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INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION CONVENTION

Preamble

While fully recognizing the sovereign right of each country to regulate its telecommunication, the plenipotentiaries of the Contracting Governments, with the object of facilitating relations between the peoples by means of efficient telecommunication services, have agreed to conclude the following Convention.

CHAPTER I

Composition, Functions and Structure of the Union

ARTICLE 1

Composition of the Union

1. The International Telecommunication Union shall comprise Members and Associate Members.
2. A Member of the Union shall be :
 - a) any country or group of territories listed in Annex 1 upon signature and ratification of, or accession to, this Convention, by it or on its behalf ;
 - b) any country not listed in Annex 1 which becomes a Member of the United Nations and which accedes to this Convention in accordance with Article 16 ;
 - c) any sovereign country not listed in Annex 1 and not a Member of the United Nations which applies for Membership in the Union and which, after having secured approval of such application by two-thirds of the Members of the Union, accedes to this Convention in accordance with Article 16.

3. (1) All Members shall be entitled to participate in conferences of the Union and shall be eligible for election to any of its organs.

(2) Each Member shall have one vote at any conference of the Union and at any meeting of a permanent organ of the Union of which it is a Member.

4. An Associate Member of the Union shall be :

- a) any country, territory or group of territories listed in Annex 2 upon signature and ratification of, or accession to, this Convention, by it or on its behalf ;
- b) any country which has not become a Member of the Union in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article, by acceding to this Convention in accordance with Article 16, after its application for Associate Membership has received approval by a majority of the Members of the Union ;
- c) any territory or group of territories, not fully responsible for the conduct of its international relations, on behalf of which a Member of the Union has signed and ratified or acceded to this Convention in accordance with Article 16 or 17, provided that its application for Associate Membership is sponsored by such Member, after the application has received approval by a majority of the Members of the Union ;
- d) any trust territory on behalf of which the United Nations has acceded to this Convention in accordance with Article 18, and the application of which for Associate Membership has been sponsored by the United Nations.

5. If any territory or group of territories, forming part of a group of territories constituting a Member of the Union, becomes or has become an Associate Member of the Union in accordance with sub-paragraphs a) and c) of paragraph 4 above, its rights and obligations under this Convention shall be those of an Associate Member only.

6. Associate Members shall have the same rights and obligations as Members of the Union, except that they shall not have the right to vote in any conference or other organ of the Union. They shall not be eligible for election to any organ of the Union of which the Members are elected by a plenipotentiary or administrative conference.

7. For purposes of paragraphs 2 c), 4 b) and 4 c) above, if an application for Membership or Associate Membership is made, by diplomatic channel and through the intermediary of the country of the seat of the Union, during the interval between two plenipotentiary conferences, the Secretary-General shall consult the Members of the Union; a Member shall be deemed to have abstained if it has not replied within four months after its opinion has been requested.

ARTICLE 2

Seat of the Union

The seat of the Union and of its permanent organs shall be at Geneva.

ARTICLE 3

Purposes of the Union

1. The purposes of the Union are :
 - a) to maintain and extend international cooperation for the improvement and rational use of telecommunication of all kinds ;
 - b) to promote the development of technical facilities and their most efficient operation with a view to improving the efficiency of telecommunication services, increasing their usefulness and making them, so far as possible, generally available to the public ;
 - c) to harmonize the actions of nations in the attainment of those common ends.
2. To this end, the Union shall in particular :
 - a) effect allocation of the radio frequency spectrum and registration of radio frequency assignments in order to avoid harmful interference between radio stations of different countries ;
 - b) foster collaboration among its Members and Associate Members with a view to the establishment of rates at levels as low as possible consistent with an efficient service and taking into account the necessity for maintaining independent financial administration of telecommunication on a sound basis ;

- c) promote the adoption of measures for ensuring the safety of life through the cooperation of telecommunication service ;
- d) undertake studies, formulate recommendations, and collect and publish information on telecommunication matters for the benefit of all Members and Associate Members.

ARTICLE 4

Structure of the Union

The organization of the Union shall be as follows :

- 1. the Plenipotentiary Conference which is the supreme organ of the Union ;
- 2. Administrative Conferences ;
- 3. the permanent organs of the Union which are :
 - a) the Administrative Council,
 - b) the General Secretariat,
 - c) the International Frequency Registration Board (I.F.R.B.)
 - d) the International Telegraph Consultative Committee (C.C.I.T.)
 - e) the International Telephone Consultative Committee (C.C.I.F.)
 - f) the International Radio Consultative Committee (C.C.I.R.)

ARTICLE 5

Administrative Council

A. Organization and working arrangements

- 1. (1) The Administrative Council shall be composed of eighteen Members of the Union elected by the plenipotentiary conference with due regard to the need for equitable representation of all parts of the world. The Members of the Union elected to the Council shall hold office until the date on which a new Council is

elected by the plenipotentiary conference. They are eligible for re-election.

(2) If between two plenipotentiary conferences a seat becomes vacant on the Administrative Council, it shall pass by right to the Member of the Union, from the same region as the Member whose seat is vacated, who had obtained at the previous election the largest number of votes among those not elected.

2. Each of the Members of the Administrative Council shall appoint to serve on the Council a person qualified in the field of telecommunication services.

3. Each Member of the Council shall have one vote.

4. The Administrative Council shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure.

5. The Administrative Council shall elect its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman at the beginning of each annual session. They shall serve until the opening of the next annual session and shall be eligible for re-election. The Vice-Chairman shall serve as Chairman in the absence of the latter.

6. (1) The Council shall hold an annual session at the seat of the Union.

(2) During this session it may decide to hold, exceptionally, an additional session.

(3) Between ordinary sessions, it may be convened, as a general rule at the seat of the Union, by its Chairman at the request of the majority of its Members.

7. The Secretary-General and the two Assistant Secretaries-General, the Chairman of the International Frequency Registration Board, the Directors of the International Consultative Committees and the Vice-Director of the International Radio Consultative Committee shall participate as of right in the deliberations of the Administrative Council, but without taking part in the voting. Nevertheless, the Council may exceptionally hold meetings confined to its own Members.

8. The Secretary-General of the Union shall act as Secretary of the Administrative Council.

9. (1) In the interval between plenipotentiary conferences, the Administrative Council shall act on behalf of the plenipotentiary conference within the limits of the powers delegated to it by the latter.

(2) The Council shall act only in formal session.

10. Only the travelling and subsistence expenses incurred by the representative of each Member of the Administrative Council in this capacity shall be borne by the Union.

B. Duties

11. (1) The Administrative Council shall be responsible for taking all steps to facilitate the implementation by the Members and Associate Members of the provisions of the Convention, of the Regulations, of the decisions of the plenipotentiary conference, and, where appropriate, of the decisions of other conferences and meetings of the Union.

(2) It shall ensure the efficient coordination of the work of the Union.

12. In particular the Administrative Council shall :

a) perform any duties assigned to it by the plenipotentiary conference ;

b) in the interval between plenipotentiary conferences, be responsible for effecting the coordination with all international organizations referred to in Articles 26 and 27 of this Convention ;
and, to this end,

1. conclude, on behalf of the Union, provisional agreements with the international organizations referred to in Article 27 of the Convention, and with the United Nations in application of the Agreement contained in Annex 6 to the Convention ; these provisional agreements shall be submitted to the next plenipotentiary conference in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 1 g) of this Convention ;

2. appoint, on behalf of the Union, one or more representatives to participate in the conferences of such organizations, and, when necessary, in coordinating committees established in conjunction with those organizations ;

c) appoint the Secretary-General and the two Assistant Secretaries-General of the Union ;

d) decide on the numbers and grading of the staff of the General Secretariat and of the specialized secretariats

- of the permanent organs of the Union, taking into account the general directives given by the plenipotentiary conference ;
- e) draw up such regulations as it may consider necessary for the administrative and financial activities of the Union ;
 - f) supervise the administrative functions of the Union ;
 - g) review and approve the annual budget of the Union ;
 - h) arrange for the annual audit of the accounts of the Union prepared by the Secretary-General and approve them for submission to the next plenipotentiary conference ;
 - i) fix the salaries of the Secretary-General, the members of the International Frequency Registration Board and of all the officials of the Union, taking into account the basic salary scales determined in accordance with the terms of Article 9, paragraph 1 c) by the plenipotentiary conference ;
 - j) determine if necessary the amount of any temporary additional allowances, taking into consideration the fluctuations in the cost of living in the country where the headquarters of the Union are situated and following in this matter, as far as possible, the practice of the Government of that country and the international organizations established there ;
 - k) arrange for the convening of plenipotentiary and administrative conferences of the Union in accordance with Articles 9 and 10 of this Convention ;
 - l) offer to the plenipotentiary conference of the Union any suggestions deemed useful ;
 - m) co-ordinate the activities of the permanent organs of the Union, take such action as it deems appropriate on requests or recommendations made to it by such organs, and fill vacancies ad interim in respect of the Directors of the International Consultative Committees and Vice-Director of the International Radio Consultative Committee ;
 - n) perform the other functions prescribed for it in this Convention and, within the framework of the Convention and the Regulations, any functions deemed necessary for the proper administration of the Union ;

- o)* submit a report on its activities and those of the Union for consideration by the plenipotentiary conference.

ARTICLE 6

International Frequency Registration Board

1. The essential duties of the International Frequency Registration Board shall be :

- a)* to effect an orderly recording of frequency assignments made by the different countries so as to establish, in accordance with the procedure provided for in the Radio Regulations and in accordance with any decisions which may be taken by competent conferences of the Union, the date, purpose and technical characteristics of each of these assignments, with a view to ensuring formal international recognition thereof ;
- b)* to furnish advice to Members and Associate Members with a view to the operation of the maximum practicable number of radio channels in those portions of the spectrum where harmful interference may occur ;
- c)* to perform any additional duties, concerned with the assignment and utilization of frequencies, prescribed by a competent conference of the Union, or by the Administrative Council with the consent of the majority of the Members of the Union in preparation for or in pursuance of the decisions of such a conference ;
- d)* to maintain such essential records as may be related to the performance of its duties.

2. (1) The International Frequency Registration Board shall be a body composed of independent members, all nationals of different countries, Members of the Union.

(2) The members of the Board shall be thoroughly qualified by technical training in the field of radio and shall possess practical experience in the assignment and utilization of frequencies.

(3) Moreover, for the more effective understanding of the problems coming before the Board under paragraph 1 *b)* above, each member shall be familiar with geographic, economic and demographic conditions within a particular area of the world.

3. (1) At each of its meetings, the ordinary administrative radio conference shall elect the countries, Members of the Union, each of which is to nominate one of its nationals, qualified as provided above, to serve as an independent member of the Board.

(2) The method of this election shall be established by the Conference itself, in such a way as to ensure an equitable distribution of the members among the various parts of the world.

(3) The countries so elected are eligible for re-election.

(4) The members of the Board shall take up their duties on the date determined by the ordinary administrative radio conference which elected the countries entrusted with the task of nominating them. They shall normally remain in office until the date determined by the following conference for their successors to take up their duties.

(5) If in the period between two ordinary administrative radio conferences, a member of the Board resigns or otherwise abandons his duties without good cause for a period exceeding three months, the Member of the Union which nominated him shall be asked by the Chairman of the Board to nominate a successor as soon as possible. If the Member of the Union concerned does not provide a replacement within a period of three months from the date of this request, it shall lose its right to nominate a person to serve on the Board. The Chairman of the Board shall then request the Member of the Union which had obtained, at the previous election, the largest number of votes among those not elected in the area concerned, to nominate a person to serve on the Board for the unexpired portion of the term.

4. The working arrangements of the Board are defined in the Radio Regulations.

5. (1) The members of the Board shall serve, not as representatives of their respective countries, or of a region, but as custodians of an international public trust.

(2) No member of the Board shall request or receive instructions relating to the exercise of his duties from any Government or a member thereof, or from any public or private organization or person. Furthermore, each Member and Associate Member

must respect the international character of the Board and of the duties of its members and shall refrain from any attempt to influence any of them in the exercise of their duties.

(3) No member of the Board or of its staff shall participate in any manner or have any financial interest whatsoever in any branch of telecommunication, apart from the work of the Board. However, the term "financial interest" is not to be construed as applying to the continuation of retirement benefits accruing in respect of previous employment or service.

6. Any person serving on the Board shall be presumed automatically to have resigned his duties from the moment when the country of which he is a national ceases to be a Member of the Union.

ARTICLE 7

International Consultative Committees

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

(2) The duties of the International Telephone Consultative Committee (C.C.I.F.) shall be to study technical, operating and tariff questions relating to telephony and to issue recommendations on them.

(3) The duties of the International Radio Consultative Committee (C.C.I.R.) shall be to study technical radio questions and operating questions, the solution of which depends principally on considerations of a technical radio character and to issue recommendations on them.

2. The questions studied by each International Consultative Committee, on which it shall issue recommendations, are those submitted to it by the plenipotentiary conference, by an administrative conference, by the Administrative Council, by another Consultative Committee or by the International Frequency Registration Board. A Consultative Committee shall likewise issue its recommendations on questions, the study of which has been decided upon by its Plenary Assembly or requested by at least twelve

Members or Associate Members in the interval between two meetings of the Plenary Assembly concerned.

3. The International Consultative Committees shall have as Members :

- a) of right, the administrations of all Members and Associate Members of the Union ;
- b) any recognized private operating agency which, with the approval of the Member or Associate Member which has recognized it, expresses a desire to participate in the work of these Committees.

4. Each Consultative Committee shall work through the medium of :

- a) the Plenary Assembly, meeting normally every three years ;
- b) study groups, which shall be set up by the Plenary Assembly to deal with questions to be studied ;
- c) a Director, who shall be appointed by the Plenary Assembly for an indefinite period, but with the reciprocal right of terminating the appointment ; the Director of the Radio Consultative Committee shall be assisted by a Vice-Director specializing in broadcasting, appointed under the same conditions ;
- d) a specialized secretariat, which assists the Director ;
- e) laboratories or technical installations set up by the Union.

5. The Directors of the Consultative Committees and the Vice-Director of the International Radio Consultative Committee shall all be nationals of different countries.

6. (1) Consultative Committees shall observe the applicable Rules of Procedure of Conferences contained in the General Regulations annexed to this Convention.

(2) The Plenary Assembly of a Consultative Committee may adopt such additional provisions as may facilitate the work of the Committee if they do not conflict with the Rules of Procedure of Conferences.

7. The working arrangements of the Consultative Committees are defined in Part II of the General Regulations annexed to this Convention.

ARTICLE 8

General Secretariat

1. (1) The General Secretariat shall be directed by a Secretary-General, assisted by two Assistant Secretaries-General, who shall all be nationals of different countries, Members of the Union.

(2) The Secretary-General shall be responsible to the Administrative Council for all duties entrusted to the General Secretariat, and for all the administrative and financial services of the Union. The Assistant Secretaries-General shall be responsible to the Secretary-General.

2. The Secretary-General shall :

- a) organize the work of the General Secretariat and appoint the staff of that Secretariat in accordance with the directives of the plenipotentiary conference and the rules established by the Administrative Council ;
- b) undertake administrative arrangements for the specialized secretariats of the permanent organs of the Union and appoint the staff of those secretariats in agreement with the Head of each permanent organ ; the appointments shall be made on the basis of the latter's choice, but the final decision for appointment or dismissal shall rest with the Secretary-General ;
- c) ensure that in the specialized secretariats all the financial and administrative regulations approved by the Administrative Council are applied ;
- d) supervise, for administrative purposes only, the staff of those specialized secretariats who shall work directly under the orders of the heads of the permanent organs of the Union ;
- e) undertake secretarial work preparatory to, and following, conferences of the Union ;
- f) provide, where appropriate in cooperation with the inviting government, the secretariat of every conference of the Union, and, when so requested or provided in the Regulations annexed to the Convention, the secretariat of meetings of the permanent organs of the Union or meetings placed under its auspices ; he may also, when so requested, provide the secretariat of other telecommunication meetings on a contractual basis ;

- g)* keep up to date the official lists, compiled from data supplied for this purpose by the permanent organs of the Union or by Administrations, with the exception of the master registers and such other essential records as may be related to the duties of the International Frequency Registration Board ;
- h)* publish the recommendations and principal reports of the permanent organs of the Union ;
- i)* publish international and regional telecommunication agreements communicated to him by the parties thereto, and keep up to date records of these agreements ;
- j)* publish such data concerning the assignment and utilization of frequencies as are prepared by the International Frequency Registration Board in the discharge of its duties ;
- k)* prepare, publish and keep up to date with the assistance, where appropriate, of the other permanent organs of the Union :
 1. a record of the composition and structure of the Union ;
 2. the general statistics and the official service documents of the Union as prescribed by the Regulations annexed to the Convention ;
 3. such other documents as conferences or the Administrative Council may direct ;
- l)* distribute the published documents ;
- m)* collect and publish, in suitable form, data both national and international regarding telecommunication throughout the world ;
- n)* collect and publish such information as would be of assistance to Members and Associate Members regarding the development of technical methods with a view to achieving the most efficient operation of telecommunication services and especially the best possible use of radio frequencies so as to diminish interference ;
- o)* publish periodically, with the help of information put at his disposal or which he may collect, including that which he may obtain from other international organizations, a journal of general information and documentation concerning telecommunication ;

- p) prepare and submit to the Administrative Council annual budget estimates which, after approval by the Council, shall be transmitted for information to all Members and Associate Members ;
- q) prepare a financial operating report and accounts to be submitted annually to the Administrative Council and recapitulative accounts immediately preceding each plenipotentiary conference ; these accounts, after audit and approval by the Administrative Council, shall be circulated to the Members and Associate Members and be submitted to the next plenipotentiary conference for examination and final approval ;
- r) prepare an annual report on the activities of the Union which, after approval by the Administrative Council, shall be transmitted to all Members and Associate Members ;
- s) perform all other secretarial functions of the Union.

3. The Secretary-General or one of the two Assistant Secretaries-General may participate, in a consultative capacity, in Plenary Assemblies of International Consultative Committees and in all conferences of the Union ; the Secretary-General or his representative may participate in a consultative capacity in all other meetings of the Union.

4. The paramount consideration in the recruitment of the staff and in the determination of the conditions of service shall be the necessity of securing for the Union the highest standards of efficiency, competence, and integrity. Due regard must be paid to the importance of recruiting the staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible.

5. (1) In the performance of their duties, the Secretary-General, the Assistant Secretaries-General and the staff must not seek or receive instructions from any government or from any other authority external to the Union. They must refrain from any action which might reflect on their position as international officials.

(2) Each Member and Associate Member shall undertake to respect the exclusively international character of the responsibilities of the Secretary-General, the Assistant Secretaries-General and the staff, and not to seek to influence them in the discharge of their responsibilities.

ARTICLE 9

Plenipotentiary Conference

1. The plenipotentiary conference shall :

- a) consider the report by the Administrative Council on its activities and those of the Union since the last plenipotentiary conference ;
- b) establish the basis for the budget of the Union and determine a fiscal limit for the ordinary expenditure of the Union until the next plenipotentiary conference ;
- c) establish the basic salary scales of the Secretary-General, of all of the Union staff and of the members of the International Frequency Registration Board ;
- d) finally approve the accounts of the Union ;
- e) elect the Members of the Union which are to serve on the Administrative Council ;
- f) revise the Convention if it considers this necessary ;
- g) conclude or revise, if necessary, agreements between the Union and other international organizations, examine any provisional agreements with such organizations concluded, on behalf of the Union, by the Administrative Council, and take such measures in connection therewith as it deems appropriate ;
- h) deal with such other telecommunication questions as may be necessary.

2. The plenipotentiary conference shall normally meet once every five years at a date and place fixed by the preceding plenipotentiary conference.

3. (1) The date or place of the next plenipotentiary conference may be changed :

- a) when at least twenty Members of the Union have proposed a change to the Secretary-General ;
- b) on the proposal of the Administrative Council.

(2) In either case a new date or place or both shall be fixed with the concurrence of a majority of the Members of the Union.

ARTICLE 10

Administrative Conferences

1. Administrative conferences of the Union shall comprise :
 - a) ordinary administrative conferences ;
 - b) extraordinary administrative conferences ;
 - c) special conferences, which include regional and service conferences.

2. (1) Ordinary administrative conferences shall :
 - a) revise the Regulations provided for in Article 12 paragraph 2 of this Convention with which they are respectively concerned ;
 - b) deal with all other matters deemed necessary within the terms of the Convention and the General Regulations and any directives given by the plenipotentiary conference.

(2) In addition, the ordinary administrative radio conference shall :

 - a) elect the members of the International Frequency Registration Board ;
 - b) review the activities of the Board.

3. Ordinary administrative conferences shall normally meet every five years, preferably at the same time and place as the plenipotentiary conference.

4. (1) The date or place of an ordinary administrative conference may be changed :
 - a) when at least twenty Members of the Union have proposed a change to the Secretary-General.
 - b) on the proposal of the Administrative Council.

(2) In either case a new date or place or both shall be fixed with the concurrence of a majority of the Members of the Union.

5. (1) An extraordinary administrative conference may be convened :

- a) by a decision of the plenipotentiary conference which shall determine its agenda and the date and place of its meeting ; or
- b) when at least twenty Members of the Union have made known to the Secretary-General their desire that such a conference shall be held to consider an agenda proposed by them ; or
- c) on the proposal of the Administrative Council.

(2) In the cases specified in *b*) and *c*) of sub-paragraph (1) above, the date and place of the conference, as well as its agenda, shall be determined with the concurrence of a majority of the Members of the Union.

6. (1) A special conference may be convened :

- a) by a decision of the plenipotentiary conference or an ordinary or extraordinary administrative conference which shall determine its agenda and the date and place at which it shall meet ;
- b) when at least twenty Members of the Union in the case of a world conference, or one quarter of the Members of the region concerned in the case of a regional conference, have made known to the Secretary-General their desire that such a conference should be held to consider an agenda proposed by them ;
- c) on a proposal by the Administrative Council.

(2) In the cases specified in sub-paragraphs (1) *b*) and (1) *c*) above, the date and place of the conference as well as its agenda shall be determined with the concurrence of a majority of the Members of the Union for world conferences, or of a majority of the Members in the region concerned for regional conferences.

7. (1) Extraordinary administrative conferences shall be convened to consider certain specific telecommunication matters of an urgent nature. Only items included in their agenda may be discussed by such conferences.

(2) Extraordinary administrative conferences may revise certain provisions of any set of Regulations with which they are concerned, provided that the revision of such provisions is included

in the agenda approved by a majority of the Members of the Union in accordance with paragraph 5 (2) above.

8. Special conferences shall only be convened to consider the matters included in their agenda. Their decisions must in all circumstances be in conformity with the terms of the Convention and Administrative Regulations.

9. Proposals for changing the date or place of extraordinary administrative conferences and of special conferences must, to be adopted, have the approval of a majority of the Members of the Union, or of a majority of the Members in the region concerned in the case of regional conferences.

ARTICLE 11

Rules of Procedure of Conferences

For the organization of their work and the conduct of their discussions, administrative conferences shall apply the Rules of Procedure of Conferences contained in the General Regulations annexed to the Convention. However, before starting its deliberations, each conference may adopt such additional provisions as are indispensable.

ARTICLE 12

Regulations

1. Subject to the provisions of Article 11, the General Regulations contained in Annex 5 to this Convention shall have the same force and duration as the Convention.

2. (1) The provisions of the Convention are completed by the following sets of Administrative Regulations which shall be binding on all Members and Associate Members :

Telegraph Regulations,
Telephone Regulations,
Radio Regulations,
Additional Radio Regulations.

(2) Members and Associate Members shall inform the Secretary-General of their approval of any revision of these Regulations by administrative conferences. The Secretary-General shall inform Members and Associate Members promptly regarding receipt of such notifications of approval.

3. In case of inconsistency between a provision of the Convention and a provision of the Regulations, the Convention shall prevail.

ARTICLE 13

Finances of the Union

1. The expenses of the Union shall be classified as ordinary expenses and extraordinary expenses.

2. The ordinary expenses of the Union shall be kept within the limits prescribed by the plenipotentiary conference. They shall include, in particular, the expenses pertaining to the meetings of the Administrative Council, the salaries of the staff and other expenses of the General Secretariat, of the International Frequency Registration Board, of the International Consultative Committees, and of the laboratories and technical installations created by the Union. These ordinary expenses shall be borne by all Members and Associate Members.

3. (1) The extraordinary expenses shall include all expenses pertaining to plenipotentiary conferences, administrative conferences and meetings of the International Consultative Committees. They shall be borne by the Members and Associate Members which have agreed to participate in these conferences and meetings or which have actually participated.

(2) Recognized private operating agencies shall contribute to the expenses of the administrative conferences in which they participate or in which they have asked to participate.

(3) International organizations shall contribute to the expenses of plenipotentiary and administrative conferences to which they are admitted.

(4) Recognized private operating agencies shall contribute to the expenses of meetings of the Consultative Committees of which they are members. Similarly, international organizations

and scientific or industrial organizations shall contribute to the expenses of meetings of the Consultative Committees to which they are admitted to participate.

(5) Nevertheless the Administrative Council may exempt international organizations from any participation in extraordinary expenses, on condition of reciprocity.

(6) Expenses incurred by laboratories and technical installations of the Union, in measurements, testing, or special research for individual Members or Associate Members, groups of Members or Associate Members, or regional organizations or others, shall be borne by those Members or Associate Members, groups, organizations or others.

4. The scale of contributions to the expenses of the Union shall be as follows :

30-units class	8-units class
25-units „	5-units „
20-units „	4-units „
18-units „	3-units „
15-units „	2-units „
13-units „	1-unit „
10-units „	1/2-unit „

5. Members and Associate Members, recognized private operating agencies, international organizations and scientific or industrial organizations shall be free to choose the class in which they will share in defraying the expenses of the Union.

6. (1) Each Member and Associate Member shall inform the Secretary-General, before the Convention enters into force, of the class it has chosen.

(2) This decision shall be notified to Members and Associate Members by the Secretary-General.

(3) Members and Associate Members may at any time choose a class higher than the one already adopted by them.

(4) Any application submitted after the date of entry into force of the Convention and entailing a reduction in the number of contributory units of a Member or Associate Member shall be

referred to the following plenipotentiary conference and shall take effect from a date to be determined by that conference.

7. The sale price of documents sold to administrations, recognized private operating agencies or individuals shall be fixed by the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Administrative Council, bearing in mind the fact that the cost of publication must be covered by the sale of the documents.

8. Members and Associate Members shall pay in advance their annual contributory shares calculated on the basis of the estimated expenditure of the Union for the following financial year.

9. The amounts due shall bear interest from the beginning of each financial year of the Union with regard to ordinary expenses and from thirty days after the date on which accounts for extraordinary expenses are sent to Members and Associate Members. This interest shall be at the rate of 3% (three per cent.) per annum during the first six months and at the rate of 6% (six per cent.) per annum from the beginning of the seventh month.

ARTICLE 14

Languages

1. (1) The official languages of the Union shall be Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

(2) The working languages of the Union shall be English, French and Spanish.

(3) In case of dispute, the French text shall be authentic.

2. (1) The final documents of the plenipotentiary and administrative conferences, as well as their final acts, protocols and resolutions shall be drawn up in the official languages of the Union in versions equivalent in form and content.

(2) All other documents of these conferences shall be issued in the working languages of the Union.

3. (1) The official service documents of the Union as prescribed by the Administrative Regulations shall be published in the five official languages.

(2) All other documents for general distribution prepared by the Secretary-General in the course of his duties shall be drawn up in the three working languages.

4. Any of the documents referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 above may be published in languages other than those there specified, provided that the Members or Associate Members requesting such publication undertake to defray the whole of the cost of translation and publication involved.

5. At conferences of the Union and whenever it is necessary at meetings of its permanent organs, the debates shall be conducted with the aid of an efficient system of reciprocal interpretation between the three working languages.

6. (1) At conferences of the Union and at meetings of its permanent organs, languages other than the three working languages may be used :

- a) if an application is made to the Secretary-General or to the Head of the permanent organ concerned to provide for the use of an additional language or languages, oral or written, provided that the additional cost so incurred shall be borne by those Members or Associate Members which have made or supported the application ;
- b) if any delegation itself makes arrangements at its own expense for oral translation from its own language into any one of the three working languages.

(2) In the case provided for in paragraph 6 (1) *a*) above, the Secretary-General or the Head of the permanent organ concerned shall comply to the extent practicable with the application, having first obtained from the Members or Associate Members concerned an undertaking that the cost incurred will be duly repaid by them to the Union ;

(3) In the case provided for in paragraph 6 (1) *b*) above, the delegation concerned may, furthermore, if it wishes, arrange at its own expense for oral interpretation into its own language from one of the three working languages.

CHAPTER II

Application of the Convention and Regulations

ARTICLE 15

Ratification of the Convention

1. This Convention shall be ratified by each of the signatory Governments. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited, in as short a time as possible, with the Secretary-General by diplomatic channel through the intermediary of the Government of the country of the seat of the Union. The Secretary-General shall notify the Members and Associate Members of each deposit of ratification.

2. (2) During a period of two years from the date of entry into force of this Convention, a signatory Government, even though it may not have deposited an instrument of ratification in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article, shall enjoy the rights conferred on Members of the Union in paragraph 3 of Article 1 of this Convention.

(2) After the end of a period of two years from the date of entry into force of this Convention, a signatory Government which has not deposited an instrument of ratification in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 above, shall not be entitled to vote at any conference of the Union or at any meeting of any of its permanent organs until it has so deposited such an instrument.

3. After the entry into force of this Convention in accordance with Article 50, each instrument of ratification shall become effective on the date of its deposit with the General Secretariat.

4. If one or more of the signatory Governments do not ratify the Convention, it shall not thereby be less valid for the Governments which have ratified it.

ARTICLE 16

Accession to the Convention

1. The Government of a country, not a signatory of this Convention, may accede thereto at any time subject to the provisions of Article 1.

2. The instrument of accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General by diplomatic channel through the intermediary of the Government of the country of the seat of the Union. Unless otherwise specified therein, it shall become effective upon the date of its deposit. The Secretary-General shall notify the Members and Associate Members of each accession when it is received and shall forward to each of them a certified copy of the act of accession.

ARTICLE 17

Application of the Convention to Countries or Territories for whose Foreign Relations Members of the Union are responsible

1. Members of the Union may declare at any time that their acceptance of this Convention applies to all or a group or a single one of the countries or territories for whose foreign relations they are responsible.

2. A declaration made in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article shall be communicated to the Secretary-General of the Union. The Secretary-General shall notify the Members and Associate Members of each such declaration.

3. The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall not be deemed to be obligatory in respect of any country, territory or group of territories listed in Annex 1 of this Convention.

ARTICLE 18

Application of the Convention to Trust Territories of the United Nations

The United Nations shall have the right to accede to this Convention on behalf of any territory or group of territories placed under its administration in accordance with a trusteeship agreement as provided for in Article 75 of the Charter of the United Nations.

ARTICLE 19

Execution of the Convention and Regulations

1. The Members and Associate Members are bound to abide by the provisions of this Convention and the Regulations annexed

thereto in all telecommunication offices and stations established or operated by them which engage in international services or which are capable of causing harmful interference to radio services of other countries, except in regard to services exempted from these obligations in accordance with the provisions of Article 48 of this Convention.

2. They are also bound, in addition, to take the necessary steps to impose the observance of the provisions of this Convention and of the Regulations annexed thereto upon recognized private operating agencies and upon other agencies authorized to establish and operate telecommunication which engage in international services or which operate stations capable of causing harmful interference to the radio services of other countries.

ARTICLE 20

Denunciation of the Convention

1. Each Member and Associate Member which has ratified, or acceded to, this Convention shall have the right to denounce it by a notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the Union by diplomatic channel through the intermediary of the Government of the country of the seat of the Union. The Secretary-General shall advise the other Members and Associate Members thereof.

2. This denunciation shall take effect at the expiration of a period of one year from the day of the receipt of notification of it by the Secretary-General.

ARTICLE 21

Denunciation of the Convention on behalf of Countries or Territories for whose Foreign Relations Members of the Union are responsible

1. The application of this Convention to a country, territory or group of territories in accordance with Article 17 may be terminated at any time, and such country, territory or group of territories, if it is an Associate Member, ceases upon termination to be such.

2. The declarations of denunciation contemplated in the above paragraph shall be notified in conformity with the conditions set out in paragraph 1 of Article 20 ; they shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of that article.

ARTICLE 22

Abrogation of the earlier Convention

This Convention shall abrogate and replace, in relations between the Contracting Governments, the International Telecommunication Convention of Atlantic City (1947).

ARTICLE 23

Validity of Administrative Regulations in force

The Administrative Regulations referred to in Article 12, paragraph 2, shall be regarded as annexed to this Convention and shall remain valid until the time of entry into force of new Regulations drawn up by the competent ordinary, and where case arises, extraordinary administrative conferences.

ARTICLE 24

Relations with Non-contracting States

1. Each Member and Associate Member reserves to itself and to the recognized private operating agencies the right to fix the conditions under which it admits telecommunications exchanged with a State which is not a party to this Convention.

2. If a telecommunication originating in the territory of such a non-contracting State is accepted by a Member or Associate Member, it must be transmitted and, in so far as it follows the telecommunication channels of a Member or Associate Member, the obligatory provisions of the Convention and Regulations and the usual charges shall apply to it.

ARTICLE 25

Settlement of Differences

1. Members and Associate Members may settle their differences on questions relating to the application of this Convention or of the Regulations contemplated in Article 12, through diplomatic channels, or according to procedures established by bilateral or multilateral treaties concluded between them for the settlement of international disputes, or by any other method mutually agreed upon.

2. If none of these methods of settlement is adopted, any Member or Associate Member party to a dispute may submit the dispute to arbitration in accordance with the procedure defined in Annex 4.

CHAPTER III

Relations with the United Nations and with International Organizations

ARTICLE 26

Relations with the United Nations

1. The relationship between the United Nations and the International Telecommunication Union is defined in the agreement, the text of which appears in Annex 6 of this Convention.

2. In accordance with the provisions of Article XVI of the above-mentioned agreement, the telecommunication operating services of the United Nations shall be entitled to the rights and bound by the obligations of this Convention and of the Regulations annexed thereto. Accordingly, they shall be entitled to attend all conferences of the Union, including meetings of the International Consultative Committees, in a consultative capacity. They shall not be eligible for election to any organ of the Union, the Members of which are elected by a plenipotentiary or administrative conference.

ARTICLE 27

Relations with International Organizations

In furtherance of complete international coordination on matters affecting telecommunication, the Union will cooperate with international organizations having related interests and activities.

CHAPTER IV

General Provisions relating to Telecommunication

ARTICLE 28

The Right of the Public to use the International Telecommunication Service

Members and Associate Members recognize the right of the public to correspond by means of the international service of public correspondence. The service, the charges, and the safeguards shall be the same for all private users in each category of correspondence without any priority or preference.

ARTICLE 29

Stoppage of Telecommunications

1. Members and Associate Members reserve the right to stop the transmission of any private telegram which may appear dangerous to the security of the state or contrary to their laws, to public order or to decency, provided that they immediately notify the office of origin of the stoppage of any such telegram or any part thereof, except when such notification may appear dangerous to the security of the state.

2. Members and Associate Members also reserve the right to cut off any private telephone or telegraph communication which may appear dangerous to the security of the state or contrary to their laws, to public order or to decency.

ARTICLE 30

Suspension of Services

Each Member or Associate Member reserves the right to suspend the international telecommunication service for an indefinite time, either generally or only for certain relations and/or for certain kinds of correspondence, outgoing, incoming or in transit, provided that it immediately notifies such action to each of the other Members and Associate Members through the medium of the General Secretariat.

ARTICLE 31

Responsibility

Members and Associate Members accept no responsibility towards users of the international telecommunication services, particularly as regards claims for damages.

ARTICLE 32

Secrecy of Telecommunication

1. Members and Associate Members agree to take all possible measures, compatible with the system of telecommunication used, with a view to ensuring the secrecy of international correspondence.

2. Nevertheless, they reserve the right to communicate such correspondence to the competent authorities in order to ensure the application of their internal laws or the execution of international conventions to which they are parties.

ARTICLE 33

Establishment, Operation, and Protection of Telecommunication Installations and Channels

1. Members and Associate Members shall take such steps as may be necessary to ensure the establishment, under the best technical conditions, of the channels and installations necessary

to carry on the rapid and uninterrupted exchange of international telecommunications.

2. So far as possible, these channels and installations must be operated by the best methods and procedures developed as a result of practical operating experience, maintained in proper operating condition and kept abreast of scientific and technical progress.

3. Members and Associate Members shall safeguard these channels and installations within their jurisdiction.

4. Unless other conditions are laid down by special arrangements, each Member and Associate Member shall take such steps as may be necessary to ensure maintenance of those sections of international telecommunication circuits within its control.

ARTICLE 34

Notification of Infringements

In order to facilitate the application of the provisions of Article 19, Members and Associate Members undertake to inform each other of infringements of the provisions of this Convention and of the Regulations annexed thereto.

ARTICLE 35

Charges and Free Services

The provisions regarding charges for telecommunication and the various cases in which free services are accorded are set forth in the Regulations annexed to this Convention.

ARTICLE 36

Priority of Telecommunications concerning Safety of Life

The international telegraph and telephone services must accord absolute priority to telecommunications concerning safety of life at sea, on land, or in the air, and to epidemiological tele-

communications of exceptional urgency of the World Health Organization.

ARTICLE 37

Priority of Government Telegrams and Telephone Calls

Subject to the provisions of Articles 36 and 46, Government telegrams shall enjoy priority over other telegrams when priority is requested for them by the sender. Government telephone calls may also be accorded priority, upon specific request and to the extent practicable, over other telephone calls.

ARTICLE 38

Secret Language

1. Government telegrams and service telegrams may be expressed in secret language in all relations.

2. Private telegrams in secret language may be admitted between all countries with the exception of those which have previously notified, through the medium of the General Secretariat, that they do not admit this language for those categories of correspondence.

3. Members and Associate Members which do not admit private telegrams in secret language originating in or destined for their own territory must let them pass in transit, except in the case of suspension of service provided for in Article 30.

ARTICLE 39

Rendering and Settlements of Accounts

1. Administrations of Members and Associate Members and recognized private operating agencies which operate international telecommunication services, shall come to an agreement with regard to the amount of their credits and debits.

2. The statements of accounts in respect to debits and credits referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations annexed to this Convention, unless special arrangements have been concluded between the parties concerned.

3. The settlement of international accounts shall be regarded as current transactions and shall be effected in accordance with the current international obligations of the countries concerned, in those cases where their governments have concluded arrangements on this subject. Where no such arrangements have been concluded, and in the absence of special arrangements made under Article 41 of this Convention, these settlements shall be effected in accordance with the Regulations.

ARTICLE 40

Monetary Unit

The monetary unit used in the composition of the tariffs of the international telecommunication services and in the establishment of the international accounts shall be the gold franc of 100 centimes, of a weight of 10/31 of a gramme and of a fineness of 0.900.

ARTICLE 41

Special Arrangements

Members and Associate Members reserve for themselves, for the private operating agencies recognized by them and for other agencies duly authorized to do so, the right to make special arrangements on telecommunication matters which do not concern Members and Associate Members in general. Such arrangements, however, shall not be in conflict with the terms of this Convention or of the Regulations annexed thereto, so far as concerns the harmful interference which their operation might be likely to cause to the radio services of other countries.

ARTICLE 42

Regional Conferences, Agreements and Organizations

Members and Associate Members reserve the right to convene regional conferences, to conclude regional agreements and to

form regional organizations, for the purpose of settling telecommunication questions which are susceptible of being treated on a regional basis. However, such agreements must not be in conflict with this Convention.

CHAPTER V

Special Provisions for Radio

ARTICLE 43

Rational use of Frequencies and Spectrum Space

Members and Associate Members recognize that it is desirable to limit the number of frequencies and the spectrum space used to the minimum essential to provide in a satisfactory manner the necessary services.

ARTICLE 44

Intercommunication

1. Stations performing radiocommunication in the mobile service shall be bound, within the limits of their normal employment, to exchange radiocommunications reciprocally without distinction as to the radio system adopted by them.

2. Nevertheless, in order not to impede scientific progress, the provisions of the preceding paragraph shall not prevent the use of a radio system incapable of communicating with other systems, provided that such incapacity is due to the specific nature of such system and is not the result of devices adopted solely with the object of preventing intercommunication.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1, a station may be assigned to a restricted international service of telecommunication, determined by the purpose of such telecommunication, or by other circumstances independent of the system used.

ARTICLE 45

Harmful Interference

1. All stations, whatever their purpose, must be established and operated in such a manner as not to result in harmful interference to the radio services or communications of other Members or Associate Members or of recognized private operating agencies, or of other duly authorized operating agencies which carry on radio service, and which operate in accordance with the provisions of the Radio Regulations.

2. Each Member or Associate Member undertakes to require the private operating agencies which it recognizes and the other operating agencies duly authorized for this purpose, to observe the provisions of the preceding paragraph.

3. Further, the Members and Associate Members recognize the desirability of taking all practicable steps to prevent the operation of electrical apparatus and installations of all kinds from causing harmful interference to the radio services or communications mentioned in paragraph 1 of this article.

ARTICLE 46

Distress Calls and Messages

Radio stations shall be obliged to accept, with absolute priority, distress calls and messages regardless of their origin, to reply in the same manner to such messages, and immediately to take such action in regard thereto as may be required.

ARTICLE 47

False or Deceptive Distress or Safety Signals Irregular use of Call signs

Members and Associate Members agree to take the steps required to prevent the transmission or circulation of false or

deceptive distress or safety signals and the use, by a station, of call signs which have not been regularly assigned to it.

ARTICLE 48

Installations for National Defence Services

1. Members and Associate Members retain their entire freedom with regard to military radio installations of their army, naval and air forces.

2. Nevertheless, these installations must, so far as possible, observe regulatory provisions relative to giving assistance in case of distress and to the measures to be taken to prevent harmful interference, and the provisions of the Regulations concerning the types of emission and the frequencies to be used, according to the nature of the service performed by such installations.

3. Moreover, when these installations take part in the service of public correspondence or other services governed by the Regulations annexed to this Convention, they must, in general, comply with the regulatory provisions for the conduct of such services.

CHAPTER VI

Definitions

ARTICLE 49

Definitions

In this Convention, unless the context otherwise requires,

- a) the terms which are defined in Annex 3 of this Convention shall have the meanings therein assigned to them;
- b) other terms which are defined in the Regulations referred to in Article 12 shall have the meanings therein assigned to them.

CHAPTER VII

Final Provisions

ARTICLE 50

Effective Date of the Convention

The present Convention shall enter into force on January first nineteen hundred and fifty-four between countries, territories or groups of territories, in respect of which instruments of ratification or accession have been deposited before that date.

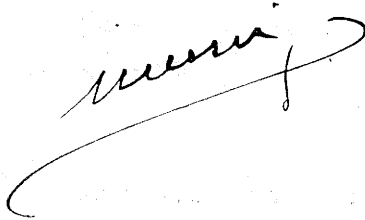
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Done at Buenos Aires, 22 December, 1952.

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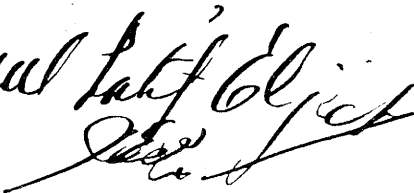
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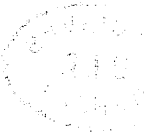
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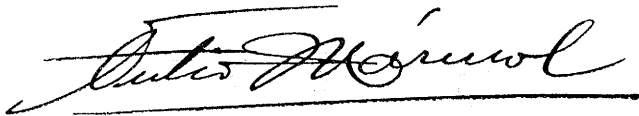
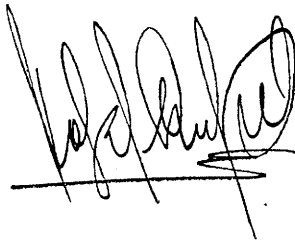
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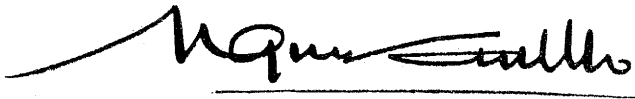
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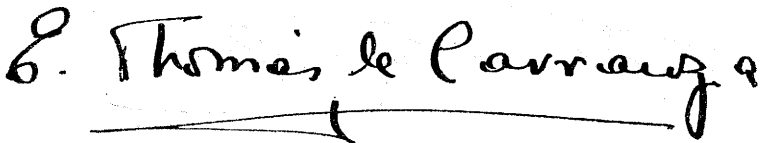
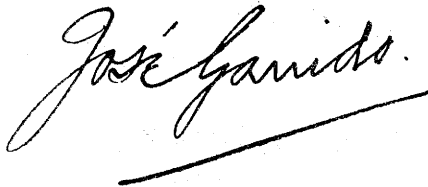
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ANNEX 1

[See Article 1, paragraph 2 a)]

Afghanistan	Ethiopia
Albania (People's Republic of)	Finland
Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of)	France
Argentine Republic	Greece
Australia (Commonwealth of)	Guatemala
Austria	Haiti (Republic of)
Belgium	Honduras (Republic of)
The Bielorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	Hungarian People's Republic
Burma	India (Republic of)
Bolivia	Indonesia (Republic of)
Brazil	Iran
Bulgaria (People's Republic of)	Iraq
Cambodia (Kingdom of)	Ireland
Canada	Iceland
Ceylon	Israel (State of)
Chile	Italy
China	Japan
Vatican City State	Jordan (Hashemite Kingdom of)
Colombia (Republic of)	Laos (Kingdom of)
Colonies, Protectorates, Overseas Territories and Territories under Mandate or Trusteeship of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Lebanon
Belgian Congo and Territory of Ruanda-Urundi	Liberia
Korea (Republic of)	Libya (United Kingdom of)
Costa Rica	Luxembourg
Cuba	Mexico
Denmark	Monaco
Dominican Republic	Nicaragua
Egypt	Norway
El Salvador (Republic of)	New Zealand
Ecuador	Pakistan
Spain	Panama
United States of America	Paraguay
	Netherlands, Surinam, Netherlands Antilles, New Guinea
	Peru
	Philippines (Republic of the)
	Poland (People's Republic of)
	Portugal

French Protectorates of Morocco and Tunisia	Overseas Territories of the French Republic and Territories administered as such
Federal German Republic	Portuguese Oversea Territories
Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia	Thailand
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	Turkey
Southern Rhodesia	Union of South Africa and Territory of South-West Africa
Roumanian People's Republic	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Uruguay (Oriental Republic of)
Sweden	Venezuela (United States of)
Switzerland (Confederation)	Viet-Nam (State of)
Syrian Republic	Yemen
Czechoslovakia	Spanish Zone of Morocco and the totality of Spanish Possessions
Territories of the United States of America	

ANNEX 2

[See Article 1, paragraph 4 *a*)]

British West Africa
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ANNEX 3

(See Article 49)

Definition of Terms used in the International Telecommunication Convention and its Annexes

Administration: Any governmental department or service responsible for implementing the obligations undertaken in the International Telecommunication Convention and the Regulations annexed thereto.

Private operating agency: Any individual or company or corporation, other than a governmental establishment or agency, which operates a telecommunication installation intended for an international telecommunication service or which is capable of causing harmful interference with such a service.

Recognized private operating agency: Any private operating agency, as defined above, which operates a service of public correspondence or of broadcasting and upon which the obligations provided for in Article 19 are imposed by the Member or Associate Member in whose territory the head office of the agency is situated.

Delegate: A person sent by the government of a Member or Associate Member of the Union to a Plenipotentiary Conference, or a person representing a government or an administration of a Member or Associate Member of the Union at an Administrative Conference, or at a meeting of an International Consultative Committee.

Representative: A person sent by a recognized private operating agency to an Administrative Conference, or to a meeting of an International Consultative Committee.

Expert: A person sent by a national scientific or industrial organization authorized by the government or the administration of its country to attend meetings of study groups of an International Consultative Committee.

Observer: A person sent by :

the United Nations in accordance with Article 26 of the Convention ;

the Government of a country not a party to the Convention ;

one of the international organizations invited or admitted in accordance with the provisions of the General Regulations to participate in the work of a Conference ;

the Government of a Member or Associate Member of the Union participating in a non-voting capacity in a special conference of a regional character held under the terms of Article 10 of the Convention.

Delegation: the totality of the delegates and, should the case arise, any representatives, attachés or interpreters sent by the same country.

Each Member and Associate Member shall be free to make up its delegation as it wishes. In particular it may include in its delegation in the capacity of delegates or advisers, persons belonging to private operating agencies which it recognizes or persons belonging to other private enterprises interested in the field of telecommunication.

International Service: A telecommunication service between any combination of offices or fixed, land or mobile stations which are in different countries or are subject to different countries.

Mobile Service: A service of radiocommunication between mobile and land stations, or between mobile stations.

Broadcasting Service: A radiocommunication service of transmissions to be received directly by the general public. This service may include transmissions of sounds, or transmissions by television, facsimile or other means.

Telecommunication: Any transmission, emission or reception of signs, signals, writing, images and sounds or intelligence of any nature by wire, radio, visual or other electromagnetic systems.

Telegraphy: A system of telecommunication for the transmission of written matter by the use of a signal code.

Telephony: A system of telecommunication set up for the transmission of speech or, in some cases, other sounds.

Telegram: Written matter intended to be transmitted by telegraphy. This term also includes radiotelegram unless otherwise specified.

Government Telegrams and Government Telephone Calls: These are telegrams or telephone calls originating with any of the authorities specified below :

the Head of a State ;

the Head of a Government and members of a Government ;

the Head of a colony, protectorate, overseas territory or territory under suzerainty, authority, trusteeship or mandate of a Member or Associate Member or of the United Nations ;

Commanders-in-Chief of military forces, land, sea or air ;
diplomatic or consular agents ;

the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Heads of the principal organs and the Heads of the subsidiary organs of the United Nations ;

the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

Replies to Government telegrams as defined herein shall also be regarded as Government telegrams.

Service Telegrams: See the Telegraph Regulations currently in force.

Private Telegrams: Telegrams other than service or Government telegrams.

Service Telephone Calls: See the Telephone Regulations currently in force.

Public Correspondence: Any telecommunication which the offices and stations, must, by reason of their being at the disposal of the public, accept for transmission.

Radiocommunication: Any telecommunication by means of Hertzian waves.

Hertzian Waves: Electromagnetic waves of frequencies between 10 kc/s and 3,000,000 Mc/s.

Radio: A general term applied to the use of Hertzian waves.

Harmful Interference: Any radiation or any induction which endangers the functioning of a radionavigation service or of a safety service ¹⁾, or obstructs or repeatedly interrupts a radio service operating in accordance with the Radio Regulations.

¹⁾ Any radio service, the operation of which is directly related, whether permanently or temporarily, to the safety of human life and the safeguarding of property, shall be considered as a safety service.

ANNEX 4

(See Article 25)

Arbitration

1. The party which appeals to arbitration shall initiate the arbitration procedure by transmitting to the other party to the dispute a notice of the submission of the dispute to arbitration.

2. The parties shall decide by agreement whether the arbitration is to be entrusted to individuals, administrations or governments. If within one month after notice of submission of the dispute to arbitration, the parties have been unable to agree upon this point, the arbitration shall be entrusted to governments.

3. If arbitration is to be entrusted to individuals, the arbitrators must neither be nationals of the parties involved in the dispute, nor have their domicile in the countries parties to the dispute, nor be employed in their service.

4. If arbitration is to be entrusted to governments, or to administrations thereof, these must be chosen from among the Members or Associate Members which are not parties to the dispute, but which are parties to the agreement, the application of which caused the dispute.

5. Within three months from the date of receipt of the notification of the submission of the dispute to arbitration, each of the two parties to the dispute shall appoint an arbitrator.

6. If more than two parties are involved in the dispute, an arbitrator shall be appointed in accordance with the procedure set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, by each of the two groups of parties having a common position in the dispute.

7. The two arbitrators thus appointed shall choose a third arbitrator who, if the first two arbitrators are individuals and not governments or administrations, must fulfill the conditions indicated in paragraph 3 above, and in addition must not be of the same nationality as either of the other two arbitrators. Failing

an agreement between the two arbitrators as to the choice of a third arbitrator, each of these two arbitrators shall nominate a third arbitrator who is in no way concerned in the dispute. The Secretary-General of the Union shall then draw lots in order to select the third arbitrator.

8. The parties to the dispute may agree to have their dispute settled by a single arbitrator appointed by agreement; or alternatively, each party may nominate an arbitrator, and request the Secretary-General of the Union to draw lots to decide which of the persons so nominated is to act as the single arbitrator.

9. The arbitrator or arbitrators shall be free to decide upon the procedure to be followed.

10. The decision of the single arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties to the dispute. If the arbitration is entrusted to more than one arbitrator, the decision made by the majority vote of the arbitrators shall be final and binding upon the parties.

11. Each party shall bear the expense it shall have incurred in the investigation and presentation of the arbitration. The costs of arbitration other than those incurred by the parties themselves shall be divided equally between the parties to the dispute.

12. The Union shall furnish all information relating to the dispute which the arbitrator or arbitrators may need.

ANNEX 5

General Regulations annexed to the International Telecommunication Convention

PART I

GENERAL PROVISIONS REGARDING CONFERENCES

CHAPTER 1

Invitation and Admission to Plenipotentiary Conferences

1. The inviting government, in agreement with the Administrative Council, shall fix the definitive date and the exact place of the Conference.

2. (1) One year before this date, the inviting government shall send an invitation to the government of each country Member of the Union and to each Associate Member of the Union.

(2) These invitations may be sent directly or through the Secretary-General or through another government.

3. The Secretary-General shall send an invitation to the United Nations in accordance with Article 26 of the Convention.

4. The inviting government, in agreement with or on a proposal by the Administrative Council, may invite such specialized agencies in relationship with the United Nations as grant to the Union reciprocal representation at their conferences, to send observers to take part in the conferences in an advisory capacity.

5. The inviting government, in agreement with or on a proposal by the Administrative Council, may invite non-contracting governments to send observers to take part in the conference in an advisory capacity.

6. The replies of the Members and Associate Members must reach the inviting government not later than one month before the date of opening of the conference, and should include whenever possible full information on the composition of the delegation.

7. Any permanent organ of the Union shall be entitled to be represented at the conference in an advisory capacity when the conference is discussing matters coming within its competence. In case of need, the conference may invite an organ which has not considered it necessary to be represented.

8. The following shall be admitted to plenipotentiary conferences :

- a) delegations as defined in Annex 3 to the Convention ;
- b) observers of the United Nations ;
- c) observers of the specialized agencies in conformity with paragraph 4 above ;
- d) according to circumstances, observers referred to in paragraph 5 above.

CHAPTER 2

Invitation and Admission to Administrative Conferences

1. (1) The provisions of paragraphs 1 to 6 of Chapter 1 above shall be applicable to administrative conferences.

(2) However, as regards extraordinary administrative conferences, the time-limit for the despatch of invitations may be reduced to six months.

(3) Members and Associate Members of the Union may inform the private operating agencies recognized by them of the invitation they have received.

2. (1) The inviting government, in agreement with or on a proposal by the Administrative Council, may notify the international organizations which are interested in sending observers to participate in the work of the conference in an advisory capacity.

(2) The interested international organizations shall make applications for admission to the inviting government within a period of two months from the date of the notification.

(3) The inviting government shall assemble the requests and the conference itself shall decide whether the organizations concerned are to be admitted or not.

3. (1) The following shall be admitted to administrative conferences :

- a) delegations as defined in Annex 3 to the Convention ;
- b) observers of the United Nations ;
- c) observers of the specialized agencies in conformity with Chapter 1 paragraph 4 ;
- d) observers from international organizations admitted in accordance with paragraph 2 ;
- e) according to circumstances, observers from non-contracting governments ;
- f) representatives of recognized private operating agencies, duly authorized by the Member-country to which they belong ;
- g) permanent organs of the Union, subject to the conditions set forth in Chapter 1 paragraph 7.

(2) Moreover, observers from Members and Associate Members which do not belong to the region concerned shall be admitted to special conferences of a regional character.

CHAPTER 3

Time-limits for presentation of Proposals to Conferences and conditions of submission

1. Immediately after the inviting government has despatched invitations, the Secretary-General shall ask Members and Associate Members to send him, within four months, their proposals for the work of the conference.

2. All proposals submitted, the adoption of which will involve revision of the text of the Convention or Regulations, must carry references identifying by chapter, article or paragraph number those parts of the text which will require such revision.

3. The Secretary-General shall assemble and coordinate the proposals received, and shall communicate them, at least three months before the opening of the conference, to all Members and Associate Members.

CHAPTER 4

Special provisions for Conferences meeting at the Seat of the Union

1. When a conference is to be held without an inviting government, the Secretary-General shall take the necessary steps to convene it at the seat of the Union, after agreement with the Government of the Swiss Confederation.

2. In such cases, the Secretary-General shall himself perform the tasks of organization normally incumbent upon the inviting government.

CHAPTER 5

Credentials for Conferences

1. (1) Delegations sent by Members of the Union to take part in a conference must be duly accredited to exercise their right to vote and must be furnished with the necessary powers for the signing of the Final Acts.

(2) Delegations sent by Associate Members of the Union to take part in the conference must be duly accredited to participate therein in accordance with Article 1, paragraph 6 of the Convention.

2. For plenipotentiary conferences :

(1) *a*) delegations shall be accredited by instruments signed by the Head of State or by the Head of the Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs ;

b) however, they may be provisionally accredited by the Head of the diplomatic mission accredited to the government of the country in which the conference is held.

(2) In order to sign the Final Acts of the conference, delegations must be furnished with full powers signed by the authorities mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) *a*) above.

3. For administrative conferences :
 - (1) the provisions of paragraph 2 above are applicable.
 - (2) In addition, a delegation may be accredited and furnished with full powers signed by the Minister responsible for the matters dealt with at the conference.
4. A special committee shall be entrusted with the verification of the credentials of each delegation ; this committee shall reach its conclusions within the period specified by the Plenary Assembly.
5. (1) The delegation of a Member of the Union shall exercise its right to vote from the moment when it begins to take part in the work of the conference.
 - (2) However, a delegation shall no longer have the right to vote from the time that the Plenary Assembly decides that its credentials are not in order until this state of affairs has been rectified.
6. As a general rule, Member countries should endeavour to send their own delegations to the conferences of the Union. Nevertheless, if, for exceptional reasons, a Member is unable to send its own delegation it may accredit the delegation of another Member of the Union and give this delegation powers to act and sign on its behalf.
7. A duly accredited delegation may give a mandate to another duly accredited delegation to exercise its vote at one or more sessions at which it is unable to be present. In this case it must notify the Chairman of the conference.
8. A delegation may not exercise more than one proxy vote in any of the cases referred to in paragraphs 6 and 7 above.

CHAPTER 6

Procedure for calling Extraordinary Administrative Conferences at the request of Members of the Union or on a proposal of the Administrative Council

1. Any Member of the Union wishing to have an extraordinary administrative conference convened shall so inform the Secretary-General, indicating the proposed agenda, place and date of the conference.

2. On receipt of twenty similar requests, the Secretary-General shall inform all Members and Associate Members thereof by telegram, asking the Members to indicate, within six weeks, whether or not they agree to the proposal.

3. If a majority of the Members agree to the proposal as a whole, that is to say, if they accept the agenda, date and place of the proposed meeting, the Secretary-General shall so inform the Members and Associate Members of the Union by circular telegram.

4. (1) If the proposal accepted is for a conference elsewhere than at the seat of the Union, the Secretary-General shall ask the government of the country concerned whether it agrees to act as inviting government.

(2) If the answer is in the affirmative, the Secretary-General, with the assent of the government concerned, shall take the necessary steps to convene the conference.

(3) If the answer is in the negative, the Secretary-General shall request the Members desiring the conference to make alternative suggestions for the place of the conference.

5. Where the proposal accepted is for a conference at the seat of the Union, the provisions of Chapter 4 shall apply.

6. (1) If the proposal as a whole (agenda, time, and place) is not accepted by a majority of the Members, the Secretary-General shall inform the Members and Associate Members of the Union of the replies received, requesting the Members to give a final reply on the point or points under dispute.

(2) Such points shall be regarded as adopted when they have been approved by a majority of the Members.

7. The procedure indicated above shall be applicable when the proposal to convene an extraordinary administrative conference is initiated by the Administrative Council.

CHAPTER 7

Procedure for convening Special Administrative Conferences at the request of Members of the Union or on a proposal by the Administrative Council

1. The provisions of Chapter 6 shall be applicable in their entirety to special conferences of a world-wide character.

2. In the case of a special conference of a regional character, the procedure described in Chapter 6 shall be applicable only to the Members of the region concerned. If the conference is to be convened on the initiative of the Members of the region, it will suffice for the Secretary-General to receive concordant requests from a quarter of the total number of Members in that Region.

CHAPTER 8

Provisions common to all Conferences Change in the Time or Place of a Conference

1. The provisions of Chapters 6 and 7 above shall apply, by analogy, when a change in the time or place of a conference is requested by Members of the Union or is proposed by the Administrative Council. However, such changes shall only be made if a majority of the Members concerned have pronounced in favour.

2. Where the issue arises, the Secretary-General shall indicate, in the communication referred to in Chapter 6 paragraph 2 the probable financial consequences of a change in the time or place, as, for example, when there has been an outlay of expenditure in preparing for the Conference at the place initially chosen.

CHAPTER 9

Rules of Procedure of Conferences

RULE 1

Inauguration of the Conference

The conference shall be opened by a person appointed by the inviting government. When there is no inviting government, it shall be opened by the Chairman of the Administrative Council or in his absence by the Secretary-General.

RULE 2

Order of Seating

At meetings of the Plenary Assembly, delegations shall be seated in the alphabetical order of the French names of the countries represented.

RULE 3**Election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen
Constitution of the Secretariat**

At the first meeting of the Plenary Assembly :

- a) the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the conference shall be elected ;
- b) the Conference Secretariat, made up of staff of the General Secretariat of the Union, and, in case of need, of staff provided by the administration of the inviting government, shall be constituted.

RULE 4**Powers of the Chairman of the Conference**

1. The Chairman, in addition to performing any other duties incumbent on him under these Rules of Procedure, shall open and close the meetings of the Plenary Assembly, direct its deliberations, ensure that the Rules of Procedure are applied, give the floor to speakers, put questions to the vote, and announce the decisions adopted.

2. He shall have the general direction of all the work of the conference, and shall ensure that order is maintained at meetings of the Plenary Assembly. He shall give his ruling on motions of order and points of order, and in particular, he shall be empowered to propose that discussion on a question be postponed or closed, or that a meeting be suspended or adjourned. He may also decide to postpone the convening of a Plenary Assembly or meeting thereof should he consider it necessary.

3. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to protect the right of each delegation to express its opinion freely and fully on the point at issue.

4. He shall ensure that discussion is limited to the point at issue, and he may interrupt any speaker who departs therefrom and request him to confine his remarks to the subject under discussion.

RULE 5**Appointment of Committees**

The Plenary Assembly may appoint committees to consider matters referred to the conference. These committees may in turn appoint sub-committees. Committees and sub-committees may, if necessary, form working groups.

RULE 6

Composition of Committees

1. *Plenipotentiary Conference:*

Committees shall be composed of the delegates of Members and Associate Members and the observers referred to in Chapter 1 paragraph 8 of the General Regulations, who have so requested or who have been designated by the Plenary Assembly.

2. *Administrative Conferences:*

Committees shall be composed of the delegates of Members and Associate Members, and the observers and representatives referred to in Chapter 2 paragraph 3 of the General Regulations, who have so requested or who have been designated by the Plenary Assembly.

RULE 7

Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and Reporters of Committees

1. The Chairman of the conference shall submit for the approval of the Plenary Assembly the choice of the Chairman, and of the Vice-Chairman or Vice-Chairmen of each committee.

2. The Chairman of each committee shall propose to his committee the nomination of the reporters and the choice of the chairmen, vice-chairmen, and reporters of the sub-committees which may be set up.

RULE 8

Summons to Meetings

Meetings of the Plenary Assembly, committees, sub-committees and working groups shall be announced in good time in the meeting place of the conference.

RULE 9

Proposals presented before the Opening of the Conference

Proposals presented before the opening of the conference shall be allocated by the Plenary Assembly to the appropriate committees appointed in accordance with Rule 5 of these Rules of Procedure. Nevertheless the Plenary Assembly itself shall be entitled to deal directly with any proposal.

RULE 10

Proposals or Amendments presented during the Conference

1. Proposals or amendments presented after the opening of the conference must be delivered to the Chairman of the conference, or to the Chairman of the appropriate committee, as the case may be. They may also be handed to the secretariat of the conference for publication and distribution as conference documents.

2. No proposal or amendment may be presented unless signed or approved by the Head of the delegation concerned or by his deputy.

3. Every proposal or amendment shall give, in precise and exact terms, the text to be considered.

4. (1) The Chairman of the conference or the Chairman of the appropriate committee shall decide in each case whether a proposal or amendment shall be presented to delegations in writing or orally.

(2) In general, the texts of all major proposals to be put to the vote at a meeting of the Plenary Assembly shall be distributed, in good time, in the working languages of the Conference, in order that they may be studied before discussion.

(3) In addition, the Chairman of the conference on receiving proposals or amendments referred to in paragraph 1 of this Rule, shall refer them to the appropriate committee or to the Plenary Assembly as the case may be.

5. Any authorized person may read, or may ask to have read, at a meeting of the Plenary Assembly, any proposal or amendment submitted by him during the conference, and he shall be allowed to explain his reasons therefor.

RULE 11

**Conditions required for Discussion of, and Vote on,
any Proposal or Amendment**

1. No proposal or amendment submitted prior to the opening of the conference or by a delegation during the conference may be discussed unless it is supported by at least one other delegation when it comes to be considered.

2. Each proposal or amendment duly supported shall be submitted to a vote after discussion.

RULE 12

Proposals or Amendments passed over or postponed

When a proposal or an amendment has been passed over or when its examination has been postponed, the delegation sponsoring it shall be responsible for seeing that it is considered later.

RULE 13

Rules for Debates of the Plenary Assembly

1. *Quorum*

For a valid vote to be taken at a meeting of the Plenary Assembly, more than half of the delegations accredited to the Conference and having the right to vote must be present or represented at the meeting.

2. *Order of debates*

(1) Persons desiring to speak must first obtain the consent of the Chairman. As a general rule, they shall begin by announcing in what capacity they speak.

(2) Any person speaking must express himself slowly and distinctly, separating his words and pausing as necessary in order that everybody may understand his meaning.

3. *Motions of order and points of order*

(1) During debates, any delegation may, when it thinks fit, submit a motion of order or raise a point of order, which shall at once be settled by the Chairman in accordance with these Rules of Procedure. Any delegation may appeal against the Chairman's ruling, which shall however stand unless a majority of the delegations present and voting are against it.

(2) A delegation submitting a motion of order shall not, during its speech, discuss the substance of the matter in question.

4. *Priority of motions of order and points of order*

The motions and points of order mentioned in paragraph 3 of this Rule shall be dealt with in the following order :

- a) any point of order regarding the application of these Rules of Procedure ;
- b) suspension of a meeting ;
- c) adjournment of a meeting ;
- d) postponement of debate on the matter under discussion ;
- e) closure of debate on the matter under discussion ;
- f) any other motions of order or points of order that may be submitted, in which case it shall be for the Chairman to decide the relative order in which they shall be considered.

5. *Motion for suspension or adjournment of a meeting*

During the discussion of a question, a delegation may move that the meeting be suspended or adjourned, giving reasons for its proposal. If the proposal is seconded, the floor shall be given to two speakers to oppose the suspension or adjournment and solely for that purpose, after which the motion shall be put to the vote.

6. *Motion for postponement of debate*

During discussion of any question, a delegation may propose that the debate be postponed for a stated period. Once such a proposal has been made, any discussion thereon shall be limited to no more than three speakers, not counting the person submitting the proposal : one for the motion, and two against.

7. *Motion for closure of debate*

A delegation may at any time propose that discussion on the point at issue be closed when the list of speakers whose names have so far been recorded has been exhausted. In such cases, before a vote is taken on the proposal, the floor may be given to not more than two speakers opposing the motion.

8. *Limitation of speeches*

(1) The Plenary Assembly may, if necessary, decide how many speeches any one delegation may make on any particular point, and how long they may last.

(2) However, as regards questions of procedure, the chairman shall limit the time allowed for a speech to a maximum of five minutes.

(3) When a speaker has exceeded the time allowed, the Chairman shall notify the Assembly and request the speaker to conclude his remarks briefly.

9. *Closing the list of speakers*

(1) During the debate, the Chairman may rule that the list of speakers wishing to take the floor be read. He shall add the names of other delegations who indicate that they wish to speak and he may then, with the assent of the Assembly, rule that the list be closed. Nevertheless, as an exceptional measure, the Chairman may rule, if he thinks fit, that a reply may be made to any previous statement, even after the list of speakers has been closed.

(2) The list of speakers having been exhausted, the Chairman shall declare discussion on the matter closed.

10. *Question of competence*

Any questions of competence that may arise shall be settled before a vote is taken on the substance of the matter under discussion.

11. *Withdrawal and re-submission of a motion*

The author of a motion may withdraw it before it is put to a vote. Any motion, whether it be amended or not, which has been withdrawn from debate may be re-submitted or taken up by the author of the amendment or by another delegation.

RULE 14

Right to Vote

1. At all meetings of the conference, the delegation of a Member of the Union duly accredited by that Member to take part in the work of the conference shall be entitled to one vote in accordance with Article 1 of the Convention.

2. The delegation of a Member of the Union shall exercise the right to vote under the conditions described in Chapter 5 of the General Regulations.

RULE 15

Voting1. *Definition of a majority*

(1) A majority shall consist of one more than half the delegations present and voting.

(2) In computing a majority, delegations abstaining shall not be taken into account.

(3) In case of a tie, a proposal or amendment shall be considered rejected.

(4) For the purpose of these Rules of Procedure, a "delegation present and voting" shall be a delegation voting for or against a proposal.

(5) The delegations present which do not participate in a particular vote or which expressly declare their unwillingness to participate therein shall not be considered absent for the purposes of determining the quorum, nor as abstaining for the purposes of paragraph 3 of this Rule.

2. *Special majority*

In cases where Members of the Union are to be admitted, the majority described in Article 1 of the Convention shall apply.

3. *Abstentions of more than fifty per cent.*

When the number of abstentions exceeds half the number of votes cast (for, against, abstentions), consideration of the matter under discussion shall be postponed to a later meeting, at which time abstentions shall not be taken into account.

4. *Voting procedures*

(1) The following voting procedures shall be adopted except in the case provided for in paragraph 5 of this Rule :

a) by a show of hands, as a general rule ;

b) by roll call, if the above-mentioned procedure shows no clear majority or if so requested by a delegation.

(2) Votes by roll call shall be taken in the alphabetical order of the French names of the Members represented.

5. *Secret ballot*

Voting shall be by secret ballot when at least five of the delegations present and entitled to vote so request. In such cases, the Secretariat shall at once take steps to ensure the secrecy of the vote.

6. *Prohibition of interruptions during votes*

No delegation may interrupt once a vote has been begun, unless to raise a point of order in connection with the way in which the vote is being taken.

7. *Reasons for votes*

The Chairman shall authorize any delegations which so request to give the reasons for their vote, after the vote has been taken.

8. *Voting on parts of a proposal*

(1) When the author of a proposal so requests, or when the Assembly thinks it fit, that proposal shall be sub-divided and its various sections put to the vote separately. The parts of the proposal which have been adopted shall then be put to the vote as a whole.

(2) If all the sections of a proposal are rejected the proposal shall be regarded as rejected as a whole.

9. *Order of voting on concurrent proposals*

(1) When there are two or more proposals on any one matter, they shall be put to the vote in the order in which they were presented, unless the Assembly decides to the contrary.

(2) After each vote, the Assembly shall decide whether or not the following proposal shall be voted on.

10. *Amendments*

(1) Any proposal for modification consisting only of a deletion from, an addition to, or a change in a part of the original proposal shall be considered an amendment.

(2) Any amendment to a proposal accepted by the delegation submitting the proposal shall at once be embodied in the original proposal.

(3) No proposal for modification shall be regarded as an amendment if the Assembly considers it to be incompatible with the original proposal.

11. *Voting on amendments*

(1) When an amendment is submitted to a proposal, a vote shall first be taken on the amendment.

(2) When two or more amendments are submitted to a proposal, the amendment furthest from the original text shall be put to the vote first; of the remainder, that furthest from the proposal shall then be put to the vote and the same procedure shall be followed until all the amendments submitted have been considered.

(3) If one or more amendments are adopted, the proposal thus amended shall then be put to the vote.

(4) If no amendment is adopted, the original proposal shall be put to the vote.

RULE 16

Committees and Subcommittees Rules for Debates and Voting Procedures

1. The chairmen of all committees and subcommittees shall have powers similar to those conferred by Rule 4 on the Chairman of the Conference.

2. The provisions set forth in Rule 13 for the conduct of debates in the Plenary Assembly shall also apply to the discussions of committees and subcommittees, except in the matter of the quorum.

3. The provisions set forth in Rule 15 shall also apply to votes taken in committees and subcommittees, except as regards paragraph 2.

RULE 17

Reservations

1. As a general rule, any delegation whose views are not shared by the remaining delegations shall endeavour, as far as possible, to conform to the opinion of the majority.

2. However, if any decision appears to a delegation to be of such a nature as to prevent its government from ratifying the

Convention or from approving the revision of the Regulations, the delegation may make reservations, final or provisional, regarding this decision.

RULE 18

Minutes of Plenary Assemblies

1. The minutes of Plenary Assemblies shall be drawn up by the secretariat of the conference, which shall endeavour to ensure their distribution to delegations as early as possible before the date on which they are to be considered.

2. After the minutes have been distributed, delegations may submit in writing to the secretariat of the conference the corrections they consider to be justified ; this shall be done in the shortest possible time. This shall not prevent them from presenting amendments orally during the meeting at which the minutes are approved.

3. (1) As a general rule, the minutes shall contain proposals and conclusions, together with the principal arguments for them, presented in terms as concise as possible.

(2) However, any delegation shall have the right to require the insertion in the minutes, either summarized or in full, of any statement it has made during the debates. In this case, the delegation should, as a general rule, announce this at the beginning of its statement in order to facilitate the work of the reporters and must itself hand in the text to the secretariat of the conference within two hours after the end of the meeting.

4. The right accorded in paragraph 3 (2) regarding the insertion of statements in the minutes shall in all cases be used with discretion.

RULE 19

Summary Records and Reports of Committees and Subcommittees

1. (1) The debates of committees and subcommittees shall be summarized, meeting by meeting, in summary records, in which shall be brought out the essential points of the discussion, and the various opinions of which note ought to be taken, together with any proposals or conclusions resulting from the debate as a whole.

(2) Nevertheless, any delegation shall be entitled to invoke Rule 18, paragraph 3 (2).

(3) The right referred to above shall in all circumstances be used with discretion.

2. Committees and subcommittees may prepare any interim reports they deem necessary and, if circumstances warrant, they may submit, at the end of their work, a final report recapitulating in concise terms the proposals and conclusions resulting from the studies entrusted to them.

RULE 20

Approval of Minutes, Summary Records and Reports

1. (1) As a general rule, at the beginning of each meeting of the Plenary Assembly, committee, or subcommittee, the Chairman shall inquire whether there are any comments on the minutes of the previous meeting, or, in the case of committees or subcommittees, on the summary record of the previous meeting. These documents shall be considered approved if no amendments have been handed in to the Secretariat and no objection is made orally. Otherwise, the appropriate amendments shall be made in the minutes or summary record as the case may be.

(2) Any interim or final report must be approved by the committee or subcommittee concerned.

2. (1) The minutes of the last Plenary Assembly shall be examined and approved by the Chairman of the Assembly.

(2) The summary record of the last meeting of each committee or subcommittee shall be examined and approved by the Chairman of the committee or subcommittee.

RULE 21

Editorial Committee

1. The texts of the Convention, the Regulations and other Final Acts of the conference, which shall be worded as far as practicable in their definitive form by the various committees, taking account of the views expressed, shall be submitted to an editorial committee charged with perfecting their form without altering the sense and with combining them with those parts of former texts which have not been altered.

2. The texts shall be submitted by the editorial committee to the Plenary Assembly of the conference, which shall approve them, or refer them back to the appropriate committee for further examination.

RULE 22

Numbering

1. The numbers of the chapters, articles and paragraphs of the texts subjected to revision shall be preserved until the first reading in Plenary Assembly. The passages added shall bear provisionally the numbers bis, ter, etc. and the numbers of deleted passages shall not be used.

2. The definitive numbering of the chapters, articles and paragraphs shall be entrusted to the editorial committee after their adoption at the first reading.

RULE 23

Final Approval

The texts of the Convention, the Regulations and other Final Acts shall be considered final when they have been approved at the second reading in Plenary Assembly.

RULE 24

Signature

The final texts approved by the conference shall be submitted for signature, in the alphabetical order of the French names of their countries, to the delegates provided with the full powers defined in Chapter 5 of the General Regulations.

RULE 25

Press Notices

Official releases to the press about the work of the conference shall be issued only as authorized by the Chairman or a Vice-Chairman of the conference.

RULE 26

Franking Privileges

During the conference, members of delegations, members of the Administrative Council, senior officials of the permanent organs of the Union, and the staff of the Secretariat of the Union seconded to the conference shall be entitled to postal, telegraph and telephone franking privileges to the extent arranged by the

government of the country in which the conference is held in agreement with the other governments and recognized private operating agencies concerned.

PART II

INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

CHAPTER 10

General Provisions.

1. The provisions of Part II of the General Regulations supplement Article 7 of the Convention defining the duties and structure of the International Consultative Committees.

2. The Consultative Committees shall also observe the applicable Rules of Procedure of Conferences contained in Part I of the General Regulations.

CHAPTER 11

Conditions for participation

1. (1) The International Consultative Committees shall have as Members :

- a) of right, the administrations of all Members and Associate Members of the Union,
- b) any recognized private operating agency which, with the approval of the Member or Associate Member which has recognized it, subject to the procedure prescribed below, expresses a desire to participate in the work of the Committees.

(2) The first request from a recognized private operating agency to take part in the work of a Consultative Committee shall be addressed to the Secretary-General who shall inform all the Members and Associate Members and the Director of the Consultative Committee concerned. A request from a recognized private operating agency must be approved by the Member or Associate Member recognizing it.

2. (1) International organizations which coordinate their work with the International Telecommunication Union and which have related activities may be admitted to participate in the work of the Consultative Committees in an advisory capacity.

(2) The first request from an international organization to take part in the work of a Consultative Committee shall be addressed to the Secretary-General who shall inform by telegram all the Members and Associate Members and invite Members to say whether the request should be granted; the request shall be granted if the majority of the replies of the Members received within a period of one month are favourable. The Secretary-General shall inform all the Members and Associate Members and the Director of the Consultative Committee concerned of the result of the consultation.

(3) The conditions under which any administration, recognized private operating agency or international organization may withdraw from participation in the work of a Consultative Committee are laid down in Chapter 20, paragraph 5 of these Regulations.

3. (1) Scientific or industrial organizations, which are engaged in the study of telecommunication problems or in the design or manufacture of equipment intended for telecommunication services, may be admitted to participate in an advisory capacity in meetings of the study groups of the Consultative Committees, provided that their participation has received the approval of the administrations of the countries concerned.

(2) The first request from a scientific or industrial organization for admission to meetings of study groups of a Consultative Committee shall be addressed to the Director of the Consultative Committee; such a request must be approved by the administration of the country concerned.

CHAPTER 12

Duties of the Plenary Assembly

The Plenary Assembly shall:

- a) consider the reports of study groups and approve, modify or reject the draft recommendations contained in these reports;

- b) decide new questions to be studied in conformity with the provisions of Article 7 paragraph 2 of the Convention ; and if need be, establish a study programme ;
- c) so far as necessary, maintain existing study groups and set up new study groups ;
- d) allocate to study groups the questions to be studied ;
- e) consider and approve the report of the Director on the activities of the Committee since the last meeting of the Plenary Assembly ;
- f) approve a report on the financial needs of the Committee until the next Plenary Assembly, for submission by the Director to the Administrative Council ;
- g) consider any other matters deemed necessary within the provisions of Article 7 of the Convention and Part II of the General Regulations.

CHAPTER 13

Meetings of the Plenary Assembly

1. The Plenary Assembly shall normally meet every three years.

2. The date of the meeting of the Plenary Assembly may be changed with the approval of the majority of the Members of the Union which participated in the previous meeting of the Plenary Assembly, or which, not having so participated, have informed the Secretary-General of their wish to take an active part in the work of the Consultative Committee concerned.

3. (1) So far as possible meetings of the Plenary Assembly shall be held at the seat of the Union.

(2) However, each meeting of the Plenary Assembly may fix another place for the following meeting. This place may subsequently be changed by application of the procedure described in paragraph 2 above.

4. At each of these meetings, the Plenary Assembly shall be presided over by the Head of the delegation of the country in which the meeting is held or, in the case of a meeting held at the seat of the Union by a person elected by the Plenary Assembly itself ; the Chairman shall be assisted by Vice-Chairmen elected by the Plenary Assembly.

5. The secretariat of the Plenary Assembly of a Consultative Committee shall be composed of the specialized secretariat of that Committee, with the help, if necessary, of the personnel of the administration of the inviting government and of the General Secretariat.

CHAPTER 14

Languages and Method of Voting in Plenary Assemblies

1. The languages used in the Plenary Assemblies and in the official documents of the Consultative Committees shall be as provided in Article 14 of the Convention.

2. The countries which are authorized to vote at sessions of Plenary Assemblies of the Consultative Committees are those to which reference is made in Article 1, paragraph 3 (2) and Article 15, paragraph 2 of the Convention. However, when a country is not represented by an administration, the representatives of the recognized private operating agencies of that country shall, as a whole, and regardless of their number, be entitled to a single vote.

CHAPTER 15

Composition of Study Groups

1. The Plenary Assembly shall set up the necessary study groups to deal with questions to be studied. The administrations, recognized private operating agencies and international organizations admitted in accordance with paragraph 2 of Chapter 11 which wish to take part in the work of the study groups shall give in their names either at the meeting of the Plenary Assembly or, at a later date, to the Director of the Consultative Committee concerned.

2. In addition, and subject to the provisions of paragraph 3 of Chapter 11 of these Regulations, experts of scientific or industrial organizations may be admitted to take part in an advisory capacity in any meeting of any study group.

3. The Plenary Assembly shall appoint the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of each study group. If, in the interval between two meetings of the Plenary Assembly, a Group Chairman is

unable to carry out his duties, the Vice-Chairman shall take his place, and the study group concerned shall elect, from among its members, a new Vice-Chairman.

CHAPTER 16

Treatment of Business of Study Groups

1. Study groups shall normally conduct their work by correspondence.

2. (1) However, the Plenary Assembly may give directives concerning the convening of any meetings of the study groups that may appear necessary to deal with large groups of questions.

(2) Moreover, if, after a Plenary Assembly, a Group Chairman considers it necessary for his study group to hold a meeting not provided for by the Plenary Assembly to discuss orally questions which could not be solved by correspondence, he may, with the approval of his administration and after consultation with the Director concerned and the members of his study group, suggest a meeting at a convenient place bearing in mind the need to keep expenses to a minimum.

3. However, in order to avoid unnecessary journeys and prolonged absences, the Director of a Consultative Committee, in agreement with the Group Chairmen of the various study groups concerned, shall draw up the general plan of meetings of groups of study groups which are to meet in the same place during the same period.

4. The Director shall send the final reports of the study groups to the participating administrations, to the recognized private operating agencies of the Consultative Committee and, as occasion may demand, to such international organizations as have participated. These shall be sent as soon as possible and, in any event, in time for them to be received at least one month before the date of the next meeting of the Plenary Assembly. Questions which have not formed the subject of a report furnished in this way shall not appear on the agenda for the meeting of the Plenary Assembly.

CHAPTER 17

Duties of the Director. Specialized Secretariat

1. (1) The Director of a Consultative Committee shall coordinate the work of the Consultative Committee, including its Plenary Assembly and study groups, and shall be responsible for the organization of the work of the Consultative Committee.

(2) He shall be responsible for the documents of the Committee.

(3) The Director shall be assisted by a secretariat composed of a specialized staff to work under his direction and to aid him in the organization of the work of the Committee.

(4) The Director of the International Radio Consultative Committee shall also be assisted by a Vice-Director in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention.

2. The Director shall choose the technical and administrative members of the secretariat within the framework of the budget as approved by the plenipotentiary conference or the Administrative Council. The appointment of the technical and administrative personnel is made by the Secretary-General in agreement with the Director.

3. The Director shall participate as of right, but in an advisory capacity, in meetings of the Plenary Assembly and of the study groups. He shall make all necessary preparations for meetings of the Plenary Assembly and of the study groups.

4. The Vice-Director of the International Radio Consultative Committee shall participate as of right in an advisory capacity in meetings of the Plenary Assembly and of the study groups when questions in which he is concerned are on the agenda.

5. The Director shall submit to the Plenary Assembly a report on the activities of the Consultative Committee since the last meeting of the Plenary Assembly. After approval, this report shall be sent to the Secretary-General for submission to the Administrative Council.

6. The Director shall submit for the approval of the Plenary Assembly a report on the financial needs of the Consultative Committee up to the next meeting of the Plenary Assembly; this report, after approval by the Plenary Assembly, shall be sent to the Secretary-General for appropriate action.

CHAPTER 18

Preparation of Proposals for Administrative Conferences

One year before the appropriate administrative conference, representatives of the interested study groups of each Consultative Committee shall correspond with or meet with representatives of the General Secretariat in order to extract from the recommendations issued by it since the preceding administrative conference proposals for modification of the relative set of Regulations.

CHAPTER 19

Relations of Consultative Committees between themselves and with other International Organizations

1. (1) Plenary Assemblies of Consultative Committees may set up joint study groups to study and make recommendations on questions of common interest.

(2) The Directors of Consultative Committees may, in collaboration with the Group Chairmen, organize joint meetings of study groups of different Consultative Committees, to study and prepare draft recommendations on questions of common interest. Such draft recommendations shall be submitted to the next meeting of the Plenary Assembly of each Consultative Committee concerned.

2. The Plenary Assembly or the Director of a Consultative Committee may invite a representative of the Committee to attend, in an advisory capacity, meetings of other Consultative Committees or of other international organizations to which that Consultative Committee has been invited.

3. The Secretary-General of the Union, or one of the two Assistant Secretaries-General, the representatives of the International Frequency Registration Board, and the Directors of the other Consultative Committees of the Union or their representatives may attend meetings of the Consultative Committees in an advisory capacity.

CHAPTER 20

Finances of Consultative Committees

1. The salaries of the Directors of the Consultative Committees, including the salary of the Vice-Director of the International Radio Consultative Committee, and the ordinary expenses of the specialized secretariats shall be included in the ordinary expenses of the Union in accordance with the provisions of Article 13 of the Convention.

2. The totality of the extraordinary expenses of each Consultative Committee, which shall include the extraordinary expenses of the Directors, the Vice-Director of the International Radio Consultative Committee and of the whole of the secretariat employed at any meetings of the study groups or of the Plenary Assembly, and the cost of all working documents of the study groups and the Plenary Assembly, shall be borne in the manner prescribed in Article 13, paragraphs 3 and 6, of the Convention by :

- a) the administrations which have advised the Secretary-General that they wish to take an active part in the work of the Consultative Committee even if they have not attended the meeting of the Plenary Assembly ;
- b) the administrations which, while not having advised the Secretary-General that they wished to take part in the work of the Consultative Committee, have nevertheless attended the meeting of the Plenary Assembly or a meeting of a study group ;
- c) the recognized private operating agencies which have, in accordance with Chapter 11 paragraph 1 (2), made a request to take part in the work of the Consultative Committee even if they have not attended the meeting of the Plenary Assembly ;
- d) those international organizations which have, in accordance with Chapter 11 paragraph 2 (2), been admitted to take part in the work of the Consultative Committee and which have not been excused payment in accordance with Article 13 paragraph 3 (5) of the Convention ;
- e) the scientific or industrial organizations which have, in accordance with Chapter 11 paragraph 3, attended meetings of study groups of the Consultative Committee.

3. The recognized private operating agencies, international organizations and scientific or industrial organizations, referred to in subparagraphs *c)*, *d)* and *e)* of paragraph 2 above shall declare the class, from among those mentioned in paragraph 4 of Article 13 of the Convention, according to which they will contribute to the extraordinary expenses of the Consultative Committee.

4. The expenses of study groups shall be included in the extraordinary expenses of the next meeting of the Plenary Assembly. However, where meetings of study groups take place more than one year before the date of the next meeting of the Plenary Assembly, the Secretary-General shall render to the administrations, agencies and organizations concerned, interim accounts in respect of the extraordinary expenditure incurred.

5. The administrations, recognized private operation agencies, international organizations and scientific or industrial organizations referred to in paragraph 2 above shall be under an obligation to contribute to the extraordinary expenses as from the date of the close of the preceding meeting of the Plenary Assembly. This obligation shall remain in force until terminated. A notice of termination shall take effect as from the close of the meeting of the Plenary Assembly following the date of reception of such notice, but shall not affect the right to receive all documents pertaining to that meeting of the Plenary Assembly.

6. Each administration, recognized private operating agency, international organization and scientific or industrial organization shall defray the personal expenses of its own participants.

7. However, the personal expenses of the representative of a Consultative Committee incurred as a result of his participation in a meeting in the circumstances envisaged in paragraph 2 of Chapter 19 shall be borne by the Committee which he represents.

ANNEX 6

(See Article 26)

Agreement between the United Nations and the International Telecommunication Union

Preamble

In consideration of the provisions of Article 57 of the Charter of the United Nations and of Article 26 of the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union of Atlantic City 1947, the United Nations and the International Telecommunication Union agree as follows :

ARTICLE I

The United Nations recognizes the International Telecommunication Union (hereinafter called "the Union") as the specialized agency responsible for taking such action as may be appropriate under its basic instrument for the accomplishment of the purposes set forth therein.

ARTICLE II

Reciprocal Representation

1. The United Nations shall be invited to send representatives to participate, without vote, in the deliberations of all the Pleni-potentiary and Administrative Conferences of the Union. It shall also, after appropriate consultation, be invited to send representatives to attend international consultative committees or any other meetings convened by the Union with the right to participate without vote in the discussion of items of interest to the United Nations.

2. The Union shall be invited to send representatives to attend meetings of the General Assembly of the United Nations for the purposes of consultation on telecommunication matters.

3. The Union shall be invited to send representatives to be present at the meetings of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and of the Trusteeship Council and of their commissions or committees, and to participate, without vote, in the deliberations thereof with respect to items on the agenda in which the Union may be concerned.

4. The Union shall be invited to send representatives to attend meetings of the main committees of the General Assembly when matters within the competence of the Union are under discussion and to participate, without vote, in such discussions.

5. Written statements presented by the Union shall be distributed by the Secretariat of the United Nations to the members of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and its commissions, and the Trusteeship Council as appropriate. Similarly, written statements presented by the United Nations shall be distributed by the Union to its members.

ARTICLE III

Proposal of Agenda Items

After such preliminary consultation as may be necessary, the Union shall include on the agenda of Plenipotentiary or Administrative Conferences or meetings of other organs of the Union, items proposed to it by the United Nations. Similarly, the Economic and Social Council and its commissions and the Trusteeship Council shall include on their agenda items proposed by the Conferences or other organs of the Union.

ARTICLE IV

Recommendations of the United Nations

1. The Union, having regard to the obligation of the United Nations to promote the objectives set forth in Article 55 of the Charter and the function and power of the Economic and Social Council under Article 62 of the Charter to make or initiate studies and reports with respect to international economic, social, cultural, educational, health and related matters and to make recommendations concerning these matters to the specialized agencies concerned

and having regard also to the responsibility of the United Nations, under Articles 58 and 63 of the Charter; to make recommendations for the co-ordination of the policies and activities of such specialized agencies, agrees to arrange for the submission, as soon as possible, to its appropriate organ for such action as may seem proper of all formal recommendations which the United Nations may make to it.

2. The Union agrees to enter into consultation with the United Nations upon request with respect to such recommendations, and in due course to report to the United Nations on the action taken by the Union or by its members to give effect to such recommendations or on the other results of their consideration.

3. The Union will co-operate in whatever further measures may be necessary to make co-ordination of the activities of specialized agencies and those of the United Nations fully effective. In particular, it agrees to co-operate with any body or bodies which the Economic and Social Council may establish for the purpose of facilitating such co-ordination and to furnish such information as may be required for the carrying out of this purpose.

ARTICLE V

Exchange of Information and Documents

1. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential material, the fullest and promptest exchange of appropriate information and documents shall be made between the United Nations and the Union to meet the requirements of each.

2. Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of the preceding paragraph :

- a) the Union shall submit to the United Nations an annual report on its activities ;
- b) the Union shall comply to the fullest extent practicable with any request which the United Nations may make for the furnishing of special reports, studies or information ;

- c) the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall, upon request, consult with the appropriate authority of the Union with a view to providing to the Union such information as may be of special interest to it.

ARTICLE VI

Assistance to the United Nations

The Union agrees to co-operate with and to render all possible assistance to the United Nations, its principal and subsidiary organs, in accordance with the United Nations Charter and the International Telecommunication Convention, taking fully into account the particular position of the individual members of the Union who are not members of the United Nations.

ARTICLE VII

Relations with the International Court of Justice

1. The Union agrees to furnish any information which may be requested by the International Court of Justice in pursuance of Article 34 of the Statute of the Court.
2. The General Assembly authorizes the Union to request advisory opinions of the International Court of Justice on legal questions arising within the scope of its competence other than questions concerning the mutual relationships of the Union and the United Nations or other specialized agencies.
3. Such request may be addressed to the Court by the Plenipotentiary Conference or the Administrative Council acting in pursuance of an authorization by the Plenipotentiary Conference.
4. When requesting the International Court of Justice to give an advisory opinion the Union shall inform the Economic and Social Council of the request.



ARTICLE VIII

Personnel Arrangements

1. The United Nations and the Union agree to develop as far as practicable common personnel standards, methods and arrangements designed to avoid serious discrepancies in terms and conditions of employment, to avoid competition in recruitment of personnel, and to facilitate any mutually desirable interchange of personnel in order to obtain the maximum benefit from their services.

2. The United Nations and the Union agree to co-operate to the fullest extent possible in achieving these ends.

ARTICLE IX

Statistical Services

1. The United Nations and the Union agree to strive for maximum co-operation, the elimination of all undesirable duplication between them, and the most efficient use of their technical personnel in their respective collection, analysis, publication, standardization, improvement and dissemination of statistical information. They agree to combine their efforts to secure the greatest possible usefulness and utilization of statistical information and to minimize the burdens placed upon national governments and other organizations from which such information may be collected.

2. The Union recognizes the United Nations as the central agency for the collection, analysis, publication, standardization, improvement and dissemination of statistics serving the general purposes of international organizations.

3. The United Nations recognizes the Union as the central agency responsible for the collection, analysis, publication, standardization, improvement and dissemination of statistics within its special sphere, without prejudice to the rights of the United Nations to concern itself with such statistics so far as they may be essential for its own purposes or for the improvement of statistics

throughout the world. All decisions as to the form in which its service documents are compiled rest with the Union.

4. In order to build up a central collection of statistical information for general use, it is agreed that data supplied to the Union for incorporation in its basic statistical series or special reports should so far as practicable be made available to the United Nations upon request.

5. It is agreed that data supplied to the United Nations for incorporation in its basic statistical series or special reports should so far as practicable and appropriate be made available to the Union upon request.

ARTICLE X

Administrative and Technical Services

1. The United Nations and the Union recognize the desirability in the interests of the most efficient use of personnel and resources, of avoiding, whenever possible, the establishment of competitive or overlapping services, and when necessary to consult thereon to achieve these ends.

2. Arrangements shall be made between the United Nations and the Union in regard to the registration and deposit of official documents.

ARTICLE XI

Budgetary and Financial Arrangements

1. The budget or the proposed budget of the Union shall be transmitted to the United Nations at the same time as such budget is transmitted to the Members of the Union and the General Assembly may make recommendations thereon to the Union.

2. The Union shall be entitled to send representatives to participate, without vote, in the deliberations of the General Assembly or any committee thereof at all times when the budget of the Union is under consideration.

ARTICLE XII

Financing of Special Services

1. In the event of the Union being faced with the necessity of incurring substantial extra expense as a result of any request which the United Nations may make for special reports, studies or assistance in accordance with Article VI or with any other provisions of this agreement, consultation shall take place with a view to determining the most equitable manner in which such expense shall be borne.

2. Consultation between the United Nations and the Union shall similarly take place with a view to making such arrangements as may be found equitable for covering the costs of central administrative, technical or fiscal services or facilities or other special assistance requested by the Union and provided by the United Nations.

ARTICLE XIII

United Nations Laissez-Passer

Officials of the Union shall have the right to use the laissez-passer of the United Nations in accordance with special arrangements to be negotiated between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the competent authorities of the Union.

ARTICLE XIV

Inter-Agency Agreements

1. The Union agrees to inform the Economic and Social Council of the nature and scope of any formal agreement contemplated between the Union and any other specialized agency or other inter-governmental organization or international non-governmental organization, and further will inform the Economic and Social Council of the details of any such agreement, when concluded.

2. The United Nations agrees to inform the Union of the nature and scope of any formal agreement contemplated by any other specialized agencies on matters which might be of concern

to the Union and further will inform the Union of the details of any such agreement, when concluded.

ARTICLE XV

Liaison

1. The United Nations and the Union agree to the foregoing provisions in the belief that they will contribute to the maintenance of effective liaison between the two organizations. They affirm their intention of taking whatever measures may be necessary to this end.

2. The liaison arrangements provided for in this agreement shall apply, as far as appropriate, to the relations between the Union and the United Nations, including its branch and regional offices.

ARTICLE XVI

United Nations Telecommunication Services

1. The Union recognizes that it is important that the United Nations shall benefit by the same rights as the Members of the Union for operating telecommunication services.

2. The United Nations undertakes to operate the telecommunication services under its control in accordance with the terms of the International Telecommunication Convention and the regulations annexed thereto.

3. The precise arrangements for implementing this article shall be dealt with separately.

ARTICLE XVII

Implementation of Agreement

The Secretary-General of the United Nations and the appropriate authority of the Union may enter into such supplementary arrangements for the implementation of this agreement as may be found desirable.

ARTICLE XVIII

Revision

On six months' notice given on either part, this agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between the United Nations and the Union.

ARTICLE XIX

Entry into Force

1. This agreement will come into force provisionally after approval by the General Assembly of the United Nations and the Plenipotentiary Telecommunication Conference at Atlantic City in 1947.

2. Subject to the aforementioned approvals, the agreement will formally enter into force at the same time as the International Telecommunication Convention concluded at Atlantic City in 1947 or at some earlier date as may be arranged for by a decision of the Union.

FINAL PROTOCOL

to the

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION CONVENTION

Buenos Aires, 1952

At the time of signing the International Telecommunication Convention of Buenos Aires, the undersigned plenipotentiaries take note of the following statements :

I

For the People's Republic of Albania :

In signing the International Telecommunication Convention, Buenos Aires, the Delegation of the People's Republic of Albania hereby declares :

1. *a)* The Kuomintang representatives are not in reality representatives of China and hence the decision taken by the Plenipotentiary Conference to allow them to sign the Convention is illegal. Only representatives appointed by the Government of the People's Republic of China are entitled to sign the Convention on behalf of China.

b) Signature of the International Telecommunication Convention, on behalf of Germany, by the representatives of the Bonn authorities, is illegal, since the Bonn authorities do not represent the whole of Germany. The Government of the German Democratic Republic legally acceded to the International Telecommunication Convention of 1947, and hence the German Democratic Republic is a party to the 1947 Convention, and a full Member of the International Telecommunication Union.

c) The decision taken by the Plenipotentiary Conference to accord the right to sign the International Telecommunication Convention to the representatives of Bao-Dai Viet-Nam and South Korea is illegal, since those representatives do not in fact represent Viet-Nam and Korea.

2. The new International Frequency List mentioned in Article 47 of the Radio Regulations of Atlantic City has not yet been prepared and approved. Hence the decisions taken by the Extraordinary Administrative Radio Conference run counter to the Radio Regulations and are accordingly illegal.

In view of the above, the Delegation of the People's Republic of Albania hereby declares that Resolution No. 30, adopted by the Buenos Aires Plenipotentiary Conference, to the effect that those illegal E.A.R.C. decisions should be considered as replacing the provisions of the Regulations, runs counter to the International Telecommunication Convention in force and constitutes a breach in the procedure for revision of the Regulations. It is, thus, unacceptable for the People's Republic of Albania.

For the above reasons, the People's Republic of Albania reserves the right, in matters concerning the registration and utilization of radio frequencies to act in accordance with Article 47 of the Radio Regulations in force.

It also reserves the right to abide, or not to abide, by the provisions of Article 6 of the Convention.

II

For the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia:

1. The Delegation of Saudi Arabia, formally declares its disagreement with Article 5 paragraph 12 *b*) 1, and signature of this Convention on behalf of Saudi Arabia is subject to the reservation that Saudi Arabia will not be bound by such agreements it considers against its interest, which may be provisionally concluded on behalf of the Union by the Administrative Council.

2. The Delegation of Saudi Arabia, by signature of this Convention on behalf of Saudi Arabia, reserves for its Government the right to accept or not to accept any obligation in respect of the Telegraph Regulations or the Additional Radio Regulations referred to in Article 12 of this Convention.

III

For the Commonwealth of Australia:

The Delegation of Australia declares that signature by Australia of this Convention is subject to the reservation that Australia does

not agree to be bound by the Telephone Regulations referred to in Article 12 of the Buenos Aires Convention.

IV

For the Bielorussian Soviet Socialist Republic:

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT

that under Article 47 of the Radio Regulations, supplementing the Telecommunication Convention, the entry into force of the most substantial part of those Regulations is made dependent on the decisions to be taken by the future Special Administrative Conference, mentioned in that Article; and

BEARING IN MIND

that in adoption of the decisions taken in 1951 by the Extraordinary Administrative Radio Conference (E.A.R.C.), the provisions of Article 47 of the Radio Regulations were infringed and that hence the said E.A.R.C. decisions are illegal; and also

CONSIDERING

that the Plenipotentiary Conference (1952), in adopting a resolution according to which those illegal E.A.R.C. decisions are to be considered as replacing the provisions of the Radio Regulations, thereby infringed the provisions of Article 13 of the Telecommunication Convention, relative to the binding character of the Regulations;

the Bielorussian Soviet Socialist Republic in these circumstances leaves open the question of accepting the provisions of the Telecommunication Convention relative to the International Frequency Registration Board, as also the question of accepting the Radio Regulations.

V

For the People's Republic of Bulgaria:

On signing the Buenos Aires Telecommunication Convention, the Delegation of the People's Republic of Bulgaria states:

1. The decision of the Plenipotentiary Conference giving the representatives of the Kuomintang the right to sign the Tele-

communication Convention is illegal since in reality they do not represent China. Only the representatives nominated by the Central People's Government of the Chinese People's Republic are entitled to sign the Convention.

The Bonn authorities do not represent the whole of Germany and therefore the signature of the Telecommunication Convention by their representatives is illegal. The Government of the German Democratic Republic has acceded to the Atlantic City Convention in accordance with the procedure established in Additional Protocol II to that Convention. In these circumstances, the German Democratic Republic is a participant in the Atlantic City Convention and has full Membership of the International Telecommunication Union.

The decision of the Plenipotentiary Conference to the effect that the representatives of Bao-Dai Viet-Nam and South Korea are entitled to sign the Telecommunication Convention is illegal since the said representatives do not in reality represent Viet-Nam and Korea.

2. The new International Frequency List referred to in Article 47 of the Radio Regulations (Atlantic City) has not yet been prepared and approved. In the circumstances, the decisions of the Extraordinary Administrative Radio Conference are illegal, since they are contrary to the Radio Regulations.

In view of the foregoing, the Delegation of the People's Republic of Bulgaria states that Resolution No. 30 of the Plenipotentiary Conference, Buenos Aires, according to which the illegal decisions of the Extraordinary Administrative Radio Conference are considered to replace the provisions of the Radio Regulations, is contrary to the provisions of the Convention in force, violates the normal procedure for revising the regulations and consequently is unacceptable to the People's Republic of Bulgaria.

This being the case, the People's Republic of Bulgaria declares that the question of adopting the Radio Regulations remains open.

The People's Republic of Bulgaria also reserves the right to accept or reject the provisions of Article 6 of the Convention.

VI

For Canada:

The signature of Canada to this Convention is subject to the reservation that Canada does not accept Article 12 paragraph 2 (1) of the Buenos Aires Telecommunication Convention. Canada agrees to be bound by the Radio Regulations and Telegraph Regulations annexed to this Convention but does not at present agree to be bound by the Additional Radio Regulations or the Telephone Regulations.

VII

For China:

The Delegation of the Republic of China to the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union at Buenos Aires is the only legitimate representation of China therein and is recognized as such by the Conference. Any Declarations or Reservations made in connection with or attached to the present Convention by the several Members of the Union, incompatible to the position of the Republic of China as set forth above, are illegal and therefore null and void. To those Members of the Union, the Republic of China does not, by signature of this Convention, accept any obligation arising out of the Buenos Aires Convention as well as all the Protocols in relation thereto.

VIII

For the Republic of Colombia:

The Republic of Colombia hereby formally declares that its signature of this Convention in no way implies acceptance of any obligation as regards the Telegraph and Telephone Regulations mentioned in Article 12 of the Buenos Aires Convention.

IX

For Cuba:

In view of the provisions of Article 12 of the Buenos Aires Convention and considering its stipulations therein, the Republic of Cuba hereby makes a formal reservation as regards its acceptance of the Telegraph and Telephone Regulations.

X

For the United States of America:

Signature of this Convention for and in the name of the United States of America constitutes, in accordance with its constitutional processes, signature also on behalf of all territories of the United States of America.

The United States of America formally declares that the United States of America does not, by signature of this Convention on its behalf, accept any obligation in respect of the Telephone Regulations or the Additional Radio Regulations referred to in Article 12 of the Buenos Aires Convention.

XI

For Greece:

The Hellenic Delegation formally declares that in signing this Convention it maintains the reservations made by Greece when the Administrative Regulations mentioned in Article 12 of the Buenos Aires Convention were signed.

XII

For Guatemala:

The fact of signing this Convention in the name of the Republic of Guatemala does not impose any obligation on my Government to ratify it as a whole, in its final form and in its application, it being understood that the National Congress of my country can make such reservations as it may judge necessary at the time of ratification.

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I declare in the name of my Government that it will not accept any financial repercussions that may result from the reservations made by countries participating in this Conference.

XIII

For the Hungarian People's Republic:

When signing the International Telecommunication Convention, the Delegation of the Hungarian People's Republic states the following:

Considering that the Buenos Aires Plenipotentiary Conference has adopted a Resolution in accordance with which the illegal decisions of the E.A.R.C. replace the provisions of the Convention relating to the revision of the Regulations,

the Hungarian People's Republic, being in disagreement with Resolution No. 30 adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference, reserves the right to regard the adoption of the Radio Regulations and the position of the I.F.R.B. as open questions.

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The Delegation of the Hungarian People's Republic, on signing the International Telecommunication Convention, makes the following statement :

1. The decision taken by the Buenos Aires Plenipotentiary Conference to grant the right of signing the Convention to the representatives of the Kuomintang is illegal, since the only legitimate representatives are those nominated by the Central People's Government of the Chinese People's Republic and they alone are entitled to sign on behalf of China.

2. The so-called representatives of Bao-Dai Viet-Nam and South Korea do not in reality represent Viet-Nam and Korea and, by this fact, their participation in the work of the Conference and the decision to authorize them to sign the International Telecommunication Convention are illegal.

3. The Government of the German Democratic Republic, having acceded to the Atlantic City International Telecommunication Convention in accordance with the established procedure, is indisputably a Member of the Union as of right.

The Bonn authorities do not represent the whole of Germany and consequently the signing of the Buenos Aires International Telecommunication Convention by the representatives of these authorities is illegal.

XIV

For the Republic of Indonesia :

In signing the present Convention on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, the Indonesian Delegation to the Buenos Aires Plenipotentiary Conference reserves its rights with

respect to the mentioning in documents of the Union and in Annex 1 of this Convention of the name " New Guinea " after and under the heading of " The Netherlands ", in view of the fact that (Western) New Guinea is still a disputed territory.

XV

For Iraq :

The Delegation of Iraq makes the following reservations :

1. Reserves the right of its Government to accept or not to accept the Telephone Regulations, the Telegraph Regulations and the Additional Radio Regulations, referred to in Article 12 of the Buenos Aires Convention.

2. Reserves the right to its Government either to accept its association with or to reject its implication in any provisional agreement concluded by the Administrative Council in accordance with provisions of Article 5, paragraph 12 b) 1, and Article 9, paragraph 1 g).

XVI

For the State of Israel :

The Delegation of the State of Israel cannot accept the reservation made by the Delegations of Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Syria and Yemen concerning Israel, and reserves the right of its Government to take any appropriate measure it may deem necessary to safeguard the interests of the State of Israel in the application of this Convention and the Regulations annexed thereto, as far as the above Member countries are concerned.

XVII

For Italy and Austria :

Italy and Austria reserve the right to take all steps which they consider necessary to safeguard their interests if the Members or Associate Members do not contribute to the expenses of the Union on the basis of the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention of Buenos Aires (1952) and if the reservations of other countries could compromise their telecommunication services.

XVIII

For Jordan (Hashemite Kingdom of):

The Delegation of Jordan makes the following reservations :

1. Reserves the right of its Government to accept or not to accept the Telephone Regulations, the Telegraph Regulations and the Additional Radio Regulations, referred to in Article 12 of the Buenos Aires Convention.

2. Reserves the right of its Government either to accept its association with or to reject its implication in any provisional agreement concluded by the Administrative Council in accordