telegraphy, facsimile and telephony and to issue recommendations on them.

§ 2. The constitution and working arrangements of the International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee (C.C.I.T.T.) are laid down in Article 7 of the Convention and in Part II of the General Regulations annexed thereto.

CHAPTER XXXIII

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Article 100 (Unchanged)

Refusal to Apply Regulations Rates

(1) Members and Associate Members and their recognized private operating agencies which apply the rates prescribed in the Regulations and in the documents published by the General Secretariat may cease to apply these rates to Members and Associate Members and their recognized private operating agencies which do not conform to the regulation rates and to the rates notified to the General Secretariat.

(2) Members and Associate Members or their recognized private operating agencies which apply the foregoing provisions shall do so without discrimination.

Article 101 (Unchanged)

Conditions governing Private Operating Agencies.

§ 1. Recognized private operating agencies working within the frontiers of one or more countries Members or Associate Members and participating in the international service, shall be regarded, from the standpoint of this service, as forming an integral part of the telegraph system of those countries.

§ 2. The application by recognized private operating agencies of all provisions in these Regulations which are of an optional character, shall be subject to the laws, official regulations, and treaties of the country or countries in which such agencies operate.

§ 3. Other private operating agencies shall be admitted to the advantages provided by the Convention and by these Regulations on undertaking to comply with all the obligatory clauses of these Acts, and upon notification by the country which has granted the concession or authorized the enterprise. This notification shall be addressed to the General Secretariat, which shall inform Members and Associate Members.

§ 4. The undertaking contemplated in 987 must be imposed on private operating agencies which connect two or more of the contracting countries, so far as they are bound by their concession to submit, in this respect, to the obligations prescribed by the country which has granted the concession.

§ 5. Private operating agencies which apply to any one of the contracting countries for authority to connect their channels of telecommunication to the system of that country, can only obtain it by formal undertaking to submit their tariff to the approval of the country granting the concession, and to make no

modifications in the tariff, except after a notification through the General Secretariat, which notification shall not be effective until after the interval provided for in Article 29.

§ 6. Recognized private operating agencies may forward direct to the General Secretariat notifications concerning opening or interruption of channels, etc., as provided in 963 and 964. They shall not be authorized to make notifications relative to the application of the provisions of Article 30 of the Convention.

Article 102

Relations with Countries which are neither Members
nor Associate Members of the Union

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§ 1. When telegraphic relations are opened with countries which are neither Members nor Associate Members or with private operating agencies in regard to which the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article 19 of the Convention have not been applied by a Member or Associate Member, the provisions of these Regulations shall invariably be applied to correspondence in the section of the route which lies within the territories of Members or Associate Members, or which are operated by a recognized private operating agency.

§ 2. The Administrations concerned shall fix the rate applicable to this part of the route. This rate shall be added to that of the non-participating Administrations.

CHAPTER XXXIV

FINAL PROVISION

Article 103

Entry into force of the Regulations

These Regulations, which are annexed to the
Convention, shall enter into force on

In witness whereof, the respective delegates have
signed these Regulations in a single copy, which shall remain
deposited in the archives of the General Secretariat, which
shall forward a certified copy to each Contracting Government.

Done at Geneva, the 29th of November 1958

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ADMINISTRATIVE TELEGRAPH
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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

M I N U T E S

OF THE TENTH PLENARY MEETING

Tuesday, 18 November 1958, at 3 p.m.

Chairman: Dr. Haakan Sterky (Sweden)

Subjects discussed:

1. Minutes of the eighth and ninth Plenary Meetings (Documents Nos. 264 and 282).
 2. First reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations. Seventh and eighth series of blue sheets (also Document No. 275).
 3. First reading of texts of the Telephone Regulations. Sixth series of blue sheets.
 4. Possible effective date of the new Regulations; date for handing in reservations.
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Delegations from the following countries were present:

Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of); Australia (Commonwealth of); Austria; Belgium; Bielorussian S.S.R.; Burma (Union of); People's Republic of Bulgaria; Canada; Ceylon; China; Colombia (Republic of); Belgian Congo and Territory of Ruanda-Urundi; Korea (Republic of); Denmark; Group of the Different Territories represented by the French Overseas Postal and Telecommunication Agency; Spain; United States of America; Ethiopia; Finland; France; Greece; Hungarian People's Republic; India (Republic of); Indonesia (Republic of); Iran; Ireland; Iceland; Israel (State of); Italy; Japan; Jordan (Hashemite Kingdom of); Lebanon; Libya (United Kingdom of); Luxembourg; Morocco (Kingdom of); Mexico; Monaco; Norway; New Zealand; Pakistan; Netherlands, Surinam, Netherlands Antilles, New Guinea; Poland (People's Republic of); Portugal; Portuguese Overseas Provinces; Federal German Republic; F.P.R. of Yugoslavia; Ukrainian S.S.R.; Rhodesia and Nyasaland (Federation of); Roumanian People's Republic; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Sudan (Republic of the); Sweden; Swiss Confederation; Czechoslovakia; Turkey; Union of South Africa and Territory of South West Africa; Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; Venezuela (Republic of); Viet-Nam (Republic of).

The Acting Secretary-General of the Union and the Director of the C.C.I.T.T. were also present.

1. Minutes of the 8th and 9th Plenary Meetings (Documents Nos. 264 and 282).

a) Minutes of the 8th Plenary Meeting (Document No. 264).

Approved with the following amendments:

Page 2 From the list of delegations present delete: Belgian Congo and Territory of Ruanda-Urundi.

Page 5 Replace the last sentence by; "The Chairman pointed out that the Plenary Assembly had to examine Document No. 210 submitted by the delegations of Portugal and the Portuguese Overseas Provinces.

Document No. 210 was approved."

Page 18 In the 6th line of the 2nd paragraph add "in some of its relations" after "press".

b) Minutes of the 9th Plenary Meeting (Document No. 282).

Approved with the following amendments:

Page 4 Last paragraph but one, replace the last sentence by: "He welcomed the fact that item 2 of Document No. 225 had been withdrawn, since only

the Administrative Council was competent to settle that matter."

Page 5 2nd paragraph, 4th line: For: "subject to the approval of the Conference" read: "but clearly the funds had to be included in the budget of the Conference".

Page 8 4th paragraph, 2nd line, for: "delegates of Sweden and Bulgaria" read: "delegates of Sweden, Bulgaria and India".

2. First reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations. Seventh and eighth series of blue sheets

a) Seventh series of blue sheets

Article 2
(contd.)

Approved.

Article 11

§ 3. Mr. Sovet (Belgium), Chairman of Committee 1, suggested the deletion of the words "any combination of".

The delegate of Ireland considered that the deletion would make the text less clear.

Since the matter was apparently one of translation, the original text having been drafted by the U.S.S.R. delegation, it was decided to refer § 3 back to the Editorial Committee.

Subject to the above, Article 11 was approved.

Article 15

Approved, with minor drafting changes, the addition of a second example of a telephone address, and the insertion of a heading "f) Post Office Box Address" before § 17.

Chapter IX
Article 34

The Chairman pointed out that Document No. 275 was also to be examined in connection with Article 34.

The Swiss proposal in Document No. 275 was strongly supported by the delegate of the United States of America.

During the discussion, the delegate of the U.S.S.R. said that the matter was very important and any decision reached should be as far as possible unanimous. He was therefore prepared to agree to the Swiss proposal in Document No. 275. He proposed, however, that the Assembly

should adopt a resolution asking the C.C.I.T.T. to study the possibilities of slightly amending Telegraph Alphabet No. 2 to make it applicable to other countries which required more signs. The U.S.S.R. would take an active part in the work and hoped that a new alphabet could be made for the future which would give wider satisfaction than the existing one.

The delegate of the United States of America expressed his appreciation of the spirit of compromise and friendship shown by the delegate of the U.S.S.R.

The Chairman thanked the delegate of the U.S.S.R. for his excellent proposals which he had made in a spirit of cooperation. However, he would ask the delegate of the U.S.S.R. to prepare the text of a resolution to be examined by a forthcoming Plenary Meeting.

The delegate of the U.S.S.R. agreed.

Document No. 275 was approved unanimously.

As a result, the first two paragraphs and the last paragraph but one on page 56 of the blue sheets were deleted.

Subject to the above, Article 34 was approved with drafting changes.

b) Eighth series of blue sheets

Chapter XVII
Article 62

Approved, with the addition of "(Telex Service)" to the title.

Chapter XVII
bis
Article 62
bis

The delegate of Lebanon thought that the wording of paragraph 1 was somewhat clumsy and might be improved. He also suggested the addition of a paragraph reading: "The recognized private operating agencies may provide this service when they have been so authorized by their Administrations."

As there was no support for the proposal, it was not retained.

Article 62 bis was approved.

Chapter XXV
Article 82

The delegate of Ireland having pointed out that the wording of § 1 was not clear, the paragraph was referred back to the Editorial Committee.

A discussion arose concerning the paid service indication =TELEX=. It was suggested that the abbreviation =TX= should be used, but the delegate of Denmark, Mr. Sovet (Belgium), Chairman of Committee 1, and the delegate of the Federal German Republic feared that there might be confusion in transmission between =TF= and =TX=.

After a short discussion it was unanimously decided to adopt a proposal by the Chairman of Committee 1 to use the indication =TLX=.

Since the change would have to be made throughout the Telegraph Regulations, the matter was referred to the Editorial Committee.

Article 82 was otherwise approved.

Article 34
(continued)

The delegate of Italy pointed out that since it had been decided to maintain separate signales for left-hand and right-hand brackets in Telegraph Alphabet No. 2., an additional Morse signal should be established.

After a discussion, the delegate of Italy suggested that the sign _ . _ _ . be used for the left-hand bracket and the sign _ . _ _ . _ for the right-hand half bracket.

The suggestion was unanimously adopted.

Subject to the above, Article 34 (continued) was approved.

Article 36

§ 0 was deleted.

In § 11, it was decided to replace the reference to Appendix No.1 by a reference to the Book of Codes to be published by the General Secretariat.

The Editorial Committee would make a corresponding change throughout the Regulations.

Subject to the above and minor drafting changes, Article 36 was approved.

Article 37 Approved.

Article 38 Approved.

Article 39 Approved.

Article 41 Approved with drafting changes.

Article 42 Approved.

3. First reading of texts of the Telephone Regulations. Sixth series of blue sheets

Chapter II
Articles 2,
25, 33, 34,
36, 37, 38,
39, 39 bis,
40 and 41

Approved with minor drafting changes.

Chapter XI
Article 54

Approved with the addition of the List of Essential Telecommunication Terms and the List of Codes to be published by the General Secretariat.

Article 55

Approved.

Resolution
No. 2

Approved.

4. Possible effective date of the new Regulations; date for handing-in reservations

The Chairman said that, since the Conference was drawing to a close, it was necessary to reflect upon the effective date of the revised Regulations. Taking into account the work which Administrations would have to do in order to promulgate the revised Regulations to their staff and the incidence of important conferences during 1959, he felt that 1 January 1960 might be a convenient effective date for the revised Regulations. He asked delegates to think about the matter so as to be able to reach a rapid decision at a subsequent Plenary Meeting.

He also suggested that any reservations which delegations might have to make on the revised Regulations should be handed in, if possible, by the following Tuesday, 25 November, so that they could be translated and circulated for information well before the date of signature of the Final Acts.

The meeting rose at 5.35 p.m.

Rapporteur:

Secretary of the Conference:

Chairman:

H. Heaton

L.V. Lewis

Haakan Sterky

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SAUDI ARABIA, JORDAN, LIBYA, SUDAN,

UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC

RESERVATIONS RELATING TO THE TELEPHONE REGULATIONS

Chapter 6, Article 9, § 1

We hereby record our reservations against the terms of item c), of § 1 (1) of Article 9 of the Telephone Regulations.

In our opinion this item should read :

- c) the Head of a territory under trusteeship of the United Nations.

A proposal to modify the definition of Government telegrams and Government telephone calls will be submitted to the next plenipotentiary conference.

Reasons

It is fully realised that definitions referred to in Article 9 are contained in Annex 3 to the Convention and hence they can only be changed in the plenipotentiary conference. However, it is our belief that terms mentioned in § 1 (a) and (b) are sufficient to cover the purpose for which the definitions reserved against were laid down.

Therefore, it is our intention to submit the aforementioned proposal in due course for their deletion and effecting relative amendments.

We wish the above reservation to be included in the Final Protocol to the Telephone Regulations.

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SAUDI ARABIA, JORDAN, LIBYA, SUDAN,
UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC

RESERVATIONS RELATING TO THE TELEGRAPH REGULATIONS
Chapter 26, Article 83 § 1

We hereby record our reservations against the terms of item c),
of § 1 of Article 83 of the Telegraph Regulations.

In our opinion this item should read:

"c) The Head of a territory under trusteeship of the United Nations."

A proposal to modify the definition of Government telegrams and
Government telephone calls will be submitted to the next plenipotentiary
conference.

Reasons

It is fully realized that definitions referred to in Article 83
are contained in Annex 3 to the Convention and hence they can only be changed
in the plenipotentiary conference. However, it is our belief that terms
mentioned in § 1 (a) and (b) are sufficient to cover the purpose for which
the definitions reserved against were laid down.

Therefore, it is our intention to submit the aforementioned
proposal in due course for their deletion and effecting relative amendments.

We wish the above reservation to be included in the Final Protocol
to the Telegraph Regulations.

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

AGENDA

13th PLENARY ASSEMBLY

Friday 21 November, at 3 p.m.

1. Minutes of the 10th Plenary Assembly (Document No. 302).
2. First reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations, 11th and 12th series of blue sheets.
3. First reading of texts of the Telephone Regulations (8th series of blue sheets).
4. Suggested issue of a table showing relation between the Paris (1949) and the Geneva (1958) Regulations (Document No. 291).
5. Statement for inclusion in the Final Protocols (Document No. 299).
6. Reservation on the Telegraph Regulations (Document No. 297).
7. Any other business.

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AND TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
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COMMITTEE 6

RTg-E

FOURTEENTH SERIES OF TEXTS SUBMITTED
TO THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

CHAPTER XVIII

PHOTOTELEGRAPH SERVICE

The Editorial Committee is invited to refer to the Annex to Document No. 295 for the examination of Articles 63, 66 bis, 67, 68, 69, 70 and 71 of the RTg, and to Document No. 296 (Annex) for examples of counting of words.

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

PROPOSAL

The following countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, United Kingdom, Federal German Republic, Sweden, Switzerland and Yugoslavia propose that an Article 29 cqs concerning phototelegraph transmissions on circuits normally used for telephone traffic, on the same basis as Articles 29 ter and 29 qter concerning programme and television transmissions, should be introduced into the Telephone Regulations.

This article might be worded as follows :

Article 29 cqs

Phototelegraph transmissions

A phototelegraph installation operated by an Administration or by a recognized private operating agency shall be called a "public phototelegraph station". A phototelegraph installation operated by a private organization shall be called a "private phototelegraph station".

Except in case of special agreement, phototelegraph transmissions between two "private phototelegraph stations" or between a "private phototelegraph station" (outgoing) and a "public phototelegraph station" (incoming) shall be subject to the same rules of principle applicable to telephone calls.

The Administrations or recognized private operating agencies shall settle by mutual agreement the appropriate methods of effecting these transmissions, taking into account the Recommendations of the C.C.I.T.T.

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

COLOMBIA - VENEZUELA

RESERVATION

The delegations of Colombia and Venezuela at the time of signing the Telegraph Regulations, declare that they cannot accept any undertaking whatsoever in respect of the minimum of fourteen (14) words for press telegrams (Article 77, paragraph 4).

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

RESERVATIONS

PORTUGAL; PORTUGUESE OVERSEAS PROVINCES

The delegates of Portugal and of Portuguese Overseas Provinces formally declare that, while signing the Telegraph Regulations (Geneva Revision, 1958), that they will not accept, in their relations with any country, any provision or obligation imposed by such Regulations or the Appendices and Resolutions annexed thereto, which the country concerned does not itself accept without reservation.

Moreover, if certain countries fail to apply the provisions of § 4, 5 and 6 (second sentence) of the Article of the Telegraph Regulations (Geneva Revision, 1958) dealing with "The Composition of the Tariff and Monetary Equivalent", the above delegations reserve the right for their administrations to establish the equivalent, for each relation and in the two directions, of the tariff expressed in gold francs.

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ADMINISTRATIVE TELEGRAPH
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MINUTES
OF THE ELEVENTH PLENARY ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 19 November 1958 at 3.0 p.m.

Chairman: Dr. Haakan Sterky (Sweden)

Subjects discussed:

First reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations, 9th series
of blue sheets.

Delegations from the following countries were present:

Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of); Australia (Commonwealth of); Austria; Belgium; Bielorussian S.S.R.; Burma (Union of); Bulgaria (People's Republic of); Canada; Ceylon; China; Colombia (Republic of); Belgian Congo and Territory of Ruanda-Urundi; Korea (Republic of); Denmark; El Salvador; Group of the Different Territories Represented by the French Overseas Postal Telecommunication Agency; Spain; United States of America; Ethiopia; Finland; France; Greece; Hungarian People's Republic; India (Republic of); Indonesia (Republic of); Iran; Ireland; Iceland; Israel (State of); Italy; Japan; Lebanon; Libya (United Kingdom of); Luxembourg; Morocco (Kingdom of); Mexico; Monaco; Norway; New Zealand; Pakistan; Netherlands; Surinam; Netherlands Antilles; New Guinea; Poland (People's Republic of); Portugal; Portuguese Overseas Provinces; Federal German Republic; F.P.R. of Yugoslavia; Ukrainian S.S.R.; Rhodesia and Nyasaland (Federation of); Roumanian People's Republic; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Sudan (Republic of the); Sweden; Swiss Confederation; Czechoslovakia; Turkey; Union of South Africa and Territory of South-West Africa; Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; Venezuela (Republic of); Viet-Nam (Republic of).

The Acting Secretary-General of the Union and the Director of the C.C.I.T.T. were also present.

The Chairman, opening the discussion on the 9th series of texts of the Telegraph Regulations (blue sheets) said that Mr. Lewis, Secretary of the Conference, would be reading out the amendments handed in to him by certain delegations.

Mr. Lewis, Secretary of the Conference, said that there might be some amendments which he failed to read through inadvertance. He would ask the delegates concerned to be good enough to raise those points themselves if they judged them to be of importance. To save time he might also omit a few minor typographical changes concerning a single language only. Finally, he might omit a few suggestions which he believed were based on misunderstanding. In any event, the Secretariat would take careful note of all the amendments handed in and if necessary he would take an opportunity after the meeting to explain to the delegates concerned any points which he considered to be dubious.

CHAPTER VI

Article 18

§ 1 (1)

The delegate of Sweden said that in order to cover all the categories of messages transmitted, and in particular those transmitted by the telex service, the words "or dictates to the accepting officer" should be inserted after the words "his copy".

Mr. Drevet (France), Chairman of the Editorial Committee, while appreciating the argument adduced by the delegate of Sweden, felt that the word "dictate" applied to messages transmitted by telephone and not to those transmitted by telex over a private line.

The Chairman proposed that since the Swedish amendment was acceptable in substance he suggested it should be forwarded to the Editorial Committee which would take into account all possible methods of transmission.

It was so decided.

§ 4

The delegate of the U.S.S.R. thought that the indication separating each section of fifty words should be defined in the same way as in number 317 of the existing Regulations.

It was so agreed.

Subject to the above amendments, Article 18 was adopted.

Article 19

The delegates of the P.R. of Bulgaria, the Belgian Congo and the United Kingdom, and Mr. Lewis, suggested various drafting amendments which it was agreed to forward to the Editorial Committee.

The delegate of the Ukrainian S.S.R. said that he did not agree with the first part of § 3 of the English text; the text in question was likewise forwarded to the Editorial Committee.

Article 19 was adopted with these amendments.

Article 20
§ 1 a)

The delegate of the United Kingdom said that the first part of the sentence, namely "provided it is not a combination and/or a contraction of such words or any expression contrary to the usage of the language" had been omitted.

Mr. Drevet (France), Chairman of the Editorial Committee, replied that the Editorial Committee had decided by a very large majority to delete that part of the sentence.

The United Kingdom proposal was adopted.

After a discussion in which the delegates of the United Kingdom, Sweden and Canada took part an amendment was made to the French text.

§ 2 (1)

The delegate of Denmark proposed that paragraphs a), b), c) and so on be regrouped and read out the new text. It was decided to forward that suggestion, together with various drafting amendments proposed by the delegates of Colombia (Spanish text) and the United Kingdom, and by Mr. Lewis, to the Editorial Committee.

With the above amendments, Article 20 was adopted.

Article 21

Adopted without comment.

Article 22

Adopted subject to a printing correction.

Article 23

Adopted subject to certain drafting amendments suggested by the delegates of Switzerland, Belgium and the U.S.S.R., and on the understanding that the number of words in the text of the service advice in para. 4 would be inserted, if necessary, after Document No. 292, which contained a new proposal, had been examined at a forthcoming Plenary meeting.

Art 46 bis Adopted, with a drafting amendment to the French text proposed by the delegate of Switzerland.

Article 40 Adopted, with some drafting amendments proposed by Mr. Lewis and the delegates of the United Kingdom, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, the People's Republic of Bulgaria and Canada, which were forwarded to the Editorial Committee, subject to examination of Document No. 292.

The delegate of Italy made the following statement :

"At the conclusion of the examination of Chapter VI, or at least of its essential part, I should like to make some comments with regard to the counting of words.

" Italy submitted a proposal in this respect which was to some extent revolutionary in character. When we saw that the time was not yet ripe for a radical change, and that our proposal was not accepted by the majority of delegations, we withdrew our proposal. However, while appreciating the value of the work accomplished by the present Conference along traditional lines, we feel that it is impossible to consider this question as settled. We therefore intend to submit a draft resolution to the Assembly to the effect that the C.C.I.T.T. should be instructed to continue study of the question of word count."

CHAPTER XII

Article 47 Adopted, with some corrections of typing mistakes in the English text and a drafting amendment in the French text, which were forwarded to the Editorial Committee.

End of
Article 87

 The delegate of the United Kingdom proposed that sub-paragraph q bis in italics should be amended as follows: "the provisions of Nos. 858-860 shall apply; in the cases contemplated in Nos. 858-860, the special service charge and the paid service indication charge shall be refunded".

 This amendment was referred to the Editorial Committee, together with other drafting amendments proposed by the delegates of the Belgian Congo and Colombia.

 Subject to this reservation, the end of Article 87 was adopted.

Article 88 Adopted, after the words "by money order" in (§ 8) had been deleted, further to a proposal by the delegate of the Belgian Congo, supported by the delegate of Colombia.

Article 89
§ 1.(1) & (3)

 The delegate of Canada thought there was a contradiction between these two sub-paragraphs. According to § 1 (1), the Administration or recognized private operating agency had to bear the cost of refunds of charges up to an amount of 10 francs. However, according to § 1 (3), this limit did not include the "land and ship station charges (in the case of a radiotelegram)".

He quoted the case of a message sent from Montreal, or Ottawa, to a ship at sea, via a Canadian coast station to which the following per word charges would apply: 20 centimes for the land charge, 60 centimes for the coast charge and 40 centimes for the ship charge, i.e. a total of 1.20 francs per word.

Hence, if the radio proportion of the total cost of the message is not considered in the determination of the limit of 10 francs specified in § 1 (1), only the landline portion, i.e. 20 centimes would be taken into account of this purpose, so that recognized private operating agencies could be required to refund up to 60 francs without reimbursement from the Administrations or private companies operating the coast and ship stations.

The delegate of Canada therefore proposed that the words "and the land and ship station charges (in the case of a radio telegram)" should be deleted.

The delegate of the United States of America supported the proposal by the delegate of Canada.

The delegate of the United Kingdom pointed out that the difference had arisen simply because the amount of the refund had been increased from 5 to 10 francs. In the case of a message transmitted from the United Kingdom to Canada for an amount not exceeding 10 francs, he was quite certain that the United Kingdom would make the refund.

As there was no objection to the proposal by the delegate of Canada, it was decided to delete the words "and the land and ship station charges (in the case of a radiotelegram)".

Mr. Sovet (Belgium), Chairman of Committee I, pointed out that as a result of the adoption of Proposal No. 1303, submitted by Sweden, § 5 should be amended as follows: "This provision shall not apply when the refund is made by the Administration or recognized private operating agency of destination, nor when the latter is responsible for it".

This amendment was approved.

Article 89 was adopted, with the two amendments mentioned above.

Article 90

Adopted without comment.

Unnumbered

Telegrams concerning persons protected in time of war by the Geneva Conventions of 12 August, 1949.

§ 2 (1) The delegate of the Belgian Congo proposed that the words "postal notification of delivery" should be deleted.

§ 2 (2) The delegate of Belgium proposed the deletion of "(=PCP=)".

Subject to the above modifications and some drafting amendments proposed by Mr. Lewis and the delegate of China, this Article was adopted.

The meeting rose at 4.50 p.m.

Reporter:

Secretary of the Conference:

Chairman:

H. Baieff

L. V. Lewis

Haakan Sterky

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M I N U T E S

OF THE

TWELFTH PLENARY MEETING

Thursday, 20 November, 1958, at 3 p.m.

Chairman: Dr. Haakan Sterky (Sweden)

Subjects discussed:

1. First reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations (10th series of blue sheets).
 2. First reading of texts of the Telephone Regulations (7th series of blue sheets).
 3. Inclusion of a word check in the preamble of service advices (Document No. 292).
 4. Date of entry into force of the revised sets of Regulations.
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Delegations from the following countries were present:

Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of); Australia (Commonwealth of); Austria; Belgium; Bielorussian S.S.R.; Burma (Union of); Bulgaria (People's Republic of); Canada; Ceylon; China; Colombia (Republic of); Belgian Congo and Territory of Ruanda-Urundi; Korea (Republic of); Denmark; Group of the Different Territories Represented by the French Overseas Postal and Telecommunication Agency; Spain; United States of America; Ethiopia; Finland; France; Greece; Hungarian People's Republic; India (Republic of); Indonesia (Republic of); Iran; Ireland; Iceland; Israel (State of); Italy; Japan; Jordan (Hashemite Kingdom of); Lebanon; Luxembourg; Morocco (Kingdom of); Mexico; Monaco; Norway; New Zealand; Pakistan; Netherlands, Surinam, Netherlands Antilles, New Guinea; Poland (People's Republic of); Portugal, Portuguese Overseas Provinces; Federal German Republic; F.P.R. of Yugoslavia; Ukrainian S.S.R.; Rhodesia and Nyasaland (Federation of); Roumanian People's Republic; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Sudan (Republic of the); Sweden; Swiss Confederation; Czechoslovakia; Turkey; Union of South Africa and Territory of South-West Africa; Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; Venezuela (Republic of); Viet-Nam (Republic of).

The Acting Secretary-General of the I.T.U. and the Director of the C.C.I.T.T. were also present.

1. First reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations (10th series of blue sheets).

CHAPTER X
Article 35

The delegate of Belgium said that, since Committee 2 had approved the creation of a new category of telegrams, known as RCT telegrams, mention should be made of them in Article 35. He therefore proposed that the words "urgent RCT telegrams" should be inserted after "urgent private telegrams" in § 1, f), and the words "ordinary RCT telegrams" after "ordinary private telegrams" in § 1, h). He also pointed out that money order telegrams were not included in the list in Article 35, since they were regarded as coming under the heading of ordinary private telegrams or urgent private telegrams.

The Belgian proposal was adopted.

The delegate of China proposed that United Nations telegrams with special priority should be mentioned in the list after SVH telegrams. That would be in accordance with the decision taken by Committee 1.

The delegate of Belgium agreed, and proposed that such telegrams should form a new sub-paragraph, a) bis. He pointed out that, under the Buenos Aires Convention, such United Nations telegrams were to be mentioned immediately after telegrams dealing with safety of life.

The Chinese and Belgian proposals were adopted.

Article 35, thus amended, was approved.

Article 40 Approved.

Article 43 Approved, with the exception of § 9, which on the proposal of the delegate of Belgium, was reserved to allow for the introduction of an amended version which had been decided on by Committee 1.

Article 44 Approved, subject to drafting changes proposed by the delegate of Belgium.

Article 45 Approved.

CHAPTER XI

Article 46 The delegate of Denmark pointed out that Committee 1 had adopted numbers 412 and 413 of the Paris Revision of the Telegraph Regulations for inclusion in the new Article 46.

Mr. Drevet (France), Chairman of the Editorial Committee, said that the Editorial Committee had already taken note of that point, and that the corresponding additions would be made to the new Article 46.

Article 46, thus amended, was approved.

CHAPTER XXII

Article 75 The delegate of Canada said that, since the expression "radio sound and television broadcasting" had been used in Article 41 of the Telephone Regulations, he felt that it should also be used instead of the expression "radio broadcasting" in § 1 and § 2, and in § 1 and § 2 of Article 76.

The Chairman agreed that, although a matter of wording, it was an important one.

The delegate of Colombia asked whether the new expression did not conflict with the definition of a Broadcasting Service in Annex 3 to the Convention.

The Chairman, after reading aloud the definition in question, said that he did not feel that there was any conflict.

The delegate of France could not agree that the expression "radio sound and television broadcasting" should be used in Article 75 of the Telegraph Regulations. There was no analogy with what had been done in the case of the Telephone Regulations, where it was merely a question of making telephone circuits available. The facilities granted to press telegrams were for the distribution of news either in newspapers or by sound broadcasts, but he did not think that there was any practical need for extending them to television. He therefore thought that Article 75 should remain as it was.

The delegate of the Netherlands said he could not agree with the delegate of France. During the last elections in his own country, Telex messages had been shown on television screens giving the latest results.

The delegate of the United States said that he supported the Canadian proposal. There was no doubt that news received was frequently distributed by television.

The Canadian proposal was adopted.

The delegate of Belgium said that, as a result of the adoption of the Canadian proposal, a large number of paragraphs would have to be modified.

Article 75, thus amended, and subject to drafting changes proposed by the delegates of Canada and France, was approved.

Article 76 Approved, subject to drafting changes proposed by the delegate of Canada.

Article 77 Approved.

Article 78 Approved.

Article 79 Approved.

CHAPTER XXIX

Article 91 Approved.

Article 92 Approved, subject to a possible drafting change proposed by the delegate of Canada.

Article 93 Approved.

Article 94 Mr. Drevet (France), Chairman of the Editorial Committee, said that the Editorial Committee had decided to leave it to the Plenary Assembly to choose which of the two alternative wordings given in § 5 it preferred.

Mr. Langenberger (Switzerland), Chairman of Committee 3, said that Committee 3 had preferred the second alternative wording, namely "the creditor Administration or recognized private operating agency shall have the right to charge interest". He therefore proposed that that wording be adopted.

It was so agreed.

Article 94, thus amended, and subject to possible drafting changes proposed by the delegates of Switzerland, France, Sweden, New Zealand and Denmark, was approved.

Opinion Approved, subject to a drafting change proposed by the delegate
No. 6 of New Zealand.

Opinion No. 7 Approved, subject to drafting changes proposed by the delegates of Sweden and Italy.

2. First reading of texts of the Telephone Regulations (7th series of blue sheets)

Article 5 Approved.

Article 38 Approved, subject to drafting changes proposed by the delegates of Portugal, China, U.S.S.R., France and Denmark.

Article 49 Approved, subject to a drafting change proposed by the delegate of Iran.

CHAPTER X

Article 50 Approved.

3. Inclusion of a word check in the preamble of service advices (Document No. 292)

The Chairman recalled that the question of introducing a word check in the preamble of service advices had been discussed at the 21st and 22nd meetings of Committee 1 (Documents Nos. 287 and 289). A decision had been taken to include word checks. A subsequent proposal to modify the effect of the decision had been rejected, since the original proposer of the decision had said that the decision would become meaningless if the second proposal were accepted. The delegation of the United States now proposed in Document No. 292 that the Plenary Assembly should reverse the decision taken by Committee 1.

The delegate of the United States said that the gist of the arguments contained in Document No. 292 was that the advantages of introducing a word check in the preamble of service advices were not so great as the disadvantages.

The delegate of the Belgian Congo said that he wished to support the views expressed in Document No. 292, since, as he had stated in Committee 1, his Administration could not agree with the principle embodied in Proposal No. 566.

The need to count the words in service advices at the outgoing and incoming offices would undoubtedly cause hold-ups, especially during busy hours. That was all the more true when it was recalled that the number of words would be difficult to count owing to the nature of the texts of service advices.

While he agreed that standardization was a desirable aim, it no longer remained so when it led to complications.

The delegate of Italy recalled that Proposal No. 566 had been adopted by Committee 1 by 31 votes to 4 with 3 abstentions, and that an amendment by the Belgian Congo to make its provisions optional had been rejected by a large majority.

He had on those occasions explained the reasons which had led the Italian delegation to introduce Proposal No. 566. The first reason was that it had been introduced in the interests of greater accuracy. If no check were made, it was impossible to discover omissions in transmission. The second reason was that the Italian delegation felt that there should be standardization in the matter of word checks. Word checks were compulsory for ordinary telegrams, and in many relations there were two checks in the preamble. One of the objects of the proposal had therefore been to standardize a system which was already partly in force. He felt that he should point out that the technical difficulties mentioned in Document No. 292 did not reflect a normal situation everywhere, and that in many American exchanges, service advices were transmitted with word checks. He therefore felt that Proposal No. 566 should be retained.

The delegate of Switzerland said that he supported the views expressed in Document No. 292.

The delegate of China said that his delegation had supported the principle of standardization. The problem of word checks in service advices, however, was a purely practical one. Service advices were often very important and enjoyed priority over press and other private telegrams. It was therefore essential that they should be handled with speed. There was no doubt that carrying out a word check would delay handling.

Moreover, service advices were normally short, so that it was not difficult to notice when a word was missing. He also pointed out that for many years service advices had been transmitted without word checks, and that the absence of them had not caused difficulties.

For all those reasons, he thought that the inclusion of a word check in service advices should not be made compulsory.

The delegate of France thought that the status quo should be maintained, and that word checks be omitted from service advices.

The delegate of Italy said that, while he felt that Proposal No. 566 must be maintained, he was prepared to accept the introduction of an additional paragraph to the effect that the number of words which appeared in the preamble should only refer to actual words, without applying rules for the counting of words, and that Administrations which for technical reasons could not indicate the number of words in the preamble could do so as a note at the end of the text.

It appeared from Document No. 292 that in many American offices a typed and perforated copy of service advices was produced simultaneously, and that that process hampered the inclusion of the word check in the preamble. Most other Administrations, however, were not faced with that situation, and for them it was not a difficult or lengthy process to count the small number of words in service advices which had already been composed.

He felt that it was essential that mistakes in service advices should be reduced to an absolute minimum.

The delegate of Canada said that he supported the United States proposal. Private operating agencies in Canada did not indicate the number of words in service advices, and experience had not shown that there was any need for them to do so. He thought that the question of word checks in service advices should be optional, and not compulsory.

The delegate of the U.S.S.R. said that errors in service advices were extremely rare, and that the compulsory inclusion of word checks would only give operators extra work.

Some Administrations had said that the inclusion of a word check in service advices should be optional. He felt, however, that the same system should apply to all Administrations, and that the inclusion of a word check on an optional basis would only lead to complications. The arguments put forward in Document No. 292 were sufficient for the idea of including a word check in service advices to be rejected. Nor would the compromise proposal, which had just been made by the delegate of Italy, make matters easier for telegraph administrations, since, if it were accepted, they would have to decide on each occasion when word checks were to be included and when not. He was therefore in favour of the status quo being maintained.

The delegate of Belgium agreed that the status quo should be maintained.

The delegate of Saudi Arabia said that he agreed with the delegate of Italy that words were sometimes omitted from service advices, but since those cases were extremely rare, he supported the proposal in Document No. 292.

The delegate of the United States said that he agreed with the delegate of the U.S.S.R. that word checks should not be included in service advices even on an optional basis.

A vote was then taken on the proposal in Document No. 292 that Proposal No. 566 requiring the inclusion of a word check in service advices be rejected and that the status quo be maintained.

Result: For: 44; against: 3; abstentions: 4.

The Chairman asked the United States delegation if they would be kind enough to help the Editorial Committee in making sure that all the paragraphs of the new Regulations affected by the decision just taken were revised accordingly.

4. Date of entry into force of the revised sets of Regulations

The Chairman recalled that he had raised the question of the date of entry into force of the revised sets of Regulations at the previous meeting of the Plenary Assembly. Since no proposal had been submitted since then, he proposed that the date should be 1 January 1960.

It was so agreed.

The meeting rose at 5.15 p.m.

Rapporteur:

C. Mackenzie

Secretary of the Conference:

L.V. Lewis

Chairman:

Haakan Sterky

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

AGENDA

14th PLENARY ASSEMBLY

Monday, 24 November at 09 h 50

1. Minutes of the 11th and 12th Plenary Assemblies.
(Documents Nos. 310 and 311).
 2. First reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations, (13th series of blue sheets).
 3. First reading of texts of the Telephone Regulations (9th and 10th series of blue sheets).
 4. Reservations by Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Libya, Sudan and the United Arab Republic (Documents Nos. 303 and 304).
 5. Reservation by Colombia and Venezuela (Document No. 308).
 6. Reservations by Portugal and the Portuguese Overseas Provinces (Document No. 309).
 7. Decision on publication of Minutes of Plenary Assemblies.
 8. Proportion of cost of printing of the Final Acts to be borne by the Publications Service of the General Secretariat (see Document No. 30).
 9. Any other business.
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COMMITTEE 1

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE COMMITTEE
ON TELEGRAPH REGULATIONS

24th Meeting - 19 November, 1958

Chairman: Mr. F. Sovet (Belgium)

The meeting began at 5 p.m.

1. Article 2, paragraph 9 - Definition of service telegrams.

Recalling that the definition of service telegrams had been deferred during an earlier meeting, the Chairman said that, in his opinion, it was not necessary, in principle, to define service advices and paid service advices as this type of correspondence consisted merely of exchanges of notes between offices.

Accordingly, he proposed the following definition for service telegrams:

" Telegrams exchanged between:

- a) Administrations;
 - b) recognized private operating agencies;
 - c) Administrations and recognized private operating agencies;
 - d) Administrations and recognized private operating agencies on the one hand and the Secretary-General on the other;
- and relating to international public telecommunication. "

The Committee approved this text without discussion.

2. Appendix No. 1 of the Regulations

The Chairman said that Appendix No. 1 of the Telegraph Regulations should be deleted in view of the issue by the I.T.U. of the publication "Codes and abbreviations for the use of the International Telecommunication Services"; and proposed that in Appendix No. 1 should be inserted the examples of word counting as they appear in the annex to Document No. 296.

It was agreed accordingly.

3. Approval of the Summary Record of the 21st Meeting (Document No. 287)

The following corrections are necessary:

- a) Page 1 : § 4. Slight amendment to the French text.
- b) Page 2 : § 6, lines 3 and 4; Read "Italy and Yugoslavia, this proposal was withdrawn in favour of Proposal No. 478 of the Belgian Congo, which had the same object".
- c) Page 2 : § 8 a; a slight amendment of the French text.
- d) Page 3 : § 16, 2nd line; a slight amendment of the French text.
- e) Page 4 : § 18, 4th line: read "Proposal No. 565 had been satisfied."
- f) Page 5 : § 27: a slight amendment of the French text.
- g) Page 6 : § 36; a slight amendment of the French text.
- h) Page 9 : Article 59, 557 - § 4 a), paid service indications to be re-ordered as follows:
=Etat priorité Nations=, =Etat priorité=, =Etat=, =Urgent=,
=Presse=, =ELT=, =ELTF=, =LT=, =LTF=, as well as the
indication =TC=;
(The indications =SEM= is thus deleted in accordance with a
request by the delegate of the U.S.S.R.)
- i) Page 10 : Article 60, 576 - § 10; in line 1 read "=PAVR=" instead of
"=PR=PAV=" (English text only)
- j) In all ST and RST examples shown on pages 13 to 15, paragraphs
825 to 832, replace the indication of time "10.15" by "1015".

Arising out of an observation by the delegate of China, who pointed out the question of an indication of the time of "handing-in" did not arise in the case of service advices, the following corrections must be made to paragraph 36 of the Summary Record:

- line 3; instead of "service advices", read "service telegrams";
- 3rd paragraph, sub-paragraph b); instead of "all examples of service advices", read "all examples of service telegrams".

However, the Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that the question of the wording of the preambles of the various types of service correspondence and of notifications of delivery (CR) would be raised during the next Plenary Assembly Meeting.

Document No. 287 was approved subject to the foregoing amendments.

The delegate of Italy mentioned that it would be extremely useful to have the examples of service correspondence contained in the Regulations (especially in Article 86), reproduced in the typographical form already used in the "Blue sheets" for paragraph 4 of Article 23.

The attention of the Editorial Committee is drawn to this point.

4. Approval of the Summary Record of the 22nd Meeting (Document No. 289)

The following amendments to this document should be made:

- a) Page 2; line 17, delete: "Australia"
- b) Page 2: lines 19 to 21, read: "...the delegate of China that it should not be compulsory to include the indication of the number of words in ST's, received the support" instead of "... the delegate of China to extend the effect of the proposal by the delegate of the Belgian Congo, to paid service advices received the support...."
- c) Page 9: lines 20 to 22; amendment of the French text only.

At the suggestion of the delegate of India the attention of the Editorial Committee was drawn to the texts of paragraphs 778 and 779 (pages 11 and 12, Article 83) and, in particular, to the excessive length of the 1st sentence of paragraph 778.

Subject to the foregoing, Document No. 289 was approved.

An observation by the delegate of Canada, questioning the need for the retention of paragraphs 782 and 782 bis (page 12) gave rise to a discussion in which the delegates of the Belgian Congo, France, New Zealand Italy and Switzerland took part.

It was finally decided to maintain the texts of paragraphs 782 and 782 bis as they appear on page 12.

5. Approval of the Summary Record of the 23rd Meeting (Document No. 296)

- a) Page 2: line 5, amendment to French text necessary.
- b) Page 7: Article 24, No. 158, 2nd line. Amendment to French text only.

- c)(i) Page 7: Article 34, 223 bis, (2) first line: instead of "full number" read "whole number" (English text only)
- (ii) Page 7: Article 34, 223 bis (2) 2nd last line: instead of "2-0/0" read "2-0/00" (English text only)
- (iii) Page 7: Article 34, 223 bis, last line: instead of "4¹/₂" read "4-1/2-0/00"
- (iv) Page 7: Article 34, para.245 (2), first line: instead of "full number" read "whole number" (English text only)
- d) Page 9: Opinion No. 1: the attention of the Editorial Committee is drawn to the fact that the Committee declared itself to be in favour of deleting the "consideranda" 2, 3, 4, and 5, but that the final decision must depend on the decision taken by Committee 3 on the subject.

Document No. 296 was approved subject to these amendments, but the following corrections which concern Appendix 1 only, require to be made:

Corrections in the English text

Page 11 : line 2, delete "Article 24".

Page 11 : II - 4th example: read "transmit" instead of "transit".

Page 12 : II - 3rd example: read "Saintjamesstreet" instead of "Saintjamestreet".

10th example: read clearly "Eastthirtysixstreet".

Page 13 : III- 2nd example: read "(transmit 15/A)" instead of "(transmit 15/a)".

Page 13 : III- last example: read "1021 A/5 (transmit 1021/A/5)(6 characters)" instead of "1021 A/5 (transmit 1021A/5 (6 characters)".

Page 14 : IV - 9th example: delete "(exceptional case-figures in name of telegraph office)"

Page 14 : IV - 10th example: immediately following "LondonW1" add "(exceptional case-figures in name of telegraph office)".

Page 15 : V - 5th example from end: read reference as follows "21 § a)(1)".

Page 15 : V - 4th example from end, close bracket after "444,55".

Page 16 : VI - 5th example: read "G _ H _ F _" instead of "G.H.F."

Page 16 : VI - 7th example: read "GHFquarantecinq" instead of
"quatrevingtcing".

Page 17 : VII- 9th example: read "dls50" instead of "dis50".

Page 18 : Footnote, 3rd line: after the word "question", insert a comma.

Page 19 : Note 1), 3rd line: after the word "question", insert a comma.

Note 2), 3rd line: after the word "necessary" insert a comma,
(similarly with note 2) on page 20).

Page 19 : B - after the bracket grouping the last three examples, insert
"2)".

Page 20 : IX - 3rd example, reference should read "21 § 1 a)(1) and
20 § 1 a)".

Reporters:

J. Dupuoy
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Chairman:

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

NOTIFICATION OF REVISED TERMINAL AND
TRANSIT RATES IN THE EUROPEAN SYSTEM

In consequence of the revision by the present Conference of Article 27 of the Telegraph Regulations, Administrations and recognized private operating agencies of the European system may wish to alter their terminal and transit rates. When these changes are known, Administrations and recognized private operating agencies will have to compile revised rate schedules showing the new gold franc rates and their apportionment between the Administrations or recognized private operating agencies concerned. In order that these schedules may be available at the date of the entry into force of the revised Regulations it would be desirable for the Plenary Assembly to fix the date by which the revised terminal and transit rates should be notified to the General Secretariat. To this end the attention of the Assembly is invited to the draft Resolution annexed hereto.

Annex : 1

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A N N E X

RESOLUTION No. ...

REVISED TERMINAL AND TRANSIT RATES FOR
TELEGRAMS IN THE EUROPEAN SYSTEM

The Ordinary Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference,
Geneva, 1958

Having amended

certain of the provisions of the Telegraph Regulations concerning
terminal and transit rates in the European system;

Decides :

that all Administrations and recognized private operating agencies
should inform the General Secretariat by * at the latest, of
their terminal and transit rates which will be applied in the European
system as from 1st January, 1960, and, if appropriate, the total rates per
word, in order that these may be communicated to all Members and Associate
Members, for the compilation of tables to be used by the offices in their
respective countries and for the purposes of international accounting.

* Date to be decided by Plenary Assembly.

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PLENARY MEETING

DELEGATION OF COLOMBIA

RESERVATION

The delegation of the Republic of Colombia, in signing the Telephone Regulations, declares that it cannot accept any obligations with respect to Articles 30, §§ 6 and 7; 33, § 1, and 34, § 2, of the said Regulations.

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION
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PLENARY MEETING

CHINA

RESERVATION

In signing the present Telegraph Regulations, the delegation of China declares to reserve the right of not to undertake in entirety the provisions of Article 40 § 1 j) and Article 43 § 3 in view of the fact that telegrams in four figure groups taken from the Official Telegraph Dictionary of the Chinese Administration are widely used in China.

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

DELEGATION OF COLOMBIA (REPUBLIC OF)

R E S E R V A T I O N

The Delegation of the Republic of Colombia, at the time of signing the Telegraph Regulations, declares that it does not accept any obligation imposed by Article 26, § 4 on Parity of rates in the two directions, or by § 6 on Monetary Equivalents.

In addition, the Delegation declares that it reserves the right to establish a minimum of less than fourteen (14) words for Press Telegrams (Article 26, § 3, of the Regulations).

NOTE:

The articles and paragraphs referred to are those in the Paris Regulations.

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Submitted by the Delegation of the Soviet Union

Study of the possible modification of the
International Telegraph Alphabet No. 2

The Ordinary Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference,
held in Geneva in 1958,

considering

1. that the reservation of the "figures" position in combinations 6, 7 and 8 of the International Telegraph Alphabet No. 2 for internal service requirements does not satisfy the needs of Administrations using a national alphabet having a greater number of letters than that available in the existing Alphabet No. 2;
2. that to bring the methods of operation used in the internal service into line with those employed in the international service, at least two additional combinations must be allotted from the figure case in Alphabet No. 2 to internal service requirements;

invites the C.C.I.T.T.:

1. to study the possibility of modifying the International Alphabet No. 2 in such a way as to make at least two additional signals from the figure case available to Administrations for their internal requirements;
2. to submit the results of such study to the next Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference.

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

ITALY

COUNTING OF WORDS IN TELEGRAMS

The delegation of Italy, while appreciating the work accomplished by the T.T. Conference at Geneva, 1958, to improve the regulations relating to the wording of telegrams and the counting of words, considers that the question can not as yet be regarded as altogether satisfactorily settled.

The difficulty of applying such regulations as well as the harmful effects they may have on service economy and on relations with telegraph users, are, in the opinion of the Italian delegation, due exclusively to the method of word-counting which remains closely linked to the old criterion, whereby the telegram is charged for on the basis of the meaning of the words and not on the actual amount of work entailed in its transmission.

The Italian delegation considers that the C.C.I.T.T. should make a further study of the question with a view to seeking a new solution for a telegram charging system better suited to meet the interests of the telegraph service.

Consequently, the Italian delegation would like to submit the following draft resolution to the Conference for approval:

Resolution No. ...

Study by the C.C.I.T.T. of the method of word-counting

The ordinary administrative telegraph and telephone conference, Geneva, 1958,

considering

- that the regulations in Chapter VI of the Telegraph Regulations relating to the counting of words, although they have been carefully revised, still present certain difficulties both in operation and to users;
- that these difficulties are due to certain standards for the wording of telegrams set out in Chapter V of the Telegraph Regulations, namely to the fact that the method adopted is still linked to the principle of the meaning of the words and expressions contained in the telegram;
- that these rules as a whole may constitute an obstacle to the development of telegraph traffic and moreover give rise to very heavy service correspondence between telegraph exchanges;

instructs

the C.C.I.T.T. to pursue its study concerning the counting of words taking account of the proposals submitted to the Telegraph and Telephone Conference at Geneva, 1958.

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

DECLARATIONS AND RESERVATIONS OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WITH RESPECT TO THE
INTERNATIONAL TELEGRAPH REGULATIONS (GENEVA REVISION, 1958)

1. The United States of America formally declares that the United States of America does not, by signature of the Telegraph Regulations (Geneva Revision, 1958) on its behalf, or by ratification thereof, accept any obligation in respect of the application of any provision of the Regulations to service within the United States with respect to telegrams between the United States, on the one hand, and Canada, Mexico, and Saint-Pierre and Miquelon Islands, on the other hand, and to the rates applicable to such service.
2. The United States of America formally declares that the United States of America does not accept the authority in Article 81 of the Telegraph Regulations (Geneva Revision, 1958) to restrict the reception of radiocommunications, and it expresses the hope that other Administrations will not exercise such authority.
3. The United States of America formally declares that the United States of America will permit press rates to be accorded press queries, press orders, and press administrative messages sent from the United States of America, and expresses the hope that other Administrations will permit press rates to be accorded press queries, press orders, and press administrative messages.
4. The United States of America formally declares that the United States of America does not accept any obligation in respect of the application of any provision of the Telegraph Regulations (Geneva Revision, 1958) to service over telecommunication channels other than those open to public correspondence.
5. The United States of America formally declares that the United States of America does not, by signature of the Telegraph Regulations (Geneva Revision, 1958) on its behalf or by ratification thereof, accept any obligation in respect of the following provisions of the said Regulations:

Article 11, § 3, in so far as the paragraph prohibits the admission of message texts containing groups made up of combinations of letters, figures or signs which have a secret meaning, produced by automatic cryptographic processes; Article 26; Article 28; Article 29; Article 30; Article 31, §§ 2 and 3; Article 34, § 3, in reference to the figure case symbols for signals numbered 22 and 26; Article 48, § 2; Article 50; Article 51; Article 53, § 1; Article 54, § 4 (1); Article 60; Article 71, § 5; Article 77, §§ 1, 2 and 6; Article 82, § 7 (1); Article 87, § 1 (p); Article 88, § 3; Article 90, § (1); Article 94, § 6; Article 101, § 5; and Appendix 2.

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CHINA

RESERVATION

In signing the present Telegraph Regulations the delegation of China declares to reserve the right of not undertaking the provisions of Article 43 § 3 in its entirety in view of the fact that telegrams in four figure groups taken direct from the official Telegraph Dictionary of the Chinese Administration, which has been admitted as plain language, are never collated in Chinese system.

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

M I N U T E S

OF THE 13th PLENARY ASSEMBLY

Friday, 21 November, at 3 p.m.

Chairman: Dr. Haakan Sterky (Sweden)

Subjects discussed:

1. Minutes of the 10th Plenary Assembly (Document No. 302).
 2. First reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations, 11th and 12th series of blue sheets.
 3. First reading of texts of the Telephone Regulations (8th series of blue sheets).
 4. Suggested issue of a table showing the relation between the Paris (1949) and the Geneva (1958) Regulations (Document No. 291).
 5. Statement for inclusion in the Final Protocols (Document No. 299).
 6. Reservation on the Telegraph Regulations (Document No. 297).
 7. Proposal for the insertion in the Telephone Regulations of a new Article relating to phototelegraph transmissions (Document No. 307).
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Delegations from the following countries were present:

Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of); Australia (Commonwealth of); Austria; Belgium; Bielorussian S.S.R.; Burma (Union of); People's Republic of Bulgaria; Canada; Ceylon; China; Colombia (Republic of); Belgian Congo and Territory of Ruanda-Urundi; Korea (Republic of); Denmark; El Salvador (Republic of); Group of the Different Territories represented by the French Overseas Postal and Telecommunication Agency; Spain; United States of America; Ethiopia; Finland; France; Greece; Hungarian People's Republic; India (Republic of); Indonesia (Republic of); Iran; Ireland; Iceland; Israel (State of); Italy; Japan; Jordan (Hashemite Kingdom of); Libya (United Kingdom of); Luxembourg; Morocco (Kingdom of); Mexico; Monaco; Norway; New Zealand; Pakistan; Netherlands, Surinam, Netherlands Antilles, New Guinea; Poland (People's Republic of); Portugal; Portuguese Overseas Provinces; Federal German Republic; F.P.R. of Yugoslavia; Rhodesia and Nyasaland (Federation of); Roumanian People's Republic; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Sudan (Republic of the); Sweden; Swiss Confederation; Czechoslovakia; Turkey; Union of South Africa and Territory of South West Africa; Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; Venezuela (Republic of); Viet-Nam (Republic of).

The Acting Secretary-General of the Union was also present.

1. Minutes of the 10th Plenary Assembly (Document No. 302).

These Minutes were approved.

2. First reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations, 11th and 12th series of blue sheets.

11th series of blue sheets.

Article 46
(continuation).

The delegate of Bulgaria felt that in order to ensure the homogeneous presentation of the Regulations it would be desirable to print the service instructions "Fil", "Anten", mentioned in § 7 (1), in heavy type. The same applied to service indications such as =TR=, =TF=, =TLX=, or =Urgent=, =Remettre=, etc., mentioned in Article 49, § 2, Article 50, § 1 (1) and (2), or § 3 (1), (1 bis), § 4 (2) etc., and in various articles in the 12th series. He would submit a list of these cases to the General Secretariat.

The delegate of Belgium took this to be a new proposal. He recalled that it had been agreed that the service instructions themselves would be printed in heavy type, and the accompanying explanations in italics.

The Chairman suggested it should be left to the Editorial Committee to review this matter.

It was so decided.

CHAPTER XIV

Article 49
§ 2 The delegate of Belgium said that, to bring the text into line with the decision taken at an earlier stage, SVH telegrams should be put first. Moreover, in the French text, the expression "bureaux ou centraux télégraphiques" used in paragraph 1 should likewise be used in paragraph 2.

With these minor amendments, Article 49 was adopted.

CHAPTER XV

Article 50 The delegate of China pointed out that in paragraph 3 (1 bis) the paid service indication =Remettre x (date) = had been translated and appeared as =Deliver x (date)= in the English text. He wished to know which of these two indications would be used in the Regulations.

The delegate of Belgium recalled that in principle all paid service indications were always in French.

It was so decided.

Subject to the above amendment to the English text and a printing correction suggested by the delegate of Switzerland, Article 50 was adopted.

12th series of blue sheets

Article 51

§ 1 (1) The delegate of the Belgian Congo requested that the term "deceased" should be deleted from the example of service advice given in the second paragraph, for it was not the job of the Administration to inform the sender that the addressee had died. Should a mother who had no news of her son be informed of his death in this brutal fashion? The Administration of the Belgian Congo discarded such telegrams and it was obvious that in these conditions no claim would ever be submitted for non-delivery of the service advice.

The Chairman consulted the Assembly and it was decided to delete the word "deceased" in the fourth line of the example of service advice.

§ 1, § 2

Mr. Sovet (Belgium), Chairman of Committee 1, stated that in accordance with the proposal by Japan (Proposal No. 567) adopted by Committee 1, the date could be written either in figures or in words. That led to certain difficulties regarding the wording of the examples given in the Telegraph Regulations. The Editorial Committee had proposed that the date should be written alternatively in figures or in words. It would in any case be desirable to delete the term "in words", wherever it appeared, after the word "date" in the Regulations.

Mr. Drevet (France), Chairman of the Editorial Committee, explained that Committee 1 had taken that decision after the Editorial Committee had finished its examination of Article 51; however, the necessary corrections would be made.

The delegate of the Belgian Congo regretted the decision taken by Committee 1. Up to the present, the date in words in the middle of the collection of words and figures constituting the preamble had been the only indication which could be directly understood. He did not wish to raise the matter in a plenary meeting, but felt he ought to express his regret at the decision that had been taken.

The delegate of Belgium shared those regrets, but pointed out that in practice the date was very often written in figures, even in the Belgian Congo.

The delegate of Italy mentioned that it was the custom in Italy for the figure indicating the date to be followed by a fraction bar.

§ 6 (2)

The delegate of Denmark considered that the term "telegraphic" should be deleted in front of "notification of delivery" since it had previously been decided to delete the term "postal" in the same case.

Mr. Sovet (Belgium), Chairman of Committee 1, shared this viewpoint.

§ 9

The delegate of the U.S.S.R. pointed out that it would be desirable to delete the reference to numbers 673-677 of the Regulations mentioned at the end of § 9, since they concerned semaphore telegrams.

Subject to deletion of the words "deceased" and "telegraphic", the reference to numbers 673-677 and with drafting amendments, Article 51 was adopted.

CHAPTER XVI

Article 52 § 2 The delegate of Denmark proposed that the words "beyond the telegraph limits" in paragraph 2 be replaced by "by express, by post or by air mail".

Mr. Sovet (Belgium), Chairman of Committee I, approved the amendment.

Article 52, as amended, was adopted.

Article 54 Adopted with minor drafting amendments and the deletion of the word "him" in the third line of § 2, suggested by the delegate of Canada.

Article 55 Unanimously adopted.

Article 56 § 4 After an exchange of views in which the delegates of Switzerland, United Kingdom, Belgium, China, Bulgaria, Sweden and Norway took part, it was decided to replace the text of paragraph 4 by the following :

"The notification of delivery shall be transmitted in the following form :

"CR Paris Berne 315 (number of CR)=twentysecond 1050 (date and time of the handing in of the original telegram) 469 (number of telegram) Brown (name of addressee of the telegram) delivered 23 1025 (date, hour and minutes)".

Subject to the above modification and with certain drafting amendments, Article 56 was adopted.

Article 57 After an exchange of views on the wording of the examples given in paras. 6 (1) and 10 (2), in which the delegates of China, the Belgian Congo, New Zealand, Belgium, Colombia, Spain and the United States took part, the Chairman suggested that the term "Collect" in the fourth line of the example given in para. 6 (1) and in the first line of para. 9 be put in French "Percevoir" in the English and Spanish texts.

It was so agreed.

The delegate of New Zealand said that the Administrations which wish to do so might give a translation of that term in a note at the foot of the page.

It was so decided.

Referring to a comment on the proper names used in the example in para. 5 (2), Mr. Lewis, Secretary of the Conference, observed that this example had some historical interest. He believed that the names had associations with an excursion which took place during the London Conference of 1903.

§ 10 (2) The delegate of Belgium proposed that, for the sake of uniformity, the indication giving the date should include that of the time on the lines of the paid service advice at the end of Article 57.

With those amendments and with minor drafting changes, Article 57 was adopted.

Article 58 The delegate of the Belgian Congo recalled, in connection with
§ 4 (1) the example given in this paragraph, the decision just taken to write the date in figures and pointed out that the Japanese Proposal (No. 567) specified either "figures or words". It would therefore be going beyond the Japanese proposal to put the date in figures. Moreover, Number 806 of the Telegraph Regulations which provided for "the date in words" would have to be amended.

§ 4 (4) He further proposed that a number after the word "London" should be inserted at the bottom of page 144 so that the wording might be brought into line with that for notification of delivery which had just been agreed upon.

Mr. Sovet (Belgium), Chairman of Committee 1, explained that the text of the Japanese proposal had been amended by his Committee which had retained only the word "date", thus giving Administrations the option of writing it either in figures or in words. He felt bound to mention that point in order to draw attention to the difficulty of giving examples.

§ 8 The delegate of China pointed out that the word "Percevoir" had again been translated as "Collect" in the English text of that paragraph.

Mr. Sovet (Belgium), Chairman of Committee 1, recalled that that was also the case in Number 527 of the existing Telegraph Regulations.

The Chairman said that a logical stand should be taken : a decision had been adopted and the indications should appear in a single language. Thus, in para. 8, the terms used in the English text would be respectively "percevoir" and "taxe perçue".

Thus amended Article 58 was adopted.

CHAPTER XIX bis
Article 72 bis Adopted.

CHAPTER XXVI
Article 83 The delegate of Colombia recalled that it had been decided at a
§ 1 g) previous plenary assembly to adopt for the Spanish version of that paragraph the term "Corte internacional de Justicia de La Haya" instead of "Tribunal internacional de Justicia de La Haya", as in the Buenos Aires Convention.

The delegate of Spain said that when the delegate of Colombia had raised the matter at a previous plenary assembly, his delegation, although not opposed to Colombia's request, had pointed out that the word "Tribunal" appeared in the Convention.

It was understood that anything which appeared in the Convention could not be altered in the Regulations. That point had been repeatedly stressed and had received general support in the course of the present conference.

Since the matter had been raised again, he felt that, while the term proposed by Colombia could be used in certain Spanish-speaking countries, it could not be adopted for the Regulations without the prior consent of the Assembly if it felt competent to take a decision on this subject.

The delegate of Colombia pointed out that the term "Corte internacional de Justicia de La Haya" was used in official publications of the United Nations.

The Chairman said that the text of the Convention should be adhered to.

Article 83 was adopted.

3. First reading of texts of the Telephone Regulations (8th series of blue sheets)

APPENDIX

The Appendix relative to the Payment of Balances was adopted.

4. Suggested issue of a table showing the relation between the Paris (1949) and the Geneva (1958) Regulations - Document No. 291.

The Chairman explained that the proposal submitted by India in Document No. 291 advocated that a special table be prepared separately for the Telegraph and the Telephone Regulations giving the numbers of the paragraphs in the new Regulations with, wherever applicable, the corresponding numbers in the existing Regulations indicated opposite, and mentioning any new paragraphs or paragraphs deleted in a third column.

Mr. Lewis would like to be informed of the wishes of the Assembly on that point.

Mr. Lewis, Secretary of the Conference, said that he had already discussed the proposal with the delegate of India.

As explained in Document No. 291, it was merely a question of preparing lists in three columns. The first column would contain the number of the paragraph in the continuous series in the Geneva 1958 Regulations, the second the corresponding number, if any, in the Paris 1949 text and the third a symbol indicating paragraphs which were not identical in the two Revisions. It would be left to the reader to appreciate the significance of any deletions or additions and to decide whether changes in texts were matters of form or of substance. In short, the lists would indicate to Administrations the paragraphs to which they should devote special attention when promulgating revised instructions to the staff.

The lists could be prepared by the General Secretariat concurrently with the insertion in the revised sets of Regulations of the numbers in the continuous series and the preparation of the Table of Contents and the analytical table which would be included in each of the new books. The list would consist of about eight pages for the Telegraph Regulations and four pages for the Telephone Regulations.

The questions for consideration by the Conference seemed to be the following:

1. should the lists be prepared?
2. if so, should each list be bound in with each book of Regulations or should they be published separately as documents to which the Administrations might be invited to subscribe separately?

The delegate of Switzerland supported the Indian proposal.

The Chairman thought that the proposal was most useful.

The Indian proposal contained in Document No. 291 was adopted.

With regard to the second question put by Mr. Lewis, the Chairman thought that the lists would serve a very useful purpose during the first two or three years after the promulgation of the new Regulations, but that that would hardly be the case after the expiration of that period. He felt that it would therefore be better to issue them separately.

The delegate of Italy felt that the lists might usefully be published in the Telecommunication Journal.

The Chairman thought it an excellent idea which might be considered by the Editorial Board of the "Journal"; however, the tables would have to be of the same size as the Regulations so as to facilitate insertion.

The delegate of the Netherlands felt some concern as to the date when the tables could be published.

Mr. Lewis, Secretary of the Conference, hoped that they could be published in January.

The delegate of Ireland felt that there was some risk in using the same symbol to indicate both drafting amendments and those of substance. Would not that symbol appear in all the paragraphs of the Regulations? Could not all reference to purely drafting amendments be omitted and could not the final choice be left to the discretion of the General Secretariat?

The Chairman asked the Plenary Assembly to decide on the actual presentation of the lists in question as leaflets apart from the Regulations, one for each set. They would have three columns and an effort would be made to use as few symbols as possible.

It was so decided.

The delegate of Luxembourg suggested that, before publishing the lists, the Secretariat should ask the Administrations how many copies they would require.

Mr. Lewis, Secretary of the Conference, assumed that the usual procedure would be followed, namely that the publication and the price would be announced and the Administrations then asked how many copies they would require.

It was so agreed.

5. Statement for inclusion in the Final Protocols (Document No. 299)

The Plenary Assembly took note of Document No. 299 and decided that it would be incorporated in the Final Acts.

6. Reservation on the Telegraph Regulations (Document No. 297)

The Chairman stated that the reservations would be brought to the notice of Administrations and would also be incorporated in the Final Acts of the present Conference.

7. Proposal for the insertion in the Telephone Regulations of a new article on phototelegraph transmissions (Document No. 307)

The Chairman explained that the proposal, submitted by a large number of countries, envisaged the inclusion in the Telephone Regulations of an article on phototelegraph transmissions. The Plenary Assembly should deal with the matter at once since the Editorial Committee was so advanced in its work that the Assembly should be in a position to examine the pink sheets towards the middle of next week.

Since there were no objections, it was decided to insert in the Telephone Regulations an Article 29 cqs entitled "Phototelegraphy Transmissions".

The meeting rose at 5.20 p.m.

Rapporteur:

Secretary of the Conference:

Chairman:

M. Cahn-Bunel

L.V. Lewis

Haakan Sterky

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AGENDA

15TH PLENARY ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 25 November at 9.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

1. First reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations (14th series of blue sheets).*
2. Reservation by China (Document No. 321).
3. Reservations by Colombia (Documents Nos. 315 and 317).
4. Draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Document No. 314).
5. Draft resolution submitted by the Delegation of the Soviet Union (Document No. 318).
6. Second reading of texts of the Telephone Regulations (first series of pink sheets).
7. Any other business.

* The 15th series can also be examined if distributed in time.

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF COLOMBIA

The delegation of the Republic of Colombia wishes to point out, as it has been doing since the Conference documents were first examined, that the expression "International Court of Justice at the Hague", which occurs in the Telegraph and Telephone Regulations, should be translated in the Spanish texts by:

"CORTE INTERNACIONAL DE JUSTICIA DE LA HAYA"

and that the word "Tribunal" should not be used.

In Spanish-speaking Latin American countries the word "Tribunal" is used to describe a judicial service which is subordinate to a "Corte". The judgments of a "Tribunal" may be appealed against in the corresponding "Corte".

The official description of the International Court of Justice at the Hague is, in Spanish, "Corte Internacional de Justicia de la Haya", as is made clear from the following official letter:

(Translation)

"EUROPEAN OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS"
Palais des Nations

Geneva, 24 November, 1958

Dr. Victor Jimenez Suarez
Permanent Representative of
Colombia to the United Nations,
GENEVA

"Sir,

"In reply to your letter of 22 November, 1958, I have the honour to confirm that the official title of the International Court of Justice at the Hague is, in Spanish:

Corte Internacional de Justicia de la Haya.

" Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Paul Coidan

Acting Director of the European
Office of the United Nations "

For the above reasons, to which those put forward hitherto by the delegation of Colombia might be added, we request that the description which occurs in the Regulations, and which originated from a faulty translation of the Convention, should be changed.

In addition, the Dictionary of the Spanish Academy defines the word "Corte" as a judicial office.

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

LIST OF C.C.I.T.T. RECOMMENDATIONS

In accordance with the wish expressed by the Committee on the Telephone Regulations, the Director of the C.C.I.T.T. submits to the Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference the table below containing a list of the Recommendations of the C.C.I.T.T. to which reference is made in the Telephone Regulations.

The list was drawn up as soon as the final numbering of the Articles in the Telephone Regulations and of the Recommendations of the C.C.I.T.T. became known.

Additional section

(to be included in the Telephone Regulations)

LIST OF C.C.I.T.T. RECOMMENDATIONS TO WHICH REFERENCE IS MADE
IN THE TELEPHONE REGULATIONS

(Geneva Revision, 1958)

This list is given for information and as a guide to Administrations or recognized private operating agencies when concluding the special agreements mentioned in the Telephone Regulations.

The numbers of the Recommendations are those used in the C.C.I.T.T. Red Book, Volume II. (Geneva, 1958)

It is understood that, should the Recommendations be revised, the Administrations or recognized private operating agencies may refer to the new texts. The C.C.I.T.T. Secretariat will supply, on request, an up-to-date list of the C.C.I.T.T. Recommendations referred to in the Regulations.

Article 3

Composition and use of the system

Para. 4	Technical Recommendations : see C.C.I.F. Green Book, Volumes III bis, IV and V.
Para. 5	Recommendations E.3, E.5, E.6
Para. 6	Maintenance Instructions, C.C.I.F. Green Book, Volume III

Article 4

Periodic measures for the maintenance of circuits

Maintenance Instructions,
C.C.I.F. Green Book, Volume III

Article 7

Compilation and publication of Directories

Para. 2

Recommendation E.7

Article 13

Special facilities accorded to users for
the exchange of calls

Para. 1

Recommendations E.2 and E.4

Para. 3

Comprehensive references are given
below for each special facility.

Préavis calls

Recommendation E.2, Instructions for
Operators: Articles 26, 39, 46, 103,
114, 135, 170, 174 and 179.

Para. 4 Avis d'appel calls

Recommendation E.2, Instructions for
Operators : Articles 27, 40, 46, 79,
115 to 123, 135, 176 to 179.

Para. 5 Collect calls

Recommendation E.2, Instructions for
Operators : Articles 28, 41, 63, 80,
81, 124, 125, 180, 191, 192.
Recommendation E.4.

Para. 6 Person-to-person calls

Recommendation E.4

Para. 7 Subscription calls

Recommendation E.2, Instructions for
operators : Articles 24, 47, 52, 55
and 182. Recommendation E.4.

Para. 8 Occasional fixed-time calls

Recommendation E.2, Instructions
for Operators : Articles 25, 33, 35
and 182.

Para. 9 Multiple calls

Recommendation E.56

Para. 10 Requests for information Recommendation E.2. Instructions
for Operators : Articles 30,
43, 83 and 183.

Article 14

Choice of service to be admitted
in a given relation

Recommendation E.2.

Article 15

Form of booking

Para. 2 Recommendation E.2. Instructions
for Operators - same references
as for Article 13 above.

Article 16

Validity of bookings

Para. 3 Recommendation E.2. Instructions
for Operators : Article 49.

Article 19

Priority of calls

Para. 6 Recommendation E.2. Instructions
for Operators : Articles 84
and 85.

Article 21

Leasing of telephone circuits

Para. 6 Recommendations E.60 and E.4.

Article 22

Programme transmissions associated with
sound broadcasting

Recommendation E.57.

Article 23

Programme transmissions associated with
television broadcasting

Recommendation E.58.

Article 24

Phototelegraph Transmissions

Recommendations E.32 and E.59

Article 25

Composition of the tariff

Para.1

Recommendation E.51

Article 31

Determination of the chargeable
duration of calls

Para.4

Recommendation E.2. Instructions
for Operators: Articles 58 and
59.

Para.5

Recommendation E.2. Instructions
for Operators: Articles 77 and
78.

Article 34

Charges for calls when special facilities
are requested

Para.3

Avis d'appel calls

Recommendation E.2. Instructions
for Operators: Articles 78 and
79.

Para.5

Person-to-person calls

Intercontinental service
Recommendation E.4.

Subscription calls

Recommendation E.2. Instructions
for operators: Article 73.
Recommendation E.4.

Para.7

Multiple calls

Recommendation E.56.

Article 36

Charges in particular cases - Adjustment of
charges and reimbursements

Para.6

Report charge

Recommendation E.4.

Para.9

Reimbursements in the auto-
matic service

Recommendation to be issued
after study of question mentioned
in Resolution No.....

Article 37

Charges for leased circuits

Recommendation E.60.

Article 38

Charging for Programme Transmissions associated with
Sound Broadcasting and Television Broadcasting

Charging for Programme Transmissions
associated with Sound Broadcasting Recommendation E.57.

Charging for Programme Transmissions
associated with Television Broad-
casting. Recommendation E.58.

Article 39

Establishment of Accounts

Para.2 Recommendation E.70.

Para.4 Recommendation E.28
and Instructions for
Operators: Article 138.

Article 43

Documents published by the General
Secretariat

General telephone statistics Recommendation E.81.

List of international telephone
communication routes. Recommendation E.84.

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ADMINISTRATIVE TELEGRAPH
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(GENEVA, 1958)

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

INDONESIA (REPUBLIC OF)

RESERVATION

In signing the present Telegraph Regulations on behalf of the Administration of the Republic of Indonesia, the Indonesian delegation to the Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference, Geneva 1958, reserves its rights with respect to the use by the public of the cross or addition sign.

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION
ADMINISTRATIVE TELEGRAPH
AND TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
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COMMITTEE 3

CORRIGENDUM TO DOCUMENT No. 286

(Summary Record of the 28th Meeting of the Committee
On the Telephone Regulations)

Page 2.

Insert a new paragraph 5.5:

5.5 The delegate of Italy stated that the Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference held at Cairo in 1938 had already established that the phototelegraphy service was a telegraph service carried out by means of telephone communications.

Consequently, the relevant service regulations and rates should be fixed taking account of the rates established for telegrams as well as for telephone calls. The C.C.I.T.T. had devoted special attention to the question when studying Recommendations F.80, F.81, F.82 and F.83 which, particularly in so far as charging was concerned, had provided a basis for a new Chapter XVIII of the Telegraph Regulations dealing with phototelegraphy.

The present paras. 5.5 and 5.6 now become 5.6 and 5.7 respectively.

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION
ADMINISTRATIVE TELEGRAPH
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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA
AND THE TERRITORY OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA

In so far as the Delegation of the Union of South Africa and the Territory of South West Africa is concerned, the Telephone Regulations will have to be examined after the conclusion of this Conference. The examination will of necessity take some time and could possibly result in reservations on the whole or part of the Regulations.

In the circumstances the Delegation of the Union of South Africa and the Territory of South West Africa will sign the Telephone Regulations on the clear understanding that the act of signing in no way binds the Administrations concerned.

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION
ADMINISTRATIVE TELEGRAPH
AND TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
(GENEVA, 1958)

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

DELEGATION OF INDONESIA

RESERVATION

In signing the Telephone Regulations, Geneva, 1958, the Indonesian delegation declares that it reserves the right of the Indonesian Administration to accept or not to accept these Regulations.

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION
ADMINISTRATIVE TELEGRAPH
AND TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
(GENEVA, 1958)

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH PLENARY ASSEMBLY

Monday, 24 November, 1958, at 9.30 a.m.

Chairman : Dr. Haakan Sterky (Sweden)

Subjects discussed :

1. Minutes of the 11th and 12th Plenary Assemblies (Documents Nos. 310 and 311).
 2. First reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations (13th series of blue sheets).
 3. First reading of texts of the Telephone Regulations (9th and 10th series of blue sheets).
 4. Reservations by Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Libya, Sudan and the United Arab Republic (Documents Nos. 303 and 304).
 5. Reservation by Colombia and Venezuela (Document No. 308).
 6. Reservations by Portugal and the Portuguese Overseas Provinces (Document No. 309).
 7. Decision on publication of Minutes of Plenary Assemblies.
 8. Proportion of cost of printing of the Final Acts to be borne by the Publications Service of the General Secretariat (see Document No. 30).
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Delegations from the following countries were present:

Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of); Australia (Commonwealth of); Austria; Belgium; Bielorussian S.S.R.; Burma (Union of); Bulgaria (People's Republic of); Canada; Ceylon; China; Colombia (Republic of); Belgian Congo and Territory of Ruanda-Urundi; Korea (Republic of); Denmark; Group of the Different Territories represented by the French Overseas Postal and Telecommunication Agency; Spain; United States of America; Ethiopia; Finland; France; Greece; Hungarian People's Republic; India (Republic of); Indonesia (Republic of); Iran; Ireland; Israël (State of); Italy; Japan; Jordan (Hashemite Kingdom of); Lebanon; Libya (United Kingdom of); Luxembourg; Morocco (Kingdom of); Mexico; Monaco; Norway; New Zealand; Pakistan; Netherlands, Surinam, Netherlands Antilles, New Guinea; Poland (People's Republic of); Portugal; Portuguese Overseas Provinces; Federal German Republic; F.P.R. of Yugoslavia; Ukrainian S.S.R.; Rhodesia and Nyasaland (Federation of); Roumanian People's Republic; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Sudan (Republic of the); Sweden; Swiss Confederation; Czechoslovakia; Turkey; Union of South Africa and Territory of South-West Africa; Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; Viet-Nam (Republic of).

The Acting Secretary-General of the Union was also present.

1. Minutes of the 11th and 12th Plenary Assemblies (Documents Nos. 310 and 311)

The delegate of the United Kingdom proposed that on page 4 his intervention should read: "the provisions of Nos. 858 to 860 shall apply; in the cases contemplated in Nos 858 and 860....etc."

Subject to this amendment and a correction introduced by the delegate of Canada, the minutes of the 11th Plenary Assembly were approved.

The minutes of the 12th Plenary Assembly were approved without amendment.

2. First reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations (13th series of blue sheets)

APPENDIX

No. 2.

The delegate of Sweden pointed out that although, according to the footnote, these provisions were common to the Telegraph and Telephone Regulations, the phrase in the first paragraph of Section A "sommes equivalentes aux..." did not exist in the corresponding provision in the French text of the Telephone Regulations.

Subject to this question which it was agreed to leave to the Editorial Committee to settle, and to a correction to the French text brought up by the delegate of Colombia, Appendix 2 was approved.

3. First reading of texts of the Telephone Regulations (9th and 10th series of blue sheets)

a) 9th Series of blue sheets

ANNEX 1.

The delegate of the Bielorussian S.S.R. suggested that the three lines preceding "A. Manual rapid service" should be deleted, and the Chairman of the Editorial Committee explained that that had already been taken into account.

The delegate of the United Kingdom pointed out that throughout the Annex the word "centre" should be replaced by "exchange".

After a drafting change had been pointed out by the delegate of Sweden, the delegate of New Zealand said that there were discrepancies between the definitions in the annexes given in the second, third and ninth series of blue sheets and the text of the Regulations. He himself had noted several definitions of terms which were not used in the Telephone Regulations. He suggested that only terms used in the Regulations should be defined.

In addition, the word "International" should be deleted from the title of the three annexes in question.

Mr. Langenberger (Switzerland), Chairman of Committee 3, said that the Committee on the Telephone Regulations, far from including superfluous definitions, had tried to cut them down by leaving out those which did not seem necessary. Taking up the example of an unnecessary definition quoted by the delegate of New Zealand ("holding time of an international circuit" given in the Annex in the 2nd series), he pointed out that it helped to clarify another term ("chargeable duration of a telephone call") which certainly had been accepted as necessary in the Telephone Regulations. The definitions had been adopted in Committee 3 to facilitate the understanding of the Regulations. He agreed with the delegate of New Zealand that some of the terms did not actually appear in the text of the Regulations. However, that might be, the deletion of some of them was not an important issue as it was a question of removing them only from an annex to the Regulations. He suggested that the matter should be left to the Editorial Committee.

The Chairman agreed that even if some of the terms were not actually used in the Regulations, some Administrations might find them useful for their telephone services.

It was agreed to leave the definitions as they stood.

Annex 1 was approved subject to the deletion of "International" in the title, and the replacement of "centre" by "exchange" throughout.

b) 10th series of blue sheets.

Article 8

§ 4 (page
1017 bis)

Approved.

Article 50
(continued) Approved, subject to a drafting amendment proposed by the
delegate of Switzerland.

Article 51 Approved, subject to a drafting amendment proposed by the
delegate of Denmark.

Article 52 The delegate of Denmark said that other accounts besides those mentioned should be preserved and that it might be best to delete the words "for telephone traffic proper and for special transmissions (Sound and Television broadcasting and phototelegraphy)".

It was so agreed.

The delegate of Italy recalled that in the Telegraph Regulations it had been decided to reduce the period during which records should be preserved from ten months to six months. He wondered whether this ruling could not be extended to the Telephone Regulations, so as to make them identical on that point.

It was so agreed.

Article 52, thus amended, was approved.

Article 53

After a drafting amendment to the French text, followed by a discussion regarding the words "service telegram" in the last line of the Article among the delegates of Switzerland, India, and Australia, and the Chairman, Article 53 was approved.

OPINIONS
Nos. 4 &
5.

The delegate of Sweden felt that there ought to be a greater difference between the titles of these two Opinions. He suggested that Opinion No. 4 should be entitled "Payment of Balances - System Recommended" and Opinion No. 5 "Payment of Balances - Rules Applicable".

Opinions Nos. 4 and 5, thus amended, were approved.

CHAPTER
VIII ter
Art.29 bis

Approved.

Resolution
No....
(page 1073)

The delegate of Denmark suggested that the first line of the consideranda should read "that the Telephone Regulations provide...etc.", since there would only be one set of Regulations in existence.

It was so agreed.

The delegate of New Zealand proposed that the Resolutions on this and the following page should be provided with a title.

The Chairman agreed that it would be useful to have titles even though the Resolutions would be numbered. This task would be left to the Editorial Committee.

This Resolution was approved, subject to the above amendments.

Resolution
No.....
(Page 1074)

This Resolution was approved, subject to the addition of a title, and drafting changes suggested by the delegates of New Zealand and Sweden.

OPINION
No.1

Approved without amendment.

4. Reservations by Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Libya, Sudan and the United Arab Republic (Documents Nos. 303 and 304)

The delegates of Lebanon and Morocco wished to associate their Administrations with the reservations made in Documents Nos. 303 and 304.

The delegate of the U.S.S.R. said that when the article under consideration had been discussed by Committee 3, many delegations had been in doubt as to whether it should be included in its present form. In 1959, the Plenipotentiary Conference would decide on who had the right to send Government telegrams and book Government calls; some changes might be made. He supported the views expressed in Documents Nos. 303 and 304.

He went on to draw attention to Proposal No. 762, submitted by France, which ran as follows: "Government calls are defined in Annex 3 to the Convention". Adoption of this Proposal and of a similar provision in the corresponding article of the Telegraph Regulations would dispense with the necessity for future modification - which would depend on decisions by forthcoming plenipotentiary conferences.

The delegate of Yugoslavia said that with regard to the question of retaining or deleting, in the Telegraph and Telephone Regulations, the "Head of a colony" as a person authorized to use Government telegrams, the Yugoslav delegation was of the opinion that this expression should not be left in the Regulations. Such retention would once again sanction an outdated and anachronistic system of colonialism. Hence the Yugoslav delegation supported Documents Nos. 303 and 304 submitted by five countries.

The delegate of Hungary supported the proposal by the Soviet delegation. He pointed out that if there were discrepancies between the Convention and the Regulations, the Convention prevailed.

The Chairman explained that the Conference could not assume anything with regard to decisions by the Plenipotentiary Conference in 1959. The normal procedure concerning reservations was to take note of them and include them in the Final Acts. The Conference was free, however, to exclude the detailed list of definitions, in which case the reservations would become redundant.

The delegate of the Bielorussian S.S.R. supported the Soviet suggestion to adopt Proposal No. 762. This step would eliminate many reservations. Some delegations thought that in the absence of a list of persons authorized to send Government telegrams or to book Government calls, Administrations would have to publish lists themselves. However, he was sure that after decisions by the Plenipotentiary Conference they would have to publish such lists in any case. He therefore supported Proposal No. 762.

Mr. Gross, Acting Secretary-General, also supported the Proposal. As a matter of housekeeping, it would obviate the need to change the Regulations if a change were made by the Plenipotentiary Conference.

After an exchange of views among the delegates of the United Kingdom, Pakistan, Netherlands, Jordan, Ceylon and the Chairman, it was finally decided to accept the idea in the original French Proposal No. 762 and to adopt the following text proposed by the delegate of Ceylon for the article under consideration: "Government calls are those defined as such in the Convention".

The Chairman and the delegate of the Ukrainian S.S.R. observed that the same change applied to the Telegraph Regulations. They would be affected in two places.

It was so agreed.

The Chairman asked the Administrations which had submitted Documents Nos. 303 and 304 to inform a later plenary meeting whether they still maintained their reservations.

5. Reservation by Colombia and Venezuela (Document No. 308)

The Assembly noted this reservation and agreed to have it inserted in the Final Acts.

6. Reservations by Portugal and the Portuguese Overseas Provinces (Document No. 309)

The delegate of Italy pointed out that the reservation was of a general nature and could be signed by all the delegates present. A large number of such reservations might be sent in and therefore he proposed that, to avoid burdening the Regulations with them, a single provision might usefully be included as a new article under the Chapter now entitled "Final Provisions". He submitted a text based on number 983 of the existing Telegraph Regulations, and was supported by the delegate of Hungary.

The delegate of Yugoslavia disagreed, maintaining that it was the right of individual Administrations to submit reservations. He pointed out that it was clearer to include a list of the countries making reservations as had been done in Section V of the Final Protocol to the existing Telegraph Regulations. He agreed with the Portuguese reservation and wished to submit a similar one.

The delegate of Italy then submitted the following text, slightly amended by the delegate of the United Kingdom: "In their relations with Administrations not applying some of these Regulations, the other signatory Administrations shall have the right not to apply the provisions concerned."

The delegate of Spain pointed out that this was in keeping with the Spanish proposal contained in Document No. 14.

The delegate of Hungary suggested that a similar text should be inserted in the Telephone Regulations.

It was decided to accept the text submitted by the delegate of Italy and to insert it under "Final Provisions" in both the Telegraph and Telephone Regulations.

7. Decision on Publication of Minutes of Plenary Assemblies

Mr. Gross, Acting Secretary-General, suggested that delegates might like to have corrected copies of the minutes of all the plenary assemblies which could be re-mimeographed so as to save printing costs.

It was so agreed.

8. Proportion of cost of printing of the Final Acts to be borne by the Publications Service of the General Secretariat.

The Chairman drew attention to page 2 of Document No. 30, where it was suggested by the Finance Control Committee that the Publications Service of the General Secretariat should assume either 3/4 or 4/5 of the cost of printing the Final Acts.

After a short discussion, in which Mr. Gross, Acting Secretary-General, the delegate of Switzerland and Mr. van der Bulcke, Acting Chairman of the Finance Control Committee, participated, it was agreed that the Conference should bear 1/4 of the cost of printing the Final Acts, the remaining 3/4 to be charged to the budget of the I.T.U. Publications Service.

The meeting rose at 12.10 p.m.

Reporter:

J. Subiotto

Secretary of the Conference:

L. V. Lewis

Chairman:

Haakan Sterky

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

AGENDA

16th PLENARY ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 26 November at 3 p.m.

1. Minutes of the 13th and 14th Plenary Assemblies (Documents Nos. 322 and 330).
2. First reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations (15th and final series of blue sheets).
3. Second reading of texts of the Telephone Regulations (final series of pink sheets).
4. Items in the 14th series of blue texts of the Telegraph Regulations reserved for further consideration (pages 185, 188 and 189).
5. Resolution proposed by Italy (Document No. 319).
6. Declarations and reservations of the United States of America (Document No. 320).
7. Statement of the Delegation of Colombia (Document No. 324).
8. Reservations by the Republic of Indonesia (Documents Nos. 326 and 329).
9. Any other business.

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(GENEVA, 1958)

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

BELGIUM, FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG

THE NETHERLANDS, FEDERAL GERMAN REPUBLIC

R E S E R V A T I O N

When signing the present Telegraph Regulations, the delegates of Belgium, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and the Federal German Republic wish to state they reserve the positions of their respective Administrations with regard to the possible application of some of the provisions of Chapter XVIII (Phototelegraphy).

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION
ADMINISTRATIVE TELEGRAPH
AND TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
(GENEVA, 1958)

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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA

The delegation of the Republic of Venezuela wishes to state that its signature to the Telephone Regulations does not commit its Administration completely, in that subsequent examination of these Regulations by the Venezuelan Administration may give rise to reservations with regard to certain parts of them.

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION
ADMINISTRATIVE TELEGRAPH
AND TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
(GENEVA, 1958)

Document No. 334-E
26 November, 1958
Original: Spanish

PLENARY ASSEMBLY

DELEGATIONS OF COLOMBIA, MEXICO AND VENEZUELA

RESERVATION

In signing the Telephone Regulations, the delegations of Colombia, Mexico and Venezuela reserve the right to apply the recommendations of the C.C.I.T.T. insofar as they may solve both problems of a world-wide international character and regional requirements.

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION
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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE CONTROL COMMITTEE
(COMMITTEE 4)

Third and Fourth Meetings, 19 and 26 November, 1958

Committee 4 met on 19 and 26 November with Mr. Van den Bulcke (Luxembourg) in the Chair.

Delegations of the following countries were present :

United States of America, France, Italy, Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Switzerland.

The Acting Secretary-General, Mr. Gross, and the Secretary of the Conference, Mr. Lewis, were also present.

- A. Further to the decisions taken by the 9th Plenary meeting on 13 November concerning the Report of the Chairman of the Finance Control Committee (Document No. 225), the Committee had the following two points to examine :

1. Indemnity to compensate extra expense incurred by staff seconded from the seat of the I.T.U.

Committee 4 noted that the Plenary Assembly had approved the principle of paying an indemnity to permanent and temporary staff detached from the seat of the Union to the A.T.T.C. on the understanding that the indemnity should be a refund of extra expense actually incurred and that the total sum to be debited to the Conference should not exceed 4,000 Swiss francs.

What the Finance Control Committee actually had to do was to settle questions of expenditure connected with the payment of these indemnities. It asked the Secretariat of the Conference to submit a summary of the statements of expenditure declared true and sincere by the staff concerned so as to obtain an idea of the amount involved. According to the summary submitted to the Committee, the expense would be 3,597.15 Swiss francs and the requisite credit has been posted under item 9 (Unforeseen).

The Staff Association of the I.T.U., in a letter to the Chairman of the Conference which is reproduced in Annex 1 to this Report, has expressed its thanks for the understanding attitude shown to the staff.

2. The question was raised of whether compensation might not also be given to the staff of the Swiss PTT (postal, telephone and telegraph service). In this connection, the Swiss delegation has sent a letter to the Secretariat which is reproduced in Annex 2.

In spite of the fact that the Swiss delegation had already expressed its thanks to the PTT staff, and in accordance with the recommendation of the Plenary Assembly, Committee 4 was unanimous - with one abstention - in approving an indemnity of 200 Swiss francs for each person concerned (4 in the Conference telegraph and telephone services and 2 in the post office of the Conference) in recognition of the excellent work done for the Conference by the staff of the Swiss PTT Administration.

3. Preparation by the I.T.U. Offset Service of different name-cards for delegations.

The Acting Secretary-General gave Committee 4 full explanations of the process used for preparing those cards and their cost price. He assured the Committee that arrangements would be made in future for a more economical production of such cards. The Committee considered that the relevant expense should be entered in the accounts of the A.T.T.C.

B. The Committee also dealt with the estimate of expenditure prepared by the Secretariat of the Conference. It noted in particular the following points :

Item 6 - Document production

In accordance with the decision taken by the Conference at its plenary meeting on 24 November, a sum of 13,000 Swiss francs has been included in the estimated expenditure for a share in the cost of printing the Final Acts. This sum also covers paper and printing of the blue, pink and white sheets for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings of these Acts.

Item 8 - Simultaneous interpretation installation

The Committee took note that the Plenary Assembly, at its ninth meeting on 13 November, approved its recommendation to draw the attention of the Administrative Council to Resolution No. 288/CA concerning the lease of the simultaneous interpretation apparatus to be debited to the meetings of the I.T.U.

Item 12 - Official reception by the Union

In the absence of an inviting Administration and under directives from the Administrative Council (Resolution No. 375/CA - I.T.U. budgets for 1958 revised), an official reception was offered by the Conference in honour of the Swiss authorities and the international organizations on 14 November, 1958 in the restaurant of the Palais des Nations. The total expense involved, amounting to 4,480.25 Swiss francs, was examined by the Committee. This sum is about 10% less than the credit provided (5,000.-- Swiss francs). The estimate of expenditure reproduced in Annex 3 hereto reveals an unused credit balance of about 105,000.-- Swiss francs over the budget estimates.

C. List of participants in the expenses of the Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference

Annex 4 to the present report is the final list of participants in the expenses of the Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference, Geneva, 1958. The list is the same as that annexed to Document No. 212 and has not been amended during the Conference.

In this connection, the Finance Control Committee would point out to the Plenary Assembly that the participants in the Conference required to participate in the expenses, classified in accordance with Article 13 of the Buenos Aires International Telecommunication Convention, represent a total of 493 $\frac{1}{2}$ contributory shares. The total expenses of the Conference are estimated at about 744,000.-- Swiss francs according to the table in Annex 3 and, therefore, the amount of the contributory unit to be debited by the General Secretariat at the beginning of 1959 will be approximately 1,500.-- Swiss francs.

Of course, this estimate does not include the expenses due to the use of Russian as an additional oral working language, as these expenses are borne by the Administration of the U.S.S.R.

- D. In concluding this final report of Committee 4, I should like to express my sincere thanks to those delegations who have been kind enough to take part in our work for their effective collaboration, thanks to which we have been able to bring our work to a successful conclusion. I should also like to thank the Acting Secretary-General, all the Secretariat staff and the interpreters who have aided us in our work.

Mr. Drevet, delegate of France, made the following statement, at the end of the Committee's work:

" We read in the Bible that the workman who arrives at the last moment is just as well paid as the one who was in at the beginning. Mr. Chairman, your case is not at all the same since you were in the Chair at the opening meeting of this Committee, but nevertheless we regard you as such a workman when it comes to conveying our warmest thanks to the Chairman of our Committee.

" Our thoughts go out to Mr. Smith, who did yeoman work in this Committee; the Conference can never be too grateful to him for the great efforts he made and the conclusions he has submitted. I think we might send him a telegram, expressing in a friendly way, our thanks and appreciation.

" At the end of our work, it is right to review the ground covered, so as to learn from experience. Everyone is pleased at the way in which the debates were carried on under their efficient Chairman. To begin with, our young Chairman took the wheel in his hands like an expert navigator; after the storm, he managed to bring his boat to harbour and avoid the last dangerous reefs, and we are all very grateful to him for it.

" The delegates are also happy to have conscientiously carried out a thankless task which, however, has to be done in any concern that is wisely administered.

" The Director of the passengers on the boat must also be happy with the voyage. True, some of the passengers were thrown overboard during the storm but it should also be pointed out that some others, on reaching their destination, have managed to get through some forbidden goods right under the noses of the good-natured customs officers. Such is life and all's well that ends well when the lessons of past experience are not in vain.

" Lastly, I am also certain that the staff will be pleased with the decisions taken by the Assembly and by the Committee, since their reasonable claims have been satisfied.

" Thank you, Mr. Chairman, on behalf of everyone, for having made it possible for us to do all these things in a spirit of good humour and, believe me, we are grateful.

" May I once again thank the officials of the Secretariat who have done a great deal of work and have thus helped towards the successful outcome of the work of our Committee."

For the Chairman of Committee 4 :

Rene Van den Bulcke

A N N E X 1

25 November, 1958

Dr. Haakan Sterky,
Chairman,
Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference,
GENEVA.

Sir,

The Staff Association of the I.T.U. has learned with great satisfaction that the Conference has decided to grant staff seconded from the General Secretariat an indemnity to cover extra expenses incurred by their transfer from the Palais Wilson.

The Council of the Association asks me to request you to convey our gratitude to the delegates. It thanks them for their understanding as regards the staff.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

G. Corbaz,
Chairman of the Staff Association

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A N N E X 2

To the Acting Secretary General,

Dear Sir,

At the suggestion of the Delegate of Italy the Plenary Assembly decided on 13 November 1958, to extend the allowance accorded to I.T.U staff to the Swiss P.T.T. Administration personnel engaged in the postal telephone and telegraph services of the Administrative Conference.

The Swiss Administration staff concerned, greatly appreciate the gesture which, they feel, expresses the delegates' satisfaction with the postal, telephone and telegraph service placed at the disposal of the Conference.

However, the allowance is intended to cover extra expenses incurred by I.T.U staff and more especially the cost of meals taken away from home when working overtime. Since the Swiss Administration staff have not had to work overtime, nor consequently to take their meals outside, the allowance envisaged does not apply.

We should, nevertheless, like to express our warmest thanks to the delegates participating in the Administrative Conference for their **kind thought** towards the Swiss Administrations staff.

Yours faithfully,

A. F. Langenberger

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ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AT 25.11.1958

Geneva, 1958

	Budget			Expenditure			Differences
	1957 Prepar. work	1958 T.T. Conf. 2 months	Total to be appor- tioned in 1958	Expend. at 25.11.58	Estimated expend. at 29.11.58	Total	+ credit available - credit exceeded
	<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Revised budget</u>					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<u>Sub. I. Staff expenses</u>							
.1 Administration	-. -	128,000.-	128,000.-	54,374.55	21,625.45	76,000.-	+ 52,000.-
.2 Languages	5.80	431,000.-	431,005.80	287,356.20	73,643.80	361,000.-	+ 70,005.80
.3 Roneo	-. -	29,000.-	29,000.-	12,862.05	9,137.95	22,000.-	+ 7,000.-
.4 Insurance	-. -	5,000.-	5,000.-	13,800.95	3,199.05	17,000.-	- 12,000.-
<u>Sub. II Premises and Equipment</u>							
.5 Premises, furniture, machines	-. -	56,000.-	56,000.-	25,597.05	37,402.95	63,000.-	- 7,000.-
.6 Document production	-. -	30,000.-	30,000.-	15,753.75	17,246.25	33,000.-	- 3,000.-
.7 Office supplies and overheads	17.30	8,000.-	8,017.30	8,941.10	4,058.90	13,000.-	- 4,982.70
.8 Simult. interpret. and other techn. equipment	-. -	25,000.-	25,000.-	2,524.-	15,476.-	18,000.-	+ 7,000.-
.9 Unforeseen	-. -	9,000.-	9,000.-	1,843.40	6,156.60	8,000.-	+ 1,000.-
<u>Sub. III. Financial management expenses</u>							
.10 Interest on advances	22.20	14,000.-	14,022.20	22.20	14,977.80	15,000.-	- 977.80
<u>Expenses of an exceptional nature</u>							
<u>Sub. IV. Representation</u>							
.11 Participation in meetings of a C.C.I. or other international organiz.	-. -	-. -	-. -	-. -	-. -	-. -	-. -
<u>Sub. V. Entertainment expenses</u>							
.12 Official Union receptions	-. -	5,000	5,000.-	4,336.25	163.75	4,500.-	+ 500.-
<u>Sub. VI. Preparatory work</u>							
.13 Publication and distribution of reports	8,472.15	103,000.-	111,472.15	113,927.95	427.95	113,500.-	- 2,027.85
Total, Swiss francs	8,517.45	843,000.-	851,517.45	541,339.45	202,660.55	744,000.-	+ 107,517.45
Russian interpretation		50,000.-		38,690	8,310.-	47,000.-	

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE EXPENSES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE
TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
Geneva, 1958

<u>Name</u>	<u>Delegations present at the A.T.T.C.</u>	<u>Number of units</u>
<u>I. Members of the Union</u>		
Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of)	x	1
Australia (Commonwealth of)	x	20
Austria	x	$\frac{1}{2}$
Belgium	x	8
Bielorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	x	3
Burma	x	3
Bulgaria (People's Republic of)	x	1
Canada	x	20
Ceylon	x	1
China	x	15
Colombia (Republic of)	x	3
Belgian Congo and Territory of Ruanda Urundi	x	2
Korea (Republic of)	x	1
Denmark	x	5
El Salvador (Republic of)	x	3
Group of the different Territories Represented by the French Overseas Postal and Telecommunication Agency	x	20
Spain	x	3
United States of America	x	30
Ethiopia	x	1
Finland	x	3
France	x	30
Greece	x	3
Guatemala	x	1
Hungarian People's Republic	x	1
India (Republic of)	x	20
Indonesia (Republic of)	x	10
Iran	x	1
Ireland	x	3
Iceland	x	$\frac{1}{2}$
Israel (State of)	x	1
Italy	x	20
Japan	x	25
Jordan (Hashemite Kingdom of)	x	1
Lebanon	x	$\frac{1}{2}$
Libya (United Kingdom of)	x	$\frac{1}{2}$
Luxembourg	x	$\frac{1}{2}$

Malaya (Federation of)	x	.....	$\frac{1}{2}$
Morocco (Kingdom of)	x	.....	1
Mexico	x	.....	8
Monaco	x	.....	$\frac{1}{2}$
Norway	x	.....	5
New Zealand	x	.....	5
Pakistan	x	.....	15
Paraguay	x	.....	1
Netherlands, Surinam, Netherlands Antilles, New Guinea	x	.....	10
Poland (People's Republic of)	x	.....	10
Portugal	x	.....	8
Portuguese Overseas Territories	x	.....	8
United Arab Republic	x	.....	5 + 1
Federal German Republic	x	.....	20
Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia	x	.....	1
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	x	.....	5
Rhodesia and Nyasaland (Federation of)	x	.....	$\frac{1}{2}$
Roumanian People's Republic	x	.....	1
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	x	.....	30
Sudan (Republic of the)	x	.....	1
Sweden	x	.....	10
Switzerland (Confederation)	x	.....	10
Czechoslovakia	x	.....	8
Tunisia	x	.....	1
Turkey	x	.....	5
Union of South Africa and Territory of South West Africa	x	.....	13
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	x	*)	30
Venezuela (Republic of)	x	.....	10
Viet-Nam (Republic of)	x	1

II. Associate Members of the Union

British East Africa	x	$\frac{1}{2}$
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III. Recognized Private Operating Agencies

Compania de telefonos de Chile	x	3
Companhia Portuguesa Radio Marconi	x	.....	$\frac{1}{2}$
Compagnie générale de télégraphie sans fil	x	.....	$\frac{1}{2}$
Deutsch-Atlantische Telegraphengesellschaft	x	.....	$\frac{1}{2}$
Great Northern Telegraph Co.	x	.....	1
Italcable	x	.....	$\frac{1}{2}$
Radio-Austria A.G.	x	.....	$\frac{1}{2}$
Société Radio-Orient	x	.....	$\frac{1}{2}$

IV. International Organizations

United Nations	x	.....	exempt
International Labour Organization (I.L.O.)	x	.....	exempt
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)	x	.....	exempt
World Meteorological Organization (W.M.O.)	x	.....	exempt
International Air Transport Association (I.A.T.A.) ..	x	.....	exempt
International Chamber of Commerce	x	.....	exempt
International Red Cross Committee (C.I.C.R.)	x	.....	exempt
International Federation of Newspaper Editors and Publishers	x	.....	exempt
International Broadcasting Organization	x	.....	exempt
European Broadcasting Union	x	.....	exempt
International Railway Union	x	.....	exempt
International Union of Producers and Distributors of Electric Power (UNIPED).....	x	exempt
Commonwealth Press Union	x	exempt

Total number of Units : 493½

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- *) These Administrations have requested that Russian be used as a supplementary oral working language and have undertaken to bear the costs incurred thereby.

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Document No. 336-E
26 November 1958
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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

AGENDA

17TH PLENARY ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 27 November, at 9.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. *)

1. Second reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations (pink sheets as and when available).
2. Reading of the Final Protocol to the Telephone Regulations (pink sheets when available).
3. Statement by the delegation of the Union of South Africa and the Territory of South West Africa (Doc. No. 328).
4. Reservation by Belgium, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the Federal German Republic (Doc. No. 332).
5. Statement by the delegation of the Republic of Venezuela (Doc. No. 333).
6. List of C.C.I.T.T. Recommendations (Doc. No. 325).
7. Any other business.

*) According to circumstances the meeting will continue after 6 p.m. or will be reconvened at 9 p.m.

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT

CORRIGENDUM TO THE MINUTES OF THE 12th PLENARY ASSEMBLY

At the 15th Plenary Assembly held on 25 November it was agreed that the minutes of the 12th meeting held on 20 November (Doc. No. 311), although approved on 24 November, might be amended to take account of a correction desired by the delegate of Italy.

The following is the correction to be made in Document No. 311 :
Page 6.

6th line, amend the statement by the delegate of Italy as follows :

..... Word checks were compulsory for service telegrams and paid service advices, and in many relations there were already checks in the preamble of service advices. One of the objects(the rest unchanged).

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SAUDI ARABIA, JORDAN, LIBYA, LEBANON, MOROCCO,
UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC, SUDAN.

As the Plenary Assembly has decided to delete from the Telegraph and Telephone Regulations the definitions on which the Arab Delegations have made reservations in Documents Nos. 303 and 304, it is not now necessary to maintain their reservations, but they will take up the matter of these definitions in the Convention at the forthcoming Plenipotentiary Conference in 1959.

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

PORTUGAL

PORTUGUESE OVERSEAS PROVINCES

In view of the decision taken by the Plenary Assembly at its 14th meeting to insert in the Telegraph Regulations, under "Final Provisions" a new Article concerning the right of signatory Administrations not to apply certain provisions of these Regulations in their relations with countries which do not apply them, the Delegations of Portugal and the Portuguese Overseas Provinces withdraw Document No. 309.

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ADMINISTRATIVE TELEGRAPH
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(GENEVA, 1958)

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RESERVATION BY THE BURMESE DELEGATION

In signing the Telephone Regulations, the Burmese Delegation hereby declares that it reserves the right of its Administration to accept or otherwise, all or some of these Regulations.

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(GENEVA, 1958)

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

INDONESIA

The Indonesian Delegation wishes to withdraw its reservation regarding the Telephone Regulations, (Geneva Revision, 1958), as contained in Document No. 329.

UNION INTERNATIONALE DES TÉLÉCOMMUNICATIONS
CONFÉRENCE ADMINISTRATIVE
TÉLÉGRAPHIQUE ET TÉLÉPHONIQUE
(GENÈVE, 1958)

Document N°. 342-F/E/S
27 novembre 1958
Original: français

CORRIGENDUM AU DOCUMENT N°. 335

CORRIGENDUM TO DOCUMENT No. 335

CORRIGENDUM AL DOCUMENTO N.º 335

A la page 3, 1er alinéa, il y a lieu de considérer la dernière phrase, c'est-à-dire:

"L'estimation des dépenses reproduites dans l'Annexe 3 au présent rapport permet de constater un solde de crédit non utilisé d'environ 105.000.— fr.s. par rapport aux prévisions budgétaires."

comme un alinéa séparé, car ce texte ne se rapporte pas à la rubrique 12, mais au budget total.

The last sentence in the first paragraph on page 3, i.e.

"The estimate of expenditure reproduced in Annex 3 hereto reveals an unused credit balance of about 105,000.— Swiss francs over the budget estimates."

should be regarded as a separate paragraph since it does not refer to item 12, but to the budget as a whole.

La última frase del primer párrafo de la página 3, a saber:

"La estimación de gastos reproducida en el anexo 3 al presente informe, permite comprobar, con relación a las previsiones presupuestarias, un saldo de crédito sin utilizar de unos 105.000 francos suizos."

debe considerarse como párrafo aparte, puesto que no se refiere a la partida 12 sino a la totalidad del presupuesto.

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

PROPOSAL BY THE U.S.S.R.

Text to replace § 7 of Article 8, page 8 of the pink sheets

In the European system, when Administrations modify their terminal rates fixed in accordance with § 2 (1), the aim and purpose of such modifications shall be to make as many routes as possible available to the public, at the same rates, and not to create competition between the rates for existing routes.

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF THE 15TH PLENARY ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 25 November at 9.30 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. Haakan Sterky (Sweden)

Subjects discussed:

1. First reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations, 14th series of blue sheets.
 2. Reservation by China (Document No. 321).
 3. Reservations by Colombia (Documents Nos. 315 and 317).
 4. Draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Document No. 314).
 5. Draft resolution submitted by the Delegation of the Soviet Union (Document No. 318).
 6. Statement by the Delegation of the Belgian Congo.
 7. Second reading of texts of the Telephone Regulations (first series of pink sheets).
 8. Amendment to the Minutes of the 12th Plenary Meeting.
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Delegations from the following countries were present:

Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of); Australia (Commonwealth of); Austria; Belgium; Bielorussian S.S.R.; Burma (Union of); People's Republic of Bulgaria; Canada; Ceylon; China; Colombia (Republic of); Belgian Congo and Territory of Ruanda-Urundi; Korea (Republic of); Denmark; Group of the Different Territories represented by the French Overseas Postal and Telecommunication Agency; Spain; United States of America; Ethiopia; Finland; France; Greece; Hungarian People's Republic; India (Republic of); Indonesia (Republic of); Iran; Ireland; Iceland; Israel (State of); Italy; Japan; Jordan (Hashemite Kingdom of); Lebanon; Luxembourg; Morocco (Kingdom of); Mexico; Monaco; Norway; New Zealand; Pakistan; Netherlands, Surinam, Netherlands Antilles, New Guinea; Poland (People's Republic of); Portugal, Portuguese Overseas Provinces; Federal German Republic; F.P.R. of Yugoslavia; Ukrainian S.S.R.; Rhodesia and Nyasaland (Federation of); Roumanian People's Republic; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Sudan (Republic of the); Sweden; Swiss Confederation; Czechoslovakia; Turkey; Union of South Africa and Territory of South-West Africa; Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; Venezuela (Republic of); Viet-Nam (Republic of).

The Acting Secretary-General of the Union and the Director of the C.C.I.T.T. were also present.

Opening the meeting, the Chairman said that the Assembly would be called upon at its next Plenary Meeting to proceed to a second reading of the texts of the Telephone Regulations (first series of pink sheets). He urged delegates who wished to submit amendments of substance to draft them carefully so that they might be read out at the Plenary Meeting, since the amended texts would be sent to the printers without revision by the Editorial Committee.

Mr. Lewis, Secretary of the Conference, proposed that the following procedure be followed for the insertion in the Final Protocols of reservations and declarations made by certain delegations: After the Plenary Assembly had taken note of the reservations the Secretariat would insert the reference numbers of the articles and paragraphs in the Regulations (as drafted at Geneva). They would be printed on pink sheets. At the reading of the pink sheets, the delegates submitting the declarations or reservations would make sure that the references were both accurate and complete. Since the declarations and reservations were reproduced exactly as made without any editing, it might be as well to indicate in brackets the original language in which the declaration or reservation had been made.

It was so agreed.

1. First reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations, 14th series of blue sheets.

Article 14 Mr. Sovet (Belgium), Chairman of Committee 1, proposed that the order of the paragraphs should be rearranged on the lines of a draft which he then read out.

The rearrangement was approved and forwarded to the Editorial Committee and the Secretariat for action.

§ 2 bis
and 4

The delegate of the United States said that there was no need to require the paid service indication =Etat= in Government telegrams without priority. Such telegrams enjoyed various privileges, such as the use of secret language, exemption from censorship, and so forth, on the political plane rather than that of telecommunications proper. It would consequently be somewhat difficult for Administrations to explain why a Government should be asked to pay a charge which did not confer the benefits accorded to certain messages, such as for instance, SVH telegrams.

He therefore proposed that Government telegrams without priority, and the corresponding paid service indication =Etat=, be deleted from the list.

The delegate of Japan supported the U.S. delegate's views.

Mr. Sovet (Belgium), speaking as Chairman of Committee 1, said that when Number 68 of the Telegraph Regulations was first discussed, Proposal No. 122 submitted by the Italian delegation had been unanimously adopted by Committee 1. Subsequently, despite some dissenting views, and after the Working Group under the chairmanship of Mr. Grondi had made a thorough study of the matter, the proposal had once again been unanimously approved.

Speaking as delegate of Belgium, he felt that the paid service indication should be made to apply to Government telegrams since, serious difficulties might otherwise arise in the routing of that category of messages. Nevertheless, he would yield to the views of the majority.

The delegate of Italy associated himself with the comments made by the delegate of Belgium. It was not merely a question of the service, as such, provided by that extremely important class of telegrams, but also of the obligations imposed by the Conventions. Moreover, an error in transmission, or an omission, might give rise to serious difficulties and if an identifying indication was not counted in the chargeable number of words, the Government character of the telegram might be overlooked. He felt that if the paid service indications =Etat Priorité Nations= and =Etat Priorité=

were retained, there was no reason why the indication =Etat= should be deleted.

The delegate of Canada fully supported the remarks made by the delegate of the United States of America. A very large majority of Government telegrams, which amounted to anything up to about ten thousand a year, were ordinary telegrams most of which dealt with routine matters. There was, therefore, no reason for requiring paid service indication to that class of messages for, if a Government wanted priority to be accorded to a message, it was free to give an indication to that effect. Since Government telegrams without priority enjoyed no special advantages as regards routing, he felt that the paid service indication =Etat= should be deleted.

The delegate of the United States of America felt, as did the delegate of Canada, that a Government would ask for priority for any message it considered important. He stressed that it would be difficult to justify to Administrations the retention of the paid service indication =Etat= for telegrams without priority. At no stage had his delegation supported the Italian proposal which, in his opinion, had not been unanimously supported by the members of the Committee.

The delegate of the Netherlands said that in his country there was nothing to prevent the Government sending an ordinary telegram.

The delegate of the Portuguese Overseas Provinces supported the comment made by the delegate of the Netherlands.

The delegate of Italy pointed out that, since the Conference had decided to require a paid service indication to RCT telegrams, which enjoyed a charge reduction of 75 percent, it was illogical that a Government should be excluded from that arrangement. He was consequently in favour of the paid service indication =Etat= being retained.

The Chairman asked the Assembly to decide by a vote by a show of hands whether the United States proposal to delete from para. 4, Article 14 of the Telegraph Regulations the words: "Government telegrams without priority...=Etat=" should be adopted.

In favour of deletion	20
Against deletion	25
Abstentions	4

Thus, the United States proposal was rejected and it was decided to maintain the paid service indication = Etat = for Government telegrams without priority.

§ 5
2nd para. On the suggestion of the delegate of Switzerland it was decided to insert the word "paid" between the words "other" and "service".

Subject to the above amendments to the ~~rearranged~~ paragraph order proposed by the Chairman of Committee 1, and to certain drafting and printing corrections suggested by Mr. Sovet, Chairman of Committee 1, and the delegates of Denmark, Belgian Congo and Sweden, Article 14 was adopted.

Article 59
§ 4 (1) Mr. Sovet (Belgium), Chairman of Committee 1, offered the following amendments: the last line in paragraph a) to read "and, where applicable, the indication = TC ="; paragraph b) to read: "other paid service indications concerning the addressee for whom the copy is intended (number 71)".

Subject to the above amendments and two drafting corrections proposed by the delegates of Norway and Canada, Article 59 was adopted.

Article 60 Adopted subject to certain drafting amendments suggested by the delegates of China, Switzerland and Sweden.

Article 61 Adopted without comment.

CHAPTER XX
Article 73 Adopted without comment.

CHAPTER XXI
Article 74 Adopted without comment.

Article 83
Para. 5 (1) At the proposal of the delegate of China, it was decided to delete the word "immediately" after the word "transmission", in the second line, and to add "Etat Priorite Nations" after the words "SVH telegrams (Article 72 bis)".

With these amendments, and some drafting changes suggested by Mr. Vargues, as a member of the Editorial Committee, the delegates of the United States and the United Kingdom and Mr. Sovet, Chairman of Committee 1, Article 83 was adopted, it being understood that the Secretariat would see to it that the typography of the paid service indications was unified.

CHAPTER XXVII
Article 84 Adopted without comment.

Article 85 Mr. Sovet (Belgium), Chairman of Committee 1, said that the text should be aligned with that of Article 11, Para. 3 (page 1008 of the pink sheets) of the Telephone Regulations, in which the Chairman of the Administrative Council was not included in the list of officials of the Union enjoying telephone franking privileges.

The Chairman asked the Assembly to decide with a vote by a show of hands whether franking privileges should be granted to the Chairman of the Administrative Council, although, as he pointed out, the Chairman of the Administrative Council was in office at the Headquarters of the Union only for about one month in the year.

The results of the vote were as follows :

For	27 votes
Against . . .	1 vote
Abstentions .	3 votes

It was thus decided that the Chairman of the Administrative Council should be authorized to exchange telegrams free of charge with Administrations and recognized private operating agencies and to book telephone calls concerning the official business of the Union. Article 11, Para. 3, of the Telephone Regulations would be modified accordingly.

A proposal by the delegate of Switzerland, that the words "the Secretary-General of the Union" should be deleted, was rejected.

Para.10 (1) At the proposal by the delegate of Switzerland, it was decided to add the words "or exchanges" after the words "telegraph offices".

Para.10 (3) and (4) After a discussion among the delegates of China, the United States, Norway, Canada and New Zealand, it was decided, on a proposal by Mr. Vargues, as a member of the Editorial Committee, to delete the words in italics "of handing in" and "of despatch" so as to avoid confusion between the date and time of handing in on the one hand, and the date and time of transmission on the other.

With these amendments, and a drafting amendment suggested by the delegate of France, Article 85 was adopted.

Article 86 The delegate of Denmark considered that Para. 6 should be inserted between Para. 4 and Para 5.

The delegate of France considered that Para. 6 should be left where it was, for the various paragraphs were in logical order : first, requests relative to paid service advices, then an indication of the reply to these service advices, and finally Para. 6, which applied precisely to those replies.

The delegate of Switzerland disagreed with the delegate of France. Paragraph 6 referred to (ST) service advices and not to the service instruction "RST". He supported the proposal by the delegate of Denmark.

The delegate of Italy likewise supported the Danish proposal.

It was decided that paragraph 6 should be transferred, and become paragraph 4 bis.

§ 5 A discussion arose on whether dates should be written out in full or only in figures in service advices. The delegates of Switzerland and France and Mr. Sovet (Belgium), Chairman of Committee 1, took part.

It was decided that Administrations would be left quite free to choose either way and that, in the examples of service advices, the Editorial Committee would write the dates alternately in full and in figures.

§ 8 (1) On a proposal by the delegate of Denmark, it was decided to delete the word "special" before "information "CTFSN"".

§ 8 On a proposal by the delegates of Denmark and Switzerland, it was (throughout) decided to insert, between brackets, the explanations of the code expressions after each abbreviation and to add a reference (1) after "NODHE".

With the above amendments and drafting changes proposed by the delegates of Sweden, the Federal German Republic, China, New Zealand and Colombia, Article 86 was approved.

Article 95 Approved, with a drafting amendment to the Spanish text proposed by the delegate of Colombia.

Article 96 Approved, with the addition of "or recognized private operating agencies" in paragraph 1 (2), suggested by the delegate of Switzerland, and a typographical correction.

CHAPTER XXXI

Article 97 Approved, with a typographical correction.

Article 98 Approved, with the following amendment proposed by the delegate of Switzerland, to take into account the modifications to Articles 27 and 28 :

"Table A of terminal and transit rates in the European system No. 176);

"Table B of terminal and transit rates in the extra-European system (No. 195)",

and the addition, in the list of documents, of the "Codes and Abbreviations used in international telecommunication services" and the "List of definitions of essential telecommunication terms", proposed by Mr. Sovet (Belgium), Chairman of Committee 1.

CHAPTER XXXII A discussion arose on whether a footnote should be added stating Article 99 that the provision was common to the Telegraph and Telephone Regulations.

The delegate of France proposed that Article 99 of the Telegraph Regulations be maintained unchanged, and that these two sub-paragraphs be taken from Article 55 of the Telephone Regulations, adding the provisions applying exclusively to telephony, i.e., sub-paragraph (2) of Article 55 of the Paris Telephone Regulations, which would then become sub-paragraph (3). A footnote would then be added stating that the text of the Telegraph Regulations and the first two sub-paragraphs of the Telephone Regulations formed a provision common to both sets of Regulations.

The proposal was approved and it was decided that the Editorial Committee and the Secretariat would amend the texts accordingly and that the words "Article 7" and "Part II of" in the last line but one of paragraph 2 would be deleted.

CHAPTER XXXIII It was decided to defer examination of this Article to the next Article 100 meeting pending a decision on the proposal submitted by the delegate of Italy.

Article 101 Approved without comment.

Article 102 Approved without comment.

Article 103 Deferred to the following meeting.

2. Reservation submitted by China (Document No. 321)

The Assembly took note of the reservation formulated by the delegation of China and, at the Chairman's proposal, decided that it would appear in the Final Acts of the Conference.

3. Reservations submitted by Colombia (Documents Nos. 315 and 317)

The Assembly took note of the reservations formulated by the delegation of Colombia and, at the Chairman's proposal, decided that they would appear in the Final Acts of the Conference.

4. Draft Resolution submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Document No. 314)

As the outcome of an exchange of views between the Chairman, the Secretary of the Conference (Mr. Lewis) and the delegates of the United Kingdom and Italy, it was decided that 1 July 1959 would be the deadline for Administrations to inform the General Secretariat of their terminal and transit rates and to include the Resolution annexed to Document No. 314 in the Final Acts of the Conference.

5. Draft Resolution submitted by the delegation of the U.S.S.R. (Document No. 318)

On the Chairman's proposal, it was decided that the draft resolution submitted by the delegation of the U.S.S.R. would appear in the Final Acts of the Conference.

6. Statement by the Delegation of Belgian Congo

The delegate of the Belgian Congo made the following statement :

"In connection with the revision of the Telephone Regulations, the delegation of the Belgian Congo submitted Proposal No. 647 which was widely discussed during the early days of this Conference. Without forgetting the other countries which submitted similar proposals and the many delegations which advocated worldwide Regulations, I should like, on behalf of my Administration to pay tribute to all the members of Committee 3 and, in particular, to its Chairman, Mr. Langenberger. I should also like to thank all those who gave of their best in Working Group 3 A, with a very special mention for its Chairman, Mr. Smith (Australia). I was very sorry not to be able to take part in your work and that is why I am expressing my warmest gratitude to all those who have turned regional Regulations into worldwide Regulations during this Conference. I would also thank the Director of the C.C.I.T.T., Mr. Rouvière, and the Chairman of the Editorial Committee, together with their collaborators, for their assistance in this constructive work".

The meeting was adjourned from 12.10 to 4.15 p.m.

7. Second reading of texts of the Telephone Regulations (first series of pink sheets).

The Chairman pointed out that the second reading of the chapters of the Telephone Regulations contained on the pink sheets before the Assembly was the last opportunity for delegates to bring forward amendments to those chapters. Certain amendments which he would announce were the result of previous decisions.

CHAPTER I
Article 1 Approved, subject to a drafting change proposed by Mr. Lewis, Secretary of the Conference.

CHAPTER II
Article 2 The words "of Terms used in the Telephone Regulations" in the title of Article 2 were deleted, and the Article was approved, subject to drafting changes proposed by the Chairman, and the delegates of Colombia, Bulgaria, Sweden and Switzerland.

CHAPTER III
Article 3 Approved, subject to drafting changes proposed by the delegates of Japan, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Norway, China and Belgium.

Article 4 The delegate of the United Kingdom proposed that the title of Article 4 be changed to read "Periodical Measurements for the Maintenance of Circuits" in the English text.

After a discussion in which the delegates of Switzerland and Mexico and the Chairman took part, the United Kingdom proposal was adopted, and Article 4 was approved, subject to a further drafting change proposed by the delegate of Switzerland.

CHAPTER IV
Article 5 Approved, subject to drafting changes proposed by the delegates of the United Kingdom and Switzerland.

Article 6 Approved, subject to a drafting change proposed by the Chairman.

CHAPTER V
Article 7 Approved.

Article 8 Approved.

CHAPTER VI
Article 9 Approved, subject to a drafting change proposed by the delegate of Roumania, and after a discussion on a proposal by the delegate of Norway to insert the word "human" before the word "life", which was withdrawn.

Article 10 The Chairman said that, in accordance with the decision taken at the Plenary Meeting on the preceding day, the words from "originating with..." in § 1 to the end of § 1 should be deleted and replaced by the words "which are defined as such in the Convention".

It was so agreed.

The delegate of Colombia, referring to the translation of "the International Court of Justice" in the Spanish text, observed that, following the deletion of the words from § 1, the objections he had raised to the Spanish text no longer applied.

Article 10, thus amended, was approved.

Article 11

The Chairman pointed out that the words "The Chairman of the Administrative Council" should be inserted at the beginning of § 3.

The delegate of France pointed out that § 1 (1) and (2) were common to both the Telegraph and Telephone Regulations. Where those paragraphs appeared in the Telegraph Regulations, reference was made to the Telephone Regulations in a footnote, and he proposed that a corresponding reference should be inserted as a footnote in the Telephone Regulations.

It was so agreed.

The delegate of the Belgian Congo, referring to a remark which had been made by the delegate of Denmark at an earlier meeting, said that he wished to draw particular attention to the fact that in § 1 (3) the reciprocity applying to agreements on service telegrams only concerned telegrams "relating to the working of the international telephone service" and not those concerned with the payment of accounts.

Article 11, thus amended, and subject to drafting changes proposed by the delegates of Belgium and the United Kingdom, was approved.

Mr. Gross, Acting Secretary-General, made the following statement :

" May I just take a few minutes to thank this conference for the extension given by your action in approving the new text of the Article regarding service calls (former Article 10 of the Telephone Regulations, new Article 11).

" The discussion concerning this Article has considerably extended its application from the European Region only, to world-wide application - with the exception, of course, of those countries which do not sign the Telephone Regulations.

" There are certain administrative problems in its implementation but I assume that you will permit the General Secretariat to settle such points by direct negotiation with the interested Administrations - as we have done in the past.

" We have always found the Swiss and French Administrations, with whom we have the most direct contacts, most helpful and cooperative in these matters, and I don't anticipate any problems in this respect!

" I should also refer to the parallel action taken in the Telegraph Regulations (old Article 85, now page 170 of the blue texts), as well as Opinion No. 1 on pages 1075 and 1076 of the blue texts."

The delegate of Switzerland said that the Plenary Assembly had not agreed to extend the privilege to the Vice-Chairman of the I.F.R.B.

Mr. Gross, Acting Secretary-General, said that it was precisely a point of the kind just mentioned by the delegate of Switzerland that he had had in mind when he had mentioned the utility of working out such administrative problems by direct negotiation between the General Secretariat and national Administrations. It was quite clear that the Chairman of the I.F.R.B. could not be in his office eight hours a day, 365 days a year, and therefore he would sometimes be replaced by the Vice-Chairman or other officials. He was quite sure that that problem and others of the same nature could be worked out by direct negotiation with the Administrations concerned.

The Chairman observed that when a Vice-Chairman acted as Chairman, he was automatically replacing him, and that therefore the wording of Article 11, § 3, was correct.

Article 12 Approved.

Article 13 Approved, subject to drafting changes proposed by the delegate of the United Kingdom.

CHAPTER VII Approved, subject to drafting changes proposed by the delegates
Article 14 of New Zealand, Colombia and the Chairman.

CHAPTER VIII Approved, subject to a drafting change proposed by the delegate
Article 15 of the United Kingdom.

Article 16 Approved, subject to drafting changes proposed by the delegates of Bulgaria and Colombia.

Article 17 Approved.

CHAPTER IX The Chairman said that a new Article 18 was to be added as
New Article follows :

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Article 18

Modification of Bookings

The booking of a call may be modified by the caller so long as he has not been advised that the call is about to be established. The modifications which the caller is authorized to make to his booking shall be determined taking into account the C.C.I.T.T. Recommendations."

He reminded the Assembly that, as a result of the introduction of the new article, the following articles would all have to be renumbered one number above their present numbers. 1)

1) The numbers given in these Minutes are the new numbers.

Article 19 Approved, subject to drafting changes proposed by the delegate of the United Kingdom.

Article 20 Approved, subject to drafting changes proposed by the delegate of Mexico.

Article 21 Approved, subject to a drafting change proposed by the delegate of Mexico.

CHAPTER X The Chairman said that the Chapter was to be given the title "Lease of telephone circuits".

Article 22 Approved.

CHAPTER XI

Article 23 Approved, subject to drafting changes proposed by the delegates of New Zealand, the United Kingdom and Mexico.

Article 24 Approved, subject to drafting changes proposed by the delegates of Denmark and New Zealand.

CHAPTER XII

Article 25 Approved, subject to a drafting change proposed by the delegate of the Bielorussian S.S.R.

CHAPTER XIII

Article 26 Approved, subject to a drafting change proposed by the delegate of the United Kingdom.

Article 27 Approved, subject to a drafting change proposed by the delegate of Sweden.

Article 28 Approved, subject to the proposal by the delegate of France to insert "26" in the space following the word "Article" at the end of § 1.

Article 29 The Chairman pointed out that "Article 33" in § 1 should now read "Article 28" and that "28" should be inserted in the space after the word "Article" in § 2.

Article 29, thus amended, and subject to a drafting change proposed by the delegate of New Zealand, was approved.

Article 30 Approved.

Article 31 Approved.

Article 32 The Chairman said that "(Article 13)" was to be inserted instead of "Chapter VI" in § 5.

Article 32, thus amended, and subject to drafting changes proposed by the Chairman and the delegates of China and the United Kingdom, was approved.

Article 33 Approved, subject to a drafting change proposed by the delegate of Belgium.

Article 34 Approved.

Article 35 After a discussion, in which the delegates of the United Kingdom, Pakistan, New Zealand and Australia and the Chairman took part, on the admissibility of the expression "ordinary private call" which occurred several times in Article 35, a compromise proposal by the delegate of New Zealand to insert the word "an" before "ordinary private call" throughout Article 35 was adopted.

The delegate of the Netherlands pointed out that the words "exchanged during the same charge period" should be inserted in § 6 (1) after the word "duration" to bring § 6 (1) into line with § 6 (2).

Article 35, thus amended, and subject to drafting changes proposed by the delegates of Denmark, the U.S.S.R., Pakistan, the United Kingdom and France, was approved.

Article 36 Approved, subject to drafting changes proposed by the delegates of Belgium, France and Morocco.

Article 37 The delegate of Sweden observed that the word "action" in § 1 and § 3 (1) was a curious description of the part played by a telephone service in cases of faulty communication.

The delegate of Canada suggested that the words "through the action of" be replaced by "through any fault of", which would cover all possible cases.

It was so agreed.

Article 37, thus amended, and subject to drafting changes proposed by the delegates of Colombia, Luxembourg, Switzerland and New Zealand, was approved.

Article 38 Approved.

Article 39 The delegate of the United Kingdom pointed out that the word "recommendations", when referring to those of the C.C.I.T.T., was sometimes spelt with a capital R and sometimes with a small one. He proposed that in Article 39 and elsewhere the word should always be spelt with a capital R in the context of the C.C.I.T.T.

It was so agreed.

Article 39, thus amended, and subject to a drafting change proposed by the delegate of Mexico, was approved.

8. Amendment to the Minutes of the 12th Plenary Meeting

Mr. Lewis, Secretary of the Conference, said that a delegate of Italy, who had not been present at the meeting at which the Minutes of the 12th Plenary Meeting were approved, had subsequently submitted an amendment to those Minutes. If the Assembly had no objection to that amendment being incorporated, in view of the special circumstances, he would issue a document containing it.

It was so agreed.

The meeting rose at 6.10 p.m.

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Haakan Sterky

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

AGENDA

17th PLENARY ASSEMBLY

Friday, 28 November from 9 a.m.

1. Minutes of the 15th Plenary Assembly (Doc. No. 344).
2. Second reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations and reading of the Final Protocol thereto (completion of pink sheets).
3. Reading of the Final Protocol to the Telephone Regulations (final pink sheets).
4. Final report of the Finance Control Committee (Docs. Nos. 335 and 342).
5. Place and date of next ordinary Administrative Telephone and Telegraph Conference.
6. Any other business.

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

INDIA

The Indian Delegation appreciates the endeavour made at this Conference to draw up, for the first time, Telephone Regulations intended for universal application. However, the time that has been available for the detailed examination of these Regulations has been short and it will be necessary for the Indian Administration to examine the provisions in detail and assess their various implications. The detailed examination can be undertaken only at the conclusion of this Conference and on the Delegation's return to India.

In signing the Telephone Regulations (Geneva, 1958) therefore, the Indian Delegation in no way commit their Administration and reserve the right as to which provisions, if any, will or will not be adopted by their Administration. The results of the examination by the Indian Administration will be intimated to the General Secretariat of the I.T.U. before the 1st of January 1960, the date fixed for these Regulations to come into force.

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH PLENARY ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 26 November, 1958, at 3.0 p. m.

Chairman: Dr. Haakan Sterky (Sweden)

Subjects discussed:

1. Minutes of the 13th and 14th Plenary Assemblies
(Documents Nos. 322 and 330).
 2. Second reading of texts of the Telephone Regulations
(final series of pink sheets).
 3. Items in the 14th series of blue texts of the Telegraph
Regulations reserved for further consideration
(Pages 185, 186 and 189).
 4. Resolution proposed by Italy (Document No. 319).
 5. Declarations and reservations of the United States of America
(Document No. 320).
 6. Statement of the Delegation of Colombia (Document No. 324).
 7. Reservations by the Republic of Indonesia (Documents Nos. 326
and 329).
 8. First reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations
(15th and final series of blue sheets).
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Delegations from the following countries were present:

Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of); Australia (Commonwealth of); Austria; Belgium; Bielorussian S.S.R.; Burma (Union of); Bulgaria (People's Republic of); Canada; Ceylon; China; Colombia (Republic of); Belgian Congo and Territory of Ruanda-Urundi; Korea (Republic of); Denmark; Group of the Different Territories represented by the French Overseas Postal and Telecommunication Agency; Spain; United States of America; Ethiopia; Finland; France; Greece; Hungarian People's Republic; India (Republic of); Indonesia (Republic of); Iran; Iceland; Israel (State of); Italy; Japan; Jordan (Hashemite Kingdom of); Lebanon; Luxembourg; Morocco (Kingdom of); Mexico; Monaco; Norway; New Zealand; Pakistan; Netherlands, Surinam, Netherlands Antilles, New Guinea; Poland (People's Republic of); Portugal; Portuguese Overseas Provinces; Federal German Republic; F.P.R. of Yugoslavia; Ukrainian S.S.R.; Rhodesia and Nyasaland (Federation of); Roumanian People's Republic; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Sudan (Republic of the); Sweden; Swiss Confederation; Czechoslovakia, Tunisia; Turkey; Union of South Africa and Territory of South-West Africa; Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; Viet-Nam (Republic of).

The Acting Secretary-General of the Union and the Director of the C.C.I.T.T. were also present.

1. Minutes of the 13th and 14th Plenary Assemblies (Documents Nos. 322 and 330).

The delegate of the Belgian Congo wished to have the last line of his statement on page 3 of Document No. 322 amended to read : "non-delivery of the telegram" and the last sentence of his statement on page 6 deleted.

The delegate of Italy asked that, in his statement on page 4, the words "in Italy" be replaced by "in many countries".

The delegate of Colombia wished to have the following words inserted after "Tribunal internacional de Justicia de La Haya", instead of the words "as in the Buenos Aires Convention" at the end of his statement on page 6 : "as used in the Regulations, which follows a mistranslation of the original French text of the Buenos Aires Convention".

He also asked that the fourth paragraph on page 7 be replaced by the following text :

"Replying to a question put by the Chairman, the delegate of Colombia said that he agreed that the official name of body in question

should be inserted in the Regulations; when necessary, the original French version of the Buenos Aires Convention could be referred to."

Mr. Lewis pointed out a typing error in item 6 on page 9 of the French text: the title should read : "Reservation on the Telegraph Regulations (Document No. 297)" and not "Telephone Regulations".

Subject to the above amendments, the Minutes of the 13th meeting were approved.

The minutes of the 14th meeting (Document No. 330) were approved.

2. Second reading of texts of the Telephone Regulations (final series of pink sheets).

CHAPTER XIV

The Chairman pointed out that "Article 26" should be inserted Article 40 between the brackets in the penultimate line.

§ 2 (2)
§ 4 (3)

The delegate of Bulgaria observed that, in practice, the officials whose work it was to carry out daily checks did not observe such stringent rules. He therefore proposed that the penultimate and ultimate lines of that paragraph be amended to read : "..... should be carried out during the less congested hours in order not to hinder the flow of traffic".

It was so decided.

Subject to the above amendments and with various drafting and printing corrections suggested by the delegates of the United Kingdom, Colombia and Australia, and Mr. Lewis, Secretary of the Conference, Article 40 was adopted.

Article 41 Adopted with certain drafting amendments proposed by the delegate of the United Kingdom and suggestions for the layout put forward by the delegate of Denmark and Mr. Lewis.

Article 42 Adopted.

Article 43 Adopted subject to a drafting amendment proposed by the delegate of the United Kingdom.

CHAPTER XV

The delegate of P.R. of Bulgaria suggested that the word "telephone" be inserted between the words "international" and "network" in the third item of the list of documents.

It was so agreed.

The delegate of Sweden having proposed that all reference to the Articles and paragraphs of the Convention should be deleted since they would become null and void two years hence, a long discussion took place, in the course of which the delegates of France, Italy and the United Kingdom pointed out that the old Regulations would remain as an annex to the Buenos Aires Convention of 1952 and that exact references would obviate the necessity of tiresome research.

It was finally decided to retain precise references to the Convention throughout the Regulations.

Article 44, as amended, was adopted.

Article 45 Adopted, subject to certain printing corrections suggested by the Chairman.

CHAPTER XVI The Chairman drew attention to an omission in the English text.
Article 46

Mr. Lewis, Secretary of the Conference, pointed out that the Chapter under discussion was Chapter XVI and not XV as shown.

The delegate of Belgium observed that, in the existing Regulations, the year was written out in full, as was the custom for documents of that type.

It was decided to have the year written out in full.

Thus amended, Article 46 was adopted.

ANNEX An exchange of views took place between the delegates of Sweden, Switzerland and France as to whether the term "Appendix" should be used instead of "Annex". The delegate of France said that the term "Annex" had been retained by analogy with its use in the Convention in which the Definitions were set out under that title; "Appendix" was used for the section dealing with the payment of balances of accounts.

The delegates of Spain and Colombia mentioned some differences in the presentation, and various omissions from the Spanish text. Thus, under "Call booking", the phrase "In the international automatic service" at the beginning of the second paragraph was missing in the Spanish text. Under "Routes", the word "determinados" should be inserted at the beginning of sub-paragraph c), and the whole of sub-paragraph e) immediately preceding "Appendix" was missing from the Spanish.

The Chairman suggested the deletion of the word "telephone" from the term "Chargeable duration of a telephone call."

It was so decided.

The delegate of Switzerland drew attention to the page layout. The Appendix and the Annex should be on separate pages.

It was so decided.

Subject to the above amendments, the Annex was adopted.

APPENDIX

Subject to a printing correction mentioned by the delegate of the United Kingdom, the Appendix was adopted.

RESOLUTION
No. 1

The delegate of Bulgaria drew attention to the vague wording of the French text of the first paragraph of the consideranda; he proposed to replace "clientele internationale" by clientele du service telephonique internationale" in the French version, and the delegate of the United Kingdom proposed the following text for the English: "Considering.... that the Telephone Regulations make available to subscribers in the international service three different types of calls...".

It was so decided.

The delegate of Belgium proposed a drafting amendment to the same paragraph of the French and Spanish texts.

Subject to these amendments, and some printing corrections, pointed out by the delegate of Denmark and Mr. Lewis, Secretary of the Conference, Resolution No. 1 was adopted.

RESOLUTION
No. 2

The Chairman pointed out that the reference to "Article 49" in the first paragraph of the Consideranda should be to "Article 37".

The delegate of Denmark suggested a drafting change in the French text.

With these amendments, and drafting changes suggested by the delegates of Mexico and Australia, Resolution No. 2 was adopted.

RECOMMENDA-
TION

Adopted, with some modifications of the layout and drafting changes suggested by the delegates of Denmark, Belgium, the United Kingdom and the Chairman.

OPINION
No. 1

At the proposal of the delegate of Italy, under Section 2 Telephone Franking Privileges, § 5, the second half of the paragraph was amended to read "to request once a week an ordinary private call of a duration of six minutes or twice a week an ordinary private call of three minutes when their families live.....etc."

The delegates of Switzerland and France supported the Italian proposal, but the delegate of Pakistan pointed out that the interference which was inevitable on radiotelephone circuits would prevent the application of this provision, as six minutes were nearly always necessary in actual practice.

Opinion No. 1 was adopted with the amendment proposed by the delegate of Italy.

OPINION
No. 2

The Chairman mentioned that "53" in the title should read "43".

OPINION
No. 3

The delegate of Sweden suggested that, by analogy with a previous decision, the title of Opinions Nos. 2 and 3 should be completed respectively with the words "Systems recommended" and "Rules applicable".

Opinions Nos. 2 and 3 were adopted with these amendments.

The delegate of Canada then made the following statement:

" Now that we have completed our examination of the revised Telephone Regulations, pink series, I would like to make a statement on behalf of the Canadian delegation, outlining our views regarding their suitability for world-wide application.

" Committee 3 and its Chairman are to be commended on the work done in implementing the directive of the Plenary Assembly of this Conference, i.e. to endeavour to develop telephone regulations suitable for universal application. In our view some progress has been made in simplifying the Regulations and an honest effort has been made to achieve an approach to their universal implications.

" It is the experience in Canada that flexibility in all telephone operating matters is an essential in the provision of an adequate, efficient and economically sound telephone service designed to meet public need. It is through this flexibility that the industry can best contribute to the expanding economy of our young country.

" In our view there are dangers in rigid and detailed regulations which are subject to review only at long intervals; and it does appear to us that, despite the Committee's best efforts, the revised regulations still do not reflect the breadth needed for universality.

" Our views differ from those of others which were widely expressed in the meetings of Committee 3 and its working parties in which our representative took active part. These differing views too are undoubtedly based on experience in other parts of the world, under conditions of which we cannot possibly be well informed and where, apparently, the use of fairly specific regulations seems essential. We, on our part, must appreciate, therefore, that the revised regulations will, in fact, be helpful and indeed necessary to some Administrations.

" In our view, it has been impossible to achieve in the time allotted to us at this Conference, an acceptable reconciliation of the two viewpoints - even though a constructive and real effort has been made to do so. However, the results of this effort and its implications as represented in the work of Committee 3 and of the Conference, would, we hope, be the subject of further consideration by all countries in a spirit of goodwill and understanding.

" It does appear to us that the cause of adequate and efficient universal communications would be greatly helped by a freer and fuller participation in the work of the C.C.I.T.T., particularly by those nations whose telephone networks have not been developed extensively. It is here that understanding and knowledge can be cultivated and their lessons applied in national and in international relations in the field of telephone communications. In such participation lies the promise of obtaining full and immediate benefit from new developments."

The Chairman thanked the delegate of Canada and himself congratulated Committee 3 and its Chairman, who would certainly appreciate the statement just made by the delegate of Canada.

The delegate of the United States of America then made the following statement:

" At the outset of this Conference the United States made several statements indicating why it had not signed the Telephone Regulations. Even with the major changes being made at this Conference, we find that we must still hold to our original view. We appreciate, Mr. Chairman, this opportunity to give our reasons for reaching this conclusion.

" At the Plenary Session on October 8, 1958, the Conference voted to proceed immediately to try to develop telephone regulations on a universal basis and assigned this most difficult task to Committee 3. We have followed the work of Committee 3 very closely and we think it should be highly complimented on its efforts. We believe that the task, however, was too great to permit a complete solution in such a short time. The proposed Regulations would not, in our view, constitute good universal regulation and might even prove to be inadequate as a basis for local or regional agreements in those countries wishing to use them for this purpose. The present stage of development in telephony requires the retention of complete flexibility in all operating procedures. Telephony is too dynamic a field to be hobbled by inflexible regulations which can only be changed after rather long intervals of time.

" The proposed regulations contain some articles which are mandatory and others which are recommendations for consideration of the administrations or private operating agencies concerned.

" Where the proposed articles are mandatory, the United States finds that it cannot agree with many of them. We consider that the proposed mandatory articles cover largely local or regional problems and, to quite an extent, European regional problems. Why should all regions be asked to conform to these practices? In our mind it is quite possible that an attempt to apply such regulations on a world-wide basis could cause more controversy than agreement among nations. This could actually result in a slowing up of progress in telephony.

" With regard to the balance of the articles they are, in their present form, no more mandatory than C.C.I.T.T. recommendations. In fact, there are a large number of places where reference to C.C.I.T.T. is the whole proposal. There are many more places where the words "by mutual agreement" and the permissive word "may" are employed. These are not regulations as such; apparently, however, they are the only feasible basis for agreement on matters of such wide differences of opinion.

" It seems to us, therefore, that the whole situation lends itself more to C.C.I.T.T. recommendations than to regulations. C.C.I.T.T. recommendations can be more easily adopted, cover the needs of the operating people better, and can be kept up-to-date promptly with respect to technical progress. We think wide participation in the C.C.I.T.T. and fuller use of the material already issued by this organization, such as Recommendation E4 and the Instructions for Operators, will be of maximum benefit to all countries.

" If a way could be found to make the activities of the C.C.I.T.T. better known and to explore the extent to which the C.C.I.T.T. recommendations could form the basis for local or regional agreements, all countries would benefit. This would also obviate the need for inflexible world-wide telephone regulations.

" In order to facilitate the development of the present dynamic art of telephony and in order that we may constantly improve and encourage the growth of the world-wide telephone system, we should not be restrained by inflexible universal regulations."

The Chairman thanked the delegate of the United States, whose statement threw light on the views of the United States on the international Telephone Regulations.

3. Items in the 14th series of blue texts of the Telegraph Regulations reserved for further consideration (pages 185, 186 and 189)

CHAPTER XXXII

Article 99

The Chairman proposed that Article 99 should be approved as it was in the blue sheets without changing "Article 7" and "Part II" in § 2.

It was so agreed.

Article 99 was approved.

Article 100

The Chairman said that sub-paragraph (1), which had been incorporated in the text of the Telephone Regulations, would be better placed on page 189 of the blue sheets. Sub-paragraph (2) contained a provision which had formerly been useful but the point of which was covered by the new Regulations. He thought that sub-paragraph (2) should be deleted and proposed that as a result Article 100 as a whole be deleted.

It was so agreed.

Article 103

The Chairman proposed that after the first paragraph the following paragraph, which appeared in Article 46 of the Telephone Regulations, be inserted:

"In signing these Regulations, the respective delegates declare that if an Administration makes reservations with regard to the application of one or more of the provisions thereof, other Administrations shall be free to disregard the said provision or provisions in their relations with the Administration which has made such reservations."

That would bring the Telegraph Regulations into line with the Telephone Regulations.

It was so agreed.

The delegate of Belgium proposed that the words "General Secretariat" in the second paragraph be replaced by "International Telecommunication Union" so as to bring the Telegraph Regulations into line with the Telephone Regulations.

It was so agreed.

Article 103, thus amended was approved, subject to a drafting change in the French text proposed by the delegate of France.

4. Resolution proposed by Italy (Document No. 319)

The delegate of Italy said that, as a result of various opinions which his delegation had heard expressed with regard to its Resolution, it had decided to withdraw the second and third paragraphs of the consideranda.

The delegate of China said that he supported the proposed Italian Resolution.

The delegate of the Netherlands said that he also supported the proposed Italian Resolution, but regretted the Italian decision to withdraw the second and third paragraphs of the consideranda.

The Italian Resolution in Document No. 319, as amended by the delegate of Italy, was adopted.

5. Declarations and reservations of the United States of America (Document No. 320)

The Chairman proposed that the Plenary Assembly should take note of the Declarations and reservations of the United States of America with respect to the International Telegraph Regulations (Geneva Revision, 1958) (Document No. 320), which would be inserted in the Final Protocol of the Telegraph Regulations.

It was so agreed.

6. Statement of the delegation of Colombia (Document No. 324)

The delegate of Colombia said that he withdrew his delegation's Statement (Document No. 324).

7. Reservations by the Republic of Indonesia (Documents Nos. 326 and 329)

The delegate of Yugoslavia asked whether the Reservation of Indonesia in Document No. 329 was necessary, since under Article 12 of the Convention, an Administration already had the right "to accept or not to accept" Regulations before they had formally adopted them.

The Chairman agreed, but felt that the matter was one for the delegation of the Republic of Indonesia to decide. He proposed that the Plenary Assembly should meanwhile take note of the Indonesian Reservations in Documents Nos. 326 and 329, which would be inserted in the Final Protocol of the Telegraph Regulations.

It was so agreed.

8. First reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations (15th and final series of blue sheets)

CHAPTER XXV

Article 76 The delegate of the Bielorussian S.S.R. proposed that since Article 76 referred to various aspects of the phototelegraph service, the title should be changed to read "General Provisions relating to the Phototelegraph Service".

Mr. Drevet (France), Chairman of the Editorial Committee, proposed that the title should be changed to read "General Provisions" only.

It was so agreed.

Article 76, thus amended, and subject to drafting changes proposed by the delegates of the United Kingdom, Switzerland and Denmark, was approved.

Article 77 Approved, subject to drafting changes proposed by the delegates of the United Kingdom and Colombia.

Article 78 Approved, subject to a drafting change proposed by the delegate of the United Kingdom.

Article 79 After a discussion on a drafting change proposed by the delegate of Canada, which was withdrawn, and after a drafting change proposed by the delegate of Luxembourg had failed to receive support, Article 79 was approved, subject to drafting changes proposed by the delegates of the United Kingdom and France.

Article 80 Approved, subject to drafting changes proposed by the delegates of the United Kingdom, the U.S.S.R., Colombia, Belgium, Australia and China.

Article 81 Approved.

Article 82 Approved, subject to drafting changes, proposed by the delegates of Bulgaria, Switzerland, Norway and Pakistan.

The delegate of the United Kingdom said that his delegation had numerous minor drafting changes to propose in the articles remaining, and to save the time of the meeting, would, if the Chairman agreed, be prepared to hand in a complete list of all such changes to the Secretariat after the meeting.

The Chairman thanked the delegate of the United Kingdom for his offer which he thought an extremely practical one.

Article 83 Approved, subject to drafting changes proposed by the delegates of the United Kingdom and Norway.

APPENDIX 1 The delegate of Switzerland proposed that the following additions be made to the third column (Reference of Paragraph in Regulations) in Section VI of Appendix 1 :

"20 § 2 (1) b)" opposite "GHFquarantecinq"; "19 § 1 d)" opposite "(ABCDE)", "(AB)", "A(B)C", and "(AB)C"; "19 § 1 e)" opposite "'AC'" and "'AC"8"; "19 § 1 d)" opposite "4(201)", "C(M2)6" and "C(MR)T".

He also thought that an additional example "10-%", chargeable as one word, should be added in Appendix 1 so as to clarify the position regarding the counting of a hyphen between a number and a sign.

Finally, he proposed that, in Section IX, "19 § 1 d)" should be added to the references in the third column opposite "OC(HNCO)2CH2 (chemical formula)".

It was so agreed.

Appendix 1, thus amended, and subject to drafting changes proposed by the delegates of Canada, China, Denmark, France, and Belgium, was approved.

RESOLUTION No. 1 Approved.

OPINION No. 1 The delegate of Switzerland proposed that in paragraph 5 of the section on Telephone Franking Privileges the words "are authorized to request an ordinary private call of a duration of six minutes with their families once a week" should be replaced by the words "are authorized to request once a week an ordinary private call of a duration of six minutes or twice a week an ordinary private call of three minutes", as had already been done in the corresponding Opinion in the Telephone Regulations.

It was so agreed.

Opinion No.1, thus amended, was approved.

OPINION No. 2 Approved.

The meeting rose at 6.35 p.m.

Rapporteurs :

M. Cahn-Bunel
C. Mackenzie

Secretary of the Conference :

L. V. Lewis

Chairman :

Haakan Sterky

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AGENDA

19th AND FINAL PLENARY ASSEMBLY

Saturday 29 November at 2 p.m.

1. Minutes of the 16th Plenary Assembly (Document No. 347).
 2. Press Notice.
 3. Signature of the Final Acts.
 4. Closing speech by the Chairman.
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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH PLENARY MEETING

Thursday, 27 November, at 9.30 a.m.

Chairman: Dr. Haakan Sterky

Subjects discussed:

1. Statement by the delegation of the Union of South Africa and the territory of South West Africa (Document No. 328).
 2. Reservation by Belgium, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the Federal German Republic (Document No. 332).
 3. Statement by the delegation of the Republic of Venezuela (Document No. 333) and reservations by Colombia, Mexico and Venezuela and Burma (Documents Nos. 334 and 340).
 4. List of C.C.I.T.T. Recommendations (Document No. 325).
 5. Statements by Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Libya, Lebanon, Morocco, United Arab Republic, Sudan, Portugal and the Portuguese Overseas Provinces (Documents Nos. 338 and 339).
 6. Second reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations (Pink sheets).
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Delegations from the following countries were present:

Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of); Australia (Commonwealth of); Austria; Belgium, Bielorussian S.S.R.; Burma (Union of); Bulgaria (People's Republic of); Canada; Ceylon; China; Colombia (Republic of); Belgian Congo and Territory of Ruanda-Urundi; Korea (Republic of); Denmark; Group of the Different Territories represented by the French Overseas Postal and Telecommunication Agency; Spain; United States of America; Finland; France; Greece; Hungarian People's Republic; India (Republic of); Indonesia (Republic of); Iran; Ireland; Israël (State of); Italy; Japan; Jordan (Hashemite Kingdom of); Lebanon; Luxembourg; Morocco (Kingdom of); Mexico; Monaco; Norway; New Zealand; Pakistan; Netherlands, Surinam, Netherlands Antilles; New Guinea; Poland (People's Republic of); Portugal; Portuguese Overseas Provinces; Federal German Republic; F.P.R. of Yugoslavia; Ukrainian S.S.R.; Rhodesia and Nyasaland (Federation of); Roumanian People's Republic; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Sweden; Swiss Confederation; Czechoslovakia; Tunisia; Turkey; Union of South Africa and Territory of South-West Africa; Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; Venezuela (Republic of); Viet-Nam (Republic of).

The Acting Secretary-General of the Union was also present.

1. Statement by the Delegation of the Union of South Africa and the Territory of South-West Africa (Document No. 328)

The Assembly took note of the above statement, which would be included in the Final Acts of the Conference.

2. Reservation by Belgium, France, Luxembourg, The Netherlands and the Federal German Republic (Document No. 332)

The Assembly took note of the above reservation, which would be included in the Final Acts of the Conference.

3. Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Venezuela (Document No. 333) and Reservations by Colombia, Mexico and Venezuela and Burma (Documents Nos. 334 and 340)

The Assembly took note of the above statement and reservations, which would be included in the Final Acts of the Conference.

4. List of C.C.I.T.T. Recommendations (Document No. 325)

The Chairman explained that there were two possible ways of publishing the list: it could be incorporated in the bound Telephone Regulations or it could be issued as a separate leaflet, on the lines of the decision previously taken for the list of paragraph numbers.

He personally favoured publication as a separate leaflet, since the C.C.I.T.T. Recommendations were continually being brought up to date and, in that way, it would be easier to carry in the requisite amendments.

The delegate of the Netherlands said that the list was long and separate publication would be advisable.

The delegate of Canada thought that the best solution would be publication in a loose-leaf booklet, which would make it easier to bring the list up to date.

The delegate of the U.S.S.R. considered that the list should be included in the volume of Regulations. Even if the Recommendations were amended in future, the reference numbers in the text of the Regulations would remain the same.

The Chairman pointed out that in any case, even should the Assembly decide to print the list with the text of the Regulations, it could still be issued separately for the use of any Administrations which desired further copies.

However, since there were two distinct opinions, he put the matter to the vote by a show of hands.

It was decided, by 19 votes to 14, with 5 abstentions, that the list would be included in the printed volume of the Telephone Regulations, while offprints would also be issued.

On a suggestion by Mr. Lewis, Secretary of the Conference, the Assembly agreed that the list could be included in the edition to be issued by the General Secretariat after the Conference.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Assembly to the C.C.I.T.T. Secretariat for having quickly produced such a useful list.

5. Statements by Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Libya, Lebanon, Morocco, United Arab Republic, Sudan, Portugal and the Portuguese Overseas Provinces.
(Documents Nos. 338 and 339)

The Assembly took note of the above statements.

The meeting was adjourned from 10 to 11.15 a.m. to allow delegates to study the pink sheets.

6. Second Reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations (pink sheets)

The Chairman requested delegates to confine themselves to amendments of substance and to hand in minor drafting changes to the Secretariat.

Telegraph
Regulations

CHAPTER 1

Article 1 The heading and Article 1 were approved without comment.

Article 2 Approved with a minor drafting change and the deletion of the sentence "Replies to Government telegrams as defined herein shall also be regarded as Government telegrams."

Articles
3 and 4 Approved without comment.

Article 5 Approved with minor drafting changes.

The delegate of Italy made a proposal in connection with the substance of Article 5. In the Official List of Telegraph Offices opened to International Traffic published by the General Secretariat, offices providing a limited service were not indicated. It would be advisable to insert a note in the preface to the List to the effect that offices bearing no indication provided a limited day service and were partly or completely closed on holidays.

The delegate of the F.P.R. of Yugoslavia supported the proposal, which was approved. The Secretariat would take note of the proposal for future editions of the List.

CHAPTER IV

Articles

6 and 7 Approved without comment.

Article 8 The expression "or private operating agencies" was deleted from § 1, on a proposal by the delegate of France, supported by the delegate of Italy and the delegate of Spain, who also said that, to avoid confusion, in § 2 (2) of the Spanish text, "párrafo (4)" should be replaced by "subpárrafo 4", should the references not be replaced by the corresponding numbers in the final texts.

In § 4, the expression "service between two countries" was replaced by "a particular relation".

The delegate of the U.S.S.R. pointed out that it had been agreed to insert a modified form of existing 190 in between § 3 and § 4.

The delegates of Australia and Italy confirmed that fact.

After a short discussion, it was decided to await the text of the proposed addition, to be prepared by the delegation of the U.S.S.R., before finally approving the Article.

The delegate of the Netherlands pointed out that such an addition would involve an amendment to § 7. § 7 was, therefore, also left in abeyance.

Article 9 The delegate of the Belgian Congo proposed that the words "or recognized private operating agencies" should be deleted from the first paragraph of Article 9, since they had been deleted from the corresponding paragraph of Article 8.

The Chairman explained that the two Articles referred to two different systems. The deletion of "or recognized private operating agencies" in Article 8 seemed to him to be right, since the Article referred to the European system, while it was equally correct to retain the expression in Article 9, referring to the extra-European system.

The delegate of Colombia thought that private operating agencies should not be mentioned in Article 9, since only Administrations fixed terminal and transit rates.

The delegate of the United Kingdom believed that there were cases where private operating agencies also fixed rates.

The Chairman felt that the wider reading was the better and covered all cases.

It was agreed not to alter the wording of Article 9, which was approved.

Articles
10 and 11 Approved without comment.

CHAPTER V
Article 12 The delegate of China asked if the reference to Article 32 in § 3 was not a mistake, since the relevant Article in the Paris Regulations was numbered 23.

It was agreed that all the references to Articles and paragraphs would be checked by the Secretariat before the final texts were issued.

Article 12 was approved.

Articles
13 and 14 Approved with drafting changes.

Article 15 Approved without comment.

Article 16 Approved, with drafting changes to the English text, and a re-draft of the third paragraph on page 21 in the French, which Mr. Sovet (Belgium), Chairman of Committee I, read out and would hand to the Secretariat.

CHAPTER VII
Article 17 Approved with a drafting change and the deletion of "respectively" at the end of § 1.

CHAPTER VIII
Article 18 Approved without comment.

Article 19 Approved, with sub-paragraph f) removed and re-inserted after sub-paragraph h) as a full paragraph bearing the number 6. The other paragraph numbers and sub-paragraph letters to be rearranged accordingly.

Article 20
§ 1 down to
the end of a) Approved with drafting changes.

The meeting was adjourned from 12.50 to 4 p.m.

Resuming the meeting, the Chairman stated that, by Document No. 341, the Indonesian delegation had withdrawn its reservation set out in Document No. 329.

The second reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations (pink sheets) was resumed.

End of
Article 20 Approved on the understanding that, in the final text, the term "litt" would be replaced by numbers in running order.

Article 21 Approved with an amendment to paragraph 6 in the Spanish text, proposed by the delegate of Colombia, and subject to the letters in that paragraph being rearranged in line with the order adopted for the last sub-paragraph of paragraph 6 of Article 16.

Article 22 Approved subject to a drafting amendment.

Article 23 Approved subject to the insertion of the word "or" instead of "and" in the last line of paragraph 1 and to certain drafting and printing corrections.

Article 24
§ 2 Following a proposal by the delegate of the Belgian Congo and after a discussion in which the Chairman, Mr. Sovet (Belgium), Chairman of Committee 1, and the delegate of Colombia took part, it was decided to delete the first part of the sentence, namely : "Except in the case of money order telegrams and postal cheque telegrams".

§ 7 The delegate of the United Kingdom thought that the reference to paragraph 15 was inaccurate. After a discussion, it was decided that the Chairman of the Editorial Committee would get in touch with the Secretariat in order to have the correct reference inserted.

§ 16(1) Mr. Sovet (Belgium), Chairman of Committee 1, requested that, in accordance with the proposal submitted by the Federal German Republic, the words : "registered poste restante" and the corresponding paid service indication "GPR" be inserted.

Subject to that amendment and certain drafting corrections,
Article 24 was approved.

- Article 25 Approved without comment.
- Article 26 Approved.
- CHAPTER IX
Article 27 Approved, subject to a drafting amendment to paragraph 4 proposed by the delegate of Sweden.
- Article 28 Approved without comment.
- Article 29 Approved with a number of drafting amendments.
- Article 30 Approved without comment.
- Article 31 Approved without comment.
- Article 32 Approved with certain drafting amendments.
- Article 33 Approved without comment.
- Article 34 Approved without comment.
- Article 35 Approved subject to the addition, in brackets, of the meaning of the code expression "AZMET" and a reference to a note at the foot of the page, as in the case of other code expressions.
- Article 8
(cont. of
examina-
tion) The Chairman called upon the Assembly to take a decision with regard to certain provisions of Article 8 which had been left in abeyance that morning. To that end, the U.S.S.R. delegation had submitted a proposal which was contained in Document No. 343.
- The delegate of the U.S.S.R. observed that the text in Document No. 343 was not intended to replace paragraph 7 of Article 8 but that it was to be inserted as paragraph 9 at the end of that Article. It was really a matter of reverting in substance to number 190 of the Telegraph Regulations (Paris revision). He also requested that certain drafting amendments be made to the text of Document No. 343.
- At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Fincher (Australia), Chairman of Committee 2, outlined the various stages of the Committee's work which had resulted in the adoption of Proposal No. 256. The proposal had been amended and the text was now incorporated in Article 8. While he agreed that the U.S.S.R. proposal reverted, in substance, to the provisions in number 190 of the Regulation, a principle the Committee had agreed upon, in spite of certain objections to the text of paragraph 7, he pointed out that the sentence in the text presented by the U.S.S.R. had never been submitted as a proposal either in the Committee or at the time of the first reading of the blue sheets.

After a discussion between the delegates of Italy, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, France and the U.S.S.R., the text proposed by the delegate of the U.S.S.R. was amended as follows : "When Administrations, in accordance with paragraphs 7 and 8, modify the rates fixed in paragraph 2, the aim and purpose of such modifications shall be to make as many routes as possible available to the public, at the same rates, and not to create competition between the rates for existing routes".

The text, as amended, was put to a roll-call vote.

Mr. Lewis, Secretary of the Conference, announced that the delegate of Mexico had been obliged to leave and had delegated his powers to the delegate of Venezuela.

Result of the Vote :

In favour (23) :

Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of)
Austria
Bielorussian S.S.R.
P.R. of Bulgaria
Denmark
Spain
Greece
Hungarian P.R.
Ireland
Iceland
Italy
Norway
P.R. of Poland
Portugal

F.P.R. of Yugoslavia
Ukrainian S.S.R.
Roumanian P.R.
United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland
Sweden
Switzerland
Czechoslovakia
Turkey
U.S.S.R.

Against (5) :

Belgium
France
Luxembourg

Netherlands, Surinam, Netherlands
Antilles, New Guinea
Federal German Republic

There were no abstentions.

The following delegations (26) did not take part in the vote :

Australia (Commonwealth of)
Burma
Canada
Ceylon
China
Belgian Congo and Territory
of Ruanda-Urundi
Korea (Republic of)
Group of Territories represented
by the French Overseas Postal
and Telecommunication Agency
United States of America
India (Republic of)
Indonesia (Republic of)
Iran
Japan

Lebanon
Morocco (Kingdom of)
Mexico
Monaco
New Zealand
Pakistan
Paraguay
Portuguese Overseas Provinces
Rhodesia and Nyasaland (Federation of)
Tunisia
Union of South Africa and Territory
of South West Africa
Venezuela (Republic of)
Viet-Nam (Republic of)

The proposal by the U.S.S.R., as amended, was thus adopted.

Article 9
(reading
cont.)

Reverting to Article 9, the delegate of Colombia pointed out that, according to the decision taken by the Assembly that same morning, in the extra-European system the recognized private operating agencies had the right to fix terminal rates, whereas in the European system only Administrations had that right. He felt that the matter should be reexamined by the Assembly, as certain delegations might submit reservations with respect to it.

The delegate of Venezuela associated himself with the statement by the delegate of Colombia.

The delegate of the Belgian Congo explained that when he had requested deletion of the term "or recognized private operating agencies" from Article 8 at the meeting held in the morning, it had not been a show of egotism, for there were no recognized private operating agencies in the Belgian Congo. Actually, he had not quite understood why that term had been deleted from the provisions applying to the European system and retained in those applying to the extra-European system.

The delegate of Spain supported the statement by the delegate of Colombia, pointing out that Administrations of the European system also operated in territories of the extra-European system.

The delegate of Italy also supported the comments by the delegate of Colombia.

The delegate of France explained why the phrase "recognized private operating agencies" had been deleted from paragraph 1 of Article 8, but not from paragraph 1 of Article 9. Whereas in the European system, only the Administrations notified the terminal rates, the position was different for some countries outside Europe which had no governmental telecommunications Administration, where the service was ensured by recognized private operating agencies.

The delegate of Canada considered that it was not for the present Conference to deny recognized private operating agencies the right to fix terminal and transit rates. In Canada, for example, the recognized private operating agencies fixed their terminal rates by virtue of the powers which had been delegated to them by the Government. The speaker thanked the delegate of France for the excellent explanation he had just given, and was surprised that the question had been raised.

The delegate of Colombia felt that it would not be desirable to draw up legislation applying to one or two countries. If, in a country like Canada, the Government delegated its powers to a recognized private operating agency, the latter acted as a representative of the Government; however, a Government would not delegate its powers to all the recognized private operating agencies.

The delegate of the United Kingdom proposed that paragraph 1 of Article 9 should be modified to read : "In the extra-European system, the Administrations or, at the discretion of the Administrations, the recognized private operating agencies".

This text was adopted.

The meeting rose at 6.05 p.m.

Rapporteurs :

H. Heaton
H. Baieff

Secretary of the Conference :

L. V. Lewis

Chairman :

Haakan Sterky

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF THE 18TH PLENARY MEETING

Friday, 28 November 1958, at 9 a.m.

Chairman: Dr. Haakan Sterky (Sweden)

Subjects discussed :

1. Reservation by the Republic of India (Document No. 346).
2. Reservation by the State of Israel.
3. Minutes of the fifteenth Plenary Meeting (Document No. 344).
4. Approval of the minutes of the last three Plenary Meetings.
5. Second reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations (pink sheets).
6. Reading of the Final Protocol to the Telephone Regulations (final pink sheets).
7. Reading of the Resolutions annexed to the Telegraph Regulations.
8. Second reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations (pink sheets) (continued).
9. Final Report of the Finance Control Committee (Documents Nos. 335 and 342).
10. Place and date of the next Ordinary Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference.
11. Minor corrections to the Final Acts.

Delegations from the following countries were present :

Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of); Australia (Commonwealth of); Austria; Belgium; Bielorussian S.S.R.; Burma (Union of); Bulgaria (People's Republic of); Canada; Ceylon; China; Colombia (Republic of); Belgian Congo and Territory of Ruanda-Urundi; Korea (Republic of); Denmark; Group of the Different Territories represented by the French Overseas Postal and Telecommunication Agency; Spain; United States of America; Ethiopia; Finland; France; Greece; Hungarian People's Republic; India (Republic of); Indonesia (Republic of); Iran; Ireland; Iceland; Israel (State of); Italy; Japan; Jordan (Hashemite Kingdom of); Lebanon; Luxembourg; Morocco (Kingdom of); Mexico; Monaco; Norway; New Zealand; Pakistan; Paraguay; Netherlands, Surinam, Netherlands Antilles; New Guinea; Poland (People's Republic of); Portugal; Portuguese Overseas Provinces; Federal German Republic; F.P.R. of Yugoslavia; Ukrainian S.S.R.; Rhodesia and Nyasaland (Federation of); Roumanian People's Republic; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Sudan (Republic of the); Sweden; Swiss Confederation; Czechoslovakia; Tunisia; Turkey; Union of South Africa and Territory of South-West Africa; Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; Venezuela (Republic of); Viet-Nam (Republic of).

The Acting Secretary-General of the Union was also present.

1. Reservation by the Republic of India (Document No. 346).

The Assembly took note of the above reservation, which would be included in the Final Acts of the Conference.

2. Reservation by the State of Israel.

The delegate of Israel read out the following reservation :

"In signing the Telephone Regulations (Geneva, 1958), the Israeli Delegation reserves the right of its Administration not to adopt all or some of the provisions of these Regulations."

The Assembly took note of the above reservation, which would be included in the Final Acts of the Conference.

3. Minutes of the fifteenth Plenary Meeting (Document No. 344).

Approved, with the following amendment :

Page 4 : in the third line of the intervention by the delegate of Canada, for : "anything up to about ten thousand" read : "many thousands".

4. Approval of the Minutes of the last three Plenary Meetings.

The Chairman reminded the Assembly that the General Regulations authorized him to approve the minutes of the final meeting. However, it

would be materially impossible for the minutes of the last three meetings to be drafted, translated and circulated in time for delegates to study them with a view to their approval in plenary meeting. He, therefore, requested the Assembly to extend his authority to cover the minutes of the last three meetings.

Agreed.

5. Second reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations (pink sheets).

CHAPTER XI

Article 36

Approved with drafting changes.

The delegate of the United Kingdom pointed out that there was no uniformity in the printing of the references to articles, which were sometimes in bold type and sometimes not.

It was decided that the Secretariat would arrange for uniform presentation of the references and would check them for numerical accuracy.

Article 37

Approved with drafting changes.

Article 38

Approved without comment.

Article 39

Approved with a drafting change.

Article 40

Approved with drafting changes and the insertion of "an SVH telegram" before "a Government telegram" in § 9 (1).

Article 41

Approved with drafting changes and the replacement of "SVH telegram" by "safety of life telegram" in § 1, j).

Articles 42
and 43

Approved with drafting changes.

Article 44

Approved without comment.

Articles 45
and 46

Approved with drafting changes.

CHAPTER XII

Article 47

Approved, subject to verification of the references.

CHAPTER XIII

Article 48

Approved, with the addition of "registered poste restante (=GPR)" in §§ 1, 7 and 8 and the deletion of the word "(case)" from the French text.

Article 49

Approved, with minor corrections to the English and Spanish texts.

CHAPTER XIV

Article 50

Approved, with the deletion of § 3 (2) and the insertion of "or recognized private operating agency" after "Administration" in § 2.

CHAPTER XV

Article 51 Approved, with the addition of "may be combined" at the end of § 2.

Article 52 The delegate of the United States pointed out that, by an oversight, two paragraphs were missing from Article 52.

Mr. Sovet (Belgium), Chairman of Committee 1, confirmed that it had been agreed to insert the texts of numbers 482 and 483 of the Paris Regulations at the end of Article 52.

It was so decided, and Article 52 was approved with the addition.

Article 53 Approved, with minor corrections to the Spanish text and the deletion of the word "lui" in the second line of § 2 in the French text.

Article 54 Approved, with the heading amended to read "Telegrams with collation".

Article 55 Approved, with the French and Spanish texts of § 1 brought into line with the English, the replacement of "telegrams" by "advices" in § 3 and the deletion of the first sentence in § 4.

It was also decided to print the dates in the English texts in figures.

The meeting was adjourned from 10.30 to 11.30.

Article 56 Approved with a drafting change.

Article 57 Approved with drafting corrections in the English and Spanish texts.

Article 58 Approved with minor drafting changes and the following redraft of § 4 (1), b) :

"b) other paid service indications concerning the copy of each addressee and written before the address (Article 23, § 7)".

Article 59 Approved with typographical corrections.

Article 60 Approved without comment.

CHAPTER XVI

Article 61 Approved with a drafting change.

Article 62 Approved with drafting changes.

CHAPTER XVIII

Article 63 Approved without comment.

- CHAPTER XIX
Article 64 Approved with drafting changes.
- CHAPTER XX
Article 65 Approved with drafting changes.
- Article 66 Approved with drafting changes.
- Articles 67
to 69 Approved without comment.
- CHAPTER XXI
Article 70 Approved with drafting changes.
- CHAPTER XXII
Article 71 Approved without comment.
- CHAPTER XXIII
Article 72 Approved without comment.
- CHAPTER XXIV
Article 73 Approved without comment.
- Article 74 Approved with minor corrections.
- Article 75 On a proposal by the delegate of the Belgian Congo, and after a short discussion, it was decided to insert the words "of the original telegram" after "sender" in the sixth line of § 10.
- Subject to the above, Article 75 was approved with minor corrections.
- CHAPTER XXV
Articles 76
to 79 Approved without comment.
- Article 80 Approved with drafting changes.
- Article 81 Approved without comment.
- Article 82 Approved with drafting changes.
- Article 83 Approved with minor corrections.
- CHAPTER XXVI
Article 84 Approved with minor corrections.
- CHAPTER XXVII
Article 85 Approved with minor drafting changes.

6. Reading of the Final Protocol to the Telephone Regulations (final pink sheets).

The text of the Final Protocol to the Telephone Regulations was read and approved.

7. Reading of the Resolutions annexed to the Telegraph Regulations (pink sheets).

Approved with typographical corrections.

The meeting was adjourned from 12.40 to 2.30 p.m.

8. Second reading of texts of the Telegraph Regulations (pink sheets)
(continued).

CHAPTER XXVIII

Article 86 Approved.

CHAPTER XXIX

Article 87 Approved.

CHAPTER XXX

Article 88 The delegate of Belgium proposed that "SVH," should be inserted in the second line of § 1 a) (5) before the word "Government".

It was so agreed.

The delegate of Sweden proposed that the words "or has been refused by the addressee or" in § 1 n) be replaced by "and".

It was so agreed.

The delegate of the United Kingdom drew attention to the fact that the reference in Article 75 § 12 to Article 87 should clearly be to Article 88 as was the case in the French text.

Article 88, thus amended, was approved with drafting changes.

Article 89 Approved with a drafting change.

Article 90 The delegate of the United Kingdom pointed out that the reference in the title to Article 87 should in reality be to Article 88.

The delegate of Sweden pointed out that the reference "(Art. 53, § 6)" in § 5 should be placed after the word "of" in the fifth line of § 5 since it only referred to an Administration's obligation to refund.

Article 90, thus amended, was approved.

Article 91 Approved with a drafting change.

CHAPTER XXXI

Article 92 Approved.

Article 93 The delegate of Indonesia said that the reference to Article 86, § 9 bis in § 3 should in reality be to Article 75 § 10.

The Chairman said that the Secretariat would check that point.

Article 93 was otherwise approved.

Article 94 Approved.

Article 95 Approved with drafting changes.

CHAPTER XXXII

Article 96 Approved.

Article 97 Approved with a drafting change.

CHAPTER XXXIII

Article 98 Approved.

Article 99 Approved with a drafting change.

CHAPTER XXXIV

Article 100 Approved.

CHAPTER XXXV

Article 101 The delegate of Belgium proposed that Article 101 should be transferred to form part of the final article dealing with the entry into force of the Regulations as had been done in the case of the Telephone Regulations.

It was so agreed.

The Chairman said that as a result of the decision just taken, Article 101 was deleted and the following Articles would have to be re-numbered accordingly.

new Article Approved.
101

new Article Approved.
102

CHAPTER XXXVI

The delegate of Italy pointed out that as a result of the decision to transfer the former Article 101 to what was now the new Article 103 meant that the title of Chapter XXXVI would have to be changed to read "Final Provisions".

new Article The Chairman said that the former Article 101 should be inserted
103 after the first paragraph of the new Article 103 as had been done in the parallel case in the Telephone Regulations.

It was so agreed.

The new Article 103, thus amended, was approved with a drafting change.

APPENDIX 1

The delegate of Yugoslavia proposed that an additional example be added at the end of page 156 as follows : "(150)". The number of chargeable words would be 2 and the references would be to 30 § 1 a) (1) and 28 § 1 g). He felt it was necessary to have an example for a group of figures enclosed in brackets.

The delegate of the United Kingdom wondered whether it was not a little late to start introducing new examples.

The delegate of Bulgaria said that an example of the kind that the delegate of Yugoslavia had in mind was already contained on page 156, namely the example "4(201)".

The delegate of Yugoslavia could not agree. The example "4(201)" was not an example of a group of figures entirely enclosed in brackets.

The delegate of Australia suggested that the delegate of Yugoslavia's point might perhaps be met if the example "(AB)" were changed to show figures within the brackets instead of letters. He pointed out that the number of chargeable words was the same.

The delegate of Switzerland said that he supported the proposal of the delegate of Yugoslavia.

The proposal of the delegate of Yugoslavia was adopted.

Appendix 1, thus amended, was approved with drafting changes, the Chairman pointing out that any necessary corrections to the column of References would be made by Mr. Hudgell of the United Kingdom delegation who had taken the matter in hand.

APPENDIX 2

Approved with a drafting change.

RESOLUTION
No. 1

Approved.

OPINIONS Nos.
1, 2, 3 and 4

Approved with drafting changes.

FINAL
PROTOCOL

Approved, subject to drafting changes in their Reservations made by the delegates of China and the United States, to drafting changes in the final paragraph of the Protocol proposed by the delegates of France and New Zealand and to a statement by the delegate of Mexico that he would submit a further Reservation to be inserted in the Final Protocol.

The delegate of Canada made the following statement :

" Canada has not made any reservations in regard to the Telegraph Regulations. As pointed out in the statement submitted by the United States

of America, forming part of the Final Protocol, the Telegraph Regulations have not been and will not be applied with respect to telegrams between Canada, United States of America and Mexico.

" Likewise at the Paris Conference, Canada did not make any reservations on the Telegraph Regulations. However, at that time, it was also explained that telegraph traffic between Canada, United States of America and Mexico is regarded as domestic traffic and that all such traffic is exchanged and charged for in accordance with domestic Regulations and Tariffs."

9. Final Report of the Finance Control Committee (Documents Nos. 335 and 342).

The Chairman called on Mr. Van den Bulcke (Luxembourg), Chairman of Committee 4, to introduce the Report.

Mr. Van den Bulcke (Luxembourg), Chairman of the Finance Control Committee said that the contents of the Committee's Report were largely self-explanatory.

The choice of the method for distributing the indemnity to the staff of the I.T.U. had been a delicate matter, but that the eventual solution had proved satisfactory was shown from the letter from the Chairman of the Staff Association, which appeared in Annex 1.

In general, the financial position of the Conference was sound, due to some extent to the fact that the budget had been prepared with the utmost caution. With reference to Resolution No. 83 of the Administrative Council, he wished to state that the accounts had been checked and found accurate. He would ask the Acting Secretary-General to submit the final accounts to Administrations.

He wished to thank the delegates who had taken part in the Committee's work and particularly Mr. Smith, the Chairman of the Working Party. He stressed that neither the Committee nor the Working Party would have been able to complete their work without the help they had received from the Secretariat.

He proposed that, to avoid misunderstanding, the Plenary Assembly should approve the List of Participants appearing in Annex 4. He also proposed that the Plenary Assembly should show recognition of the work done by the Rapporteurs by indicating to their Administrations the value of their work.

The delegate of Switzerland said that his delegation accepted the Report as regards the total expenditure of the Conference.

He recalled that at a previous meeting he had asked for the item of 932.65 Swiss francs for name cards to be deleted from the accounts. Since then, the Acting Secretary-General had given him full details of the

whole matter, which had confirmed his statement that the name cards cost approximately 8.50 francs to produce, and he therefore withdrew his proposal that the item should be deleted from the accounts.

The Chairman noted that the delegate of Switzerland had withdrawn his previous proposal.

He proposed that the Assembly should accept the Report and should also approve the List of Participants in Annex 4.

It was so agreed.

He further proposed that, in order to give effect to the proposal of Mr. Van den Bulcke to show recognition of the Rapporteurs' work, he should sign a letter to the Administrations from which the Rapporteurs concerned came indicating the valuable work they had done at the Conference.

It was so agreed.

In conclusion, he wished to thank the members of Committee 4 for the admirable work they had done, and in particular Mr. Van den Bulcke and Mr. Smith.

10. Place and date of next Ordinary Administrative Telephone and Telegraph Conference.

The Chairman made the following statement :

" Normally, in the closing days of a conference like this, we begin to consider the important question of where and when the next conference shall take place and are faced with making a decision in this respect.

" As you know, Article 10 of the Convention contains some provisions for the convening of such conferences, and particularly prescribes that in principle they shall be held every five years. However, no specific provision is to be found on the fixing, by the Conference itself, of the date and place for the next Administrative Conference, although there has been a tradition to do so.

" However, as you are all aware, next year we shall be having the Plenipotentiary Conference in Geneva, and that we must take account of the possibility that the Conference will re-examine the constitution of the Union. As nobody at present knows the final decisions by the Plenipotentiary Conference, 1959, it is understandable that countries have hesitated to issue an invitation for the next Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference. At the moment we have no invitation for the next conference.

" Therefore, Gentlemen, we can follow either one of two courses with regard to the date and place of the next ordinary Administrative Telegraph

and Telephone Conference :

" Alternative 1. Leave the matter entirely open.

" Alternative 2. To decide that the next conference shall take place in Geneva in about five years from now.

" If we act according to the first alternative we break a tradition, but do not violate any provision of the Convention. In the second alternative, a change of place and/or date is likely to occur. It is for the Plenary to decide."

Speaking as delegate of Sweden, he said that, as a result of much consideration, he thought it would be better if no decision were taken. He therefore proposed that the matter be left entirely open.

The delegate of Italy said that, as far as tradition was concerned, he could not recall a single example of an Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference fixing the date and place of the next conference. He fully supported the Chairman's proposal.

The delegate of the United Kingdom said that he also supported the Chairman's proposal, and was fortified in doing so by what had just been said by the delegate of Italy.

The delegate of the U.S.S.R. also supported the Chairman's proposal.

The Chairman's proposal was adopted unanimously.

11. Minor corrections to the Final Acts.

The Chairman proposed that minor corrections in the Final Acts, necessitated by printing errors and so forth, should be left to the Acting Secretary-General.

It was so agreed.

The meeting rose at 5.45 p.m.

Rapporteurs :

H. Heaton
C. Mackenzie

Secretary of the Conference ;

L. V. Lewis

Chairman :

Haakan Sterky

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MINUTES OF THE 19TH AND LAST MEETING

Saturday, 29 November 1958, at 2 p.m.

Chairman : Dr. Haakan STERKY (Sweden)

Subjects discussed :

1. Minutes of the 16th Plenary Meeting (Document No.347)
 2. Press release
 3. Signature of the Final Acts
 4. Closing speeches
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Delegates from the following countries were present :

Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of); Australia (Commonwealth of); Austria; Belgium; Bielorussian Soviet Socialist Republic; Burma (Union of); Bulgaria (People's Republic of); Canada; Ceylon; China; Colombia (Republic of); Belgian Congo and Territory of Ruanda-Urundi; Korea (Republic of); Denmark; El Salvador (Republic of); Group of the different Territories represented by the French Overseas Postal and Telecommunication Agency; Spain; United States of America; Ethiopia; Finland; France; Greece; Hungarian People's Republic; India (Republic of); Indonesia (Republic of); Iran; Ireland; Iceland; Israel (State of); Italy; Japan; Jordan (Hashemite Kingdom of); Lebanon; Libya (United Kingdom of); Luxembourg; Malaya (Federation of); Morocco (Kingdom of); Mexico; Monaco; Norway; New Zealand; Pakistan; Paraguay; Netherlands, Surinam, Netherlands Antilles, New Guinea; Poland (People's Republic of); Portugal; Portuguese Overseas Provinces; United Arab Republic; Federal German Republic; Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia; Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic; Rhodesia and Nyasaland (Federation of); Roumanian People's Republic; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Sudan (Republic of the); Sweden; Swiss Confederation; Czechoslovakia; Tunisia; Turkey; Union of South Africa and Territory of South-West Africa; Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; Venezuela; Viet-Nam (Republic of).

The Acting Secretary-General of the Union, the Director of the C.C.I.T.T. and the Vice-Director of the C.C.I.R. were also present.

1. Minutes of the 16th Plenary Meeting (Document No. 347)

Approved without comment.

2. Press Release

The Chairman said that a draft press release had been prepared. If the Assembly agreed, he proposed that the same procedure be followed as at the first Plenary Assembly. He asked the Assembly to authorize him to issue the press release after the close of the meeting.

Agreed.

3. Signature of the Final Acts

After Mr. Lewis, Secretary of the Conference, had explained the procedure for signature, the delegates came to the rostrum in the alphabetical order of the French names of their countries and signed the Final Acts of the Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference, Geneva, 1958.

Delegates of the following countries signed the Telegraph Regulations, Geneva, 1958 :

Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of)
Australia (Commonwealth of)
Austria
Belgium
Bielorussian Soviet Socialist Republic
Burma (Union of)
Bulgaria (People's Republic of)
Canada
Ceylon
China
Colombia (Republic of)
Belgian Congo and Territory of Ruanda-Urundi
Korea (Republic of)
Denmark
El Salvador (Republic of)
Group of the different Territories represented by the French Overseas
Postal and Telecommunication Agency
Spain
United States of America
Ethiopia
Finland
France
Greece
Hungarian People's Republic
India (Republic of)
Indonesia (Republic of)
Iran
Ireland
Iceland
Israel (State of)
Italy
Japan
Jordan (Hashemite Kingdom of)
Lebanon
Libya (United Kingdom of)
Luxembourg
Malaya (Federation of)
Morocco (Kingdom of)
Mexico
Monaco
Norway
New Zealand
Pakistan
Paraguay
Netherlands, Surinam, Netherlands Antilles, New Guinea
Poland (People's Republic of)
Portugal
Portuguese Overseas Provinces
United Arab Republic

Federal German Republic
Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Rhodesia and Nyasaland (Federation of)
Roumanian People's Republic
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Sudan (Republic of the)
Sweden
Swiss Confederation
Czechoslovakia
Tunisia
Turkey
Union of South Africa and Territory of South-West Africa
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Venezuela (Republic of)
Viet-Nam (Republic of)

Delegates of the following countries signed the Telephone Regulations, Geneva, 1958 :

Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of)
Australia (Commonwealth of)
Austria
Belgium
Bielorussian Soviet Socialist Republic
Burma (Union of)
Bulgaria (People's Republic of)
Ceylon
China
Colombia (Republic of)
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Indonesia (Republic of)
Iran
Ireland
Iceland
Israel (State of)
Italy

Japan
Jordan (Hashemite Kingdom of)
Lebanon
Libya (United Kingdom of)
Luxembourg
Malaya (Federation of)
Morocco (Kingdom of)
Mexico
Monaco
Norway
Pakistan
Paraguay
Netherlands, Surinam, Netherlands Antilles, New Guinea
Poland (People's Republic of)
Portugal
Portuguese Overseas Provinces
United Arab Republic
Federal German Republic
Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Rhodesia and Nyasaland (Federation of)
Roumanian People's Republic
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Sudan (Republic of the)
Sweden
Swiss Confederation
Czechoslovakia
Tunisia
Turkey
Union of South Africa and Territory of South-West Africa
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Venezuela (Republic of)
Viet-Nam (Republic of)

Thus, the delegates of 64 countries signed the Telegraph Regulations, Geneva, 1958, and the delegates of 61 countries signed the Telephone Regulations, Geneva, 1958.

4. Closing Speeches

After the signing ceremony was over, the Chairman said :

"Ladies and Gentlemen :

" My participation in international telecommunication conferences started in the early thirties when the C.C.I.F. met in Stockholm. During the years following immediately after the second world war I have had the

opportunity of attending several further conferences but I cannot, of course, compare my experience in this field with that of the conference veterans, of whom I understand there are several in this assembly.

" Nevertheless, I have been able to get an idea of what are the characteristic features of telecommunication conferences in general. I think I can say that this particular conference has not been unlike the preceding ones in that in the initial stage the work proceeded slowly and hesitatingly, but that gradually there was a marked increase in speed and efficiency.

" We have been holding this Conference in a beautiful mountainous country, and when talking of our work I would therefore use a simile that suggests itself here in Geneva. I would compare our conference work to the formation and downward movement of an avalanche high up in the mountains.

" At first the snow may be moving very slowly and may seem to make no headway. The snow, of course, is the mass of proposals on white sheets that served as the basis of our work. It often seemed to us that we were getting nowhere with all those proposals, and some of us even had a try at making snowballs of them and starting a snowball fight. But that was just a temporary distraction. By and by we found that the avalanche had got really started and was moving forward at a considerable speed. It did not, however, advance to the very depths of the valley that some of you had wished it to attain; indeed, the most extremist proposals did not gain the approval of the committees and the plenary.

" If I am now allowed to take yet another metaphor from the alpine world, I would express the hope that the two sister rivers - the Telegraph and Telephone Regulations - deriving from the old glacier of the Telecommunications Union - will now have received such quantities of fresh water as will enable them, up to the next Conference, to carry the day-to-day traffic that is to be forwarded by our telecommunication services.

" Ladies and gentlemen, I think that after all we have done rather a good job together, and when closing our proceedings I have to say some words of thanks, in the first place, to the Vice-Chairmen of the Conference, Messrs. Vaish and Donaldson. You have kindly taken over my duties as Chairman when I had to be away for some days. Moreover, I have appreciated very much the good advice you have given me during our many pleasant conversations on both important and minor matters. I wish also to thank Mr. Sovet, who with his sparkling wit and his sense of humour managed to master that somewhat refractory assembly constituted by Committee 1; Mr. Fincher, who, though himself an extra-European, showed such good understanding even of European problems and divergences of opinion, ventilated in the no less unruly Committee 2; and Mr. Langenberger, who with boyish enthusiasm undertook and carried through the arduous task of giving us Telephone Regulations of world-wide scope and application.

" My thanks are also due to Mr. van den Bulcke, who so carefully supervised the finances of the Conference and always produced accurate documents; to Mr. Connelly, who handled with impartiality the delicate questions concerning credentials; and to Mr. Drevet, thanks to whose ability and extraordinary efficiency Regulation texts were ready and at our disposal just a few hours after the drafts had been sent in by the relevant Committees. I also thank Mr. Lewis, the Secretary of the Conference, who has rendered us invaluable service, often working all hours of the day, nay, even of the night, and hardly allowing himself any time for meals.

" Without the good cooperation of all the Chairmen of sub-committees and working groups we could not have succeeded. Nor could we have overcome many difficulties without the preparatory work performed by the C.C.I.T.T. Therefore I address a special word of gratitude to Mr. Rouvière.

" This is the first time an ordinary administrative conference has been held under the auspices of the Union itself, and not of an inviting country. I can very well understand that the people of the General Secretariat may at first have felt a little uneasy concerning this new task that was entrusted to them. But any misgivings they may have had in this respect have proved to be groundless; everything has passed on well, and all the staff have performed to our full satisfaction the duties incumbent on them as regards organization, reception, document distribution, secretarial services, and so on. I cannot mention any names in particular, but in thanking Mr. Gross for all the services so willingly rendered us by him and by the General Secretariat I ask him to extend my thanks to every one of the Union staff who has assisted us in one function or other.

" My thanks also go to the rapporteurs, the interpreters, the translators, the ladies and gentlemen of the typing pools, whose good services have been indispensable to us for achieving any results whatsoever of our own labour.

" On behalf of the Conference I should like to ask the Swiss Delegation to convey our gratitude to the various Departments of the Swiss Confederation and especially to those of Geneva for all they have done to make our stay here so pleasant. Our sincere thanks also go to the Swiss Administration for excellent service rendered to the Conference.

" And last but not least, I thank you all, ladies and gentlemen, for having, by your understanding and indulgence, so kindly assisted your Chairman in the task with which he was honoured by this Conference."

(Applause)

The delegate of the United States of America said :

"Mr. Chairman,

" You have already in a most appropriate way expressed appreciation to the many persons who have had important assignments in this conference. The United States Delegation concurs in these expressions of appreciation.

" We have sensed a spirit of cooperation which has kept the Conference working smoothly and effectively. This has undoubtedly been so because of the excellent leadership that you, Mr. Chairman, have given to the Conference. We have indeed been fortunate to have a Chairman who has always been friendly, courteous and impartial in presiding at many trying plenary sessions. You have extended to everybody the full privilege and freedom of expressing their views. When necessary, you have demonstrated a firmness which has required us to make progress so as to complete our task in the allotted time.

" As we reflect on the past two months, it is clear that you and your charming wife have won the respect and admiration of everyone here. And, while we cannot, of course, speak for other delegations, I am certain that they will agree with my delegation in saying to you a heartfelt "Thank you for a task well done." " (Applause)

The Chairman thanked the delegate of the United States for his kind words.

The delegate of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan said :

" Before this Conference finishes, I hasten to take this opportunity of thanking all the delegates assembled here for their good spirit of cooperation, which has facilitated our task and brought us to this final result and good conclusion. We have proved here that self-denial, common good, mutual understanding, collaboration and confidence can solve all the problems and lead to good results and agreement. I am proud that we have done a good job which, I hope, will be an overture to universal improvement of world communications; the day will come, sooner or later, when the existing difficulties and differences, whatever their form and nature, among us, will be overcome. I also hope that in the forthcoming conferences we shall achieve a wider scope for universal ways and means of communication by the experience we have gained and by similar mutual collaboration and understanding.

" Finally, I have to mention with pride the wide knowledge, experience, wisdom and shrewdness of our Chairman, Dr. Sterky, who was the main factor in our success. We have to thank him for his guidance. There is no doubt that all the organs of the I.T.U. have done very good work and

we must thank them also for what they have done and wish them in future progress and advancement in their fields." (Applause)

The delegate of Colombia said :

" On behalf of the delegations of the Latin American countries, Mr. Chairman, I should like to say how grateful we are to you and how much we appreciate the tact and intelligence you have displayed throughout. At every moment of this Conference, you have helped us to solve the great difficulties which we found in our way and you have proved how wise we were to choose you as our Chairman. Throughout our plenary meetings, you have spared no effort to find the best solutions to the various problems before us and, in ending our work today - work which you made easier and pleasanter - I wish to repeat how thankful we are to you.

" As you have said yourself, we cannot omit to mention the names of Mr. Sovet, Mr. Fincher, Mr. Langenberger, Mr. Drevet and Mr. van den Bulcke who helped towards the successful conclusion of our work. I should also like to thank and congratulate the General Secretariat, the members of the C.C.I.T.T., Mr. Gross, Mr. Lewis, the translators, the distribution staff and the PTT staff, together with all those others who contributed to the success of our work - people whom we shall never forget.

" The Conference is now ending, but friendships which began here will continue and become ever stronger, leading, I hope, to the building of a better world under the leadership of the United Nations. Thank you very much indeed." (Applause)

The delegate of Pakistan said :

" I have asked for the floor at this auspicious moment with a perfect sense of gratitude to say a few congratulatory words on behalf of my delegation.

" I only know that the success of a team entirely depends on its captain. Mr. Chairman, it goes without saying and without a shadow of doubt that you acted splendidly as a most successful captain. The arduous task of revising the Telegraph and Telephone Regulations with such substantial and appreciable improvements to the Paris revision, in order to meet the requirements of a very great majority of Administrations within the stipulated period of two months has been successfully achieved today. You well know that to many present here it appeared, at the beginning of the session, that the Conference would perhaps be unable to complete its work within the period assigned to us. This achievement, I say with full emphasis, was due to your guidance and wise Chairmanship and you deserve rightful congratulations for this notable work.

" Let me take this opportunity of congratulating you on behalf of the Pakistan delegation at this auspicious moment of our final day; I thank God for giving us the strength to do the whole work in such a worthy manner. Thank you, Sir." (Applause)

The delegate of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics said :

" Today we come to the end of a great and important task in the drafting of new telephone and telegraph Regulations. 30 November 1958 will be a milestone for all workers who are fostering the development of telegraph and telephone communications.

" The Conference has done splendid work and the spirit of mutual collaboration was very evident throughout the Conference. We have produced Regulations which will give satisfaction in most ways to nearly all countries in the world. These Regulations, towards which the C.C.I.T.T. Recommendations have helped a very great deal, will facilitate further progress in telecommunication. The successful outcome of our work, which will lead to even more universal regulations, was helped by the active contribution of countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. We are quite certain that the work of the present Conference will also do much to promote the spirit of genuine collaboration and mutual understanding between nations. It will be a contribution to peace.

" Our delegation considers it indispensable to tender the warmest thanks to our distinguished Chairman, Dr. Sterky, and to the Vice-Chairmen, Mr. Vaish and Mr. Donaldson, who displayed very great energy and knowledge and also exceptional objectiveness in carrying out their difficult task of leading this Conference.

" We would also thank the Committee Chairmen - Mr. Fincher, Mr. Sovet, Mr. Langenberger, Mr. van den Bulcke, Mr. Connelly and Mr. Drevet - for their excellent work. Congratulations also to the Chairmen of the sub-committees and working parties who gave so much of their time and wisdom.

" It is with thanks that we stress the outstanding work of the Secretariat of the Conference, the interpreters and all the other staff who by their work have created the conditions necessary for the successful running of the Conference. Our sincere thanks also go to the staff of the Swiss PTT Administration who served us so well during the Conference in every possible way.

" In conclusion, may we wish all delegates a happy journey home, good health and success in their work for the further progress and success of telecommunications." (Applause)

The observer of the International Chamber of Commerce said :

" In the name of the International Chamber of Commerce, I would thank you, Mr. Chairman, and all the delegates for their readiness to consider the petitions submitted and statements made by the International Chamber of Commerce during this Conference. The I.C.C. pays a warm tribute to the tremendous work done by this Conference in its revision of the international telegraph and telephone Regulations. Although it was not possible for this Conference to meet all the requests put forward by the I.C.C., we hope nevertheless that the I.C.C. will benefit in many respects from the work done by this Conference.

" The International Chamber of Commerce thanks you, Mr. Chairman, and all the delegates for having allowed us to attend all the meetings and for the kind hospitality we have enjoyed throughout this Conference."

(Applause)

The delegate of France said :

" Firstly, Mr. Chairman, I would associate myself with all my colleagues who have tendered you their thanks. I would then propose to the Assembly that we should ask you to send a letter to the Acting Secretary-General, Mr. Gross, telling him how highly we appreciate the way in which we have been served by the whole staff with whom we came into contact, from the lowest to the highest grades."

Mr. Donaldson (New Zealand), Vice-Chairman of the Conference, said :

" In truly traditional conference style, I think that I should begin by apologizing for taking the floor at this late hour, but there is one aspect I should very much like to mention.

" Before this, however, I should like to thank those who have made kind references to the services of the Vice-Chairmen. I can assure you that our contribution has been a very small one and it has been our privilege to have been associated with the great man whom we have as Chairman. Your Vice-Chairmen have learned by experience that to conduct this Plenary Assembly is no easy job and we can all the more readily appreciate your expressions of pleasure at the excellent job done by Dr. Sterky.

" But the particular side I wished to refer to is the tremendous work he has done outside the conference room. We have seen something of Dr. Sterky's organizing ability and his planning and driving force behind the progress of this Conference. He has shown great strength, he has worked very long hours and has not spared himself at all. The result of his work is now readily apparent.

" I feel that the Conference has been most successful. I am sure that every delegate is better for the experiences he has had here and will go back a wiser and more effective unit in the world telecommunication service for having been associated with you here." (Applause)

The Chairman thanked Mr. Donaldson for his kind words.

Mr. Vaish (India), Vice-Chairman of the Conference, said :

"Mr. Chairman,

" The Indian Delegation joins other delegates in paying tribute to your qualities of heart and head which you possess in abundance and which have been so eloquently brought out by other delegates.

" The Indian delegation has been very happy to have participated in this Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference. We took our share in the deliberations and discussion, which were of a high order, and learned much from what we heard of the experience of other countries. We were very interested in knowing the latest practice developed in Europe.

" However, the most remarkable thing about the Conference was the spirit of mutual accommodation and friendship in which the debates were carried out and the decisions taken. The Conference has done a wonderful job and can well be proud of its achievements. It is the first time that Telephone Regulations which will have world-wide application have been prepared at a Conference. All this achievement is due to the willing co-operation of all the delegates in general and the able guidance and leadership of the Chairmen of the various Committees and the Chairman of the Conference in particular.

" Here may I say a word about your kind references to the two Vice-Chairmen. I was wondering whether I actually rendered any assistance to you and whether it was only your large-heartedness that made you say such things

" We Vice-Chairmen join you in conveying thanks to all the Secretariat staff, the rapporteurs and the interpreters who have made this Conference such a success.

" The Indian delegation is very happy to have been associated with this Conference and wishes all the delegates a safe and pleasant journey back to their countries." (Applause)

The Chairman expressed his gratitude to Mr. Vaish.

Mr. Gerald C. Gross, Acting Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union, said :

"Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen :

" There comes a moment in all international conferences when, while feeling relieved that the work before the Conference has been led to a successful conclusion, we must take leave of our many friends among the delegates and participants.

" That moment has now arrived and I must associate myself with previous speakers who have so warmly congratulated you, Sir, on the magnificent way in which you have steered the discussions during this important Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference.

" I say important because several major steps have been taken. Apart from bringing up to date the two sets of Regulations which have remained in force now for almost ten years, and rearranging them so that they are more easily consulted by their many users, the very important step forward taken by this Conference in extending the Telephone Regulations from the European system to the whole world is one which will go down in history. I am fully satisfied that the careful work you have done during this Conference has resulted in Regulations which will meet present requirements.

" A further indication that you have looked not only to the present but to the future is the inclusion of Articles dealing with programme transmissions associated with sound broadcasting and television broadcasting and with phototelegraph transmissions as a further extension of existing regulations.

" It has not been an easy conference - international conferences rarely are - but, as engineers and experts, you have been able to get down to basic facts and come to rapid agreement on the essential point - the improvement of facilities for communication by telegraph and telephone throughout the world, as provided by the Convention.

" You have extended the privileges of the I.T.U. for the use of service calls on a worldwide basis and I assure you that this privilege will not be abused, while ensuring economies for the Union budgets.

" I regret that it was necessary, because of other important commitments which I had for the Union, to be away from you for a short period during the middle of the Conference. I am happy to say, however, that since the beginning of this Conference, I have attended all but two of the Plenary Meetings, and I may say that my own education in the telegraph and telephone field has been vastly broadened by association with such a distinguished group of specialists. There is no doubt whatever in my mind

that, since its opening in Geneva exactly two months ago, this Conference has accomplished the most important work of the Union during that period. Mr. Drevet's particular commendation of the entire Secretariat has been most appreciated. Its work was done under the personal direction of my good friend and colleague Leonard Lewis, Secretary of the Conference, who worked day and night on the job and reached success in meeting our deadlines to the exact day.

" Before closing, may I pay tribute to the splendid cooperation we have had from the Swiss authorities. Although in the strict sense this has been a conference without an Inviting Administration, the Swiss authorities - Federal, Cantonal and Municipal - have shown by the warm reception extended to us that it is possible to conduct a successful and friendly conference here in the shadow of the Alps, in this beautiful City of Geneva - a city which is more and more becoming a world centre, even a world capital.

" May I once again congratulate you, Mr. Chairman, and all the delegates who have worked so hard to a common end; may I wish you a safe and comfortable return to your homes. I look forward to the great pleasure of renewing my many friendships among you in the not-too-distant future."

(Applause)

The Chairman closed the Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference, Geneva, 1958, with the following words :

" My friends, may I be somewhat personal. At this moment I must disclose to you that I am very fond of flowers. The reason for that may be that I have distant relations in my family with the world-renowned Swedish botanist, Carolus Linnaeus. Thus I have bought flowers in the market places of Geneva to have in my hotel room every day. Today, you have orally handed over to me so many beautiful flowers that I really should feel ashamed but - to tell you the truth - I like them. I am deeply touched and out of the depth of my heart I say to you all "Thank you" once again.

" In wishing you a happy journey back home and a Merry Christmas, I now declare this Conference closed."

(Great applause).

The time was 4.40 p.m.

Rapporteur :

Secretary of the Conference :

Chairman :

H. Heaton

Leonard V. Lewis

Haakan Sterky

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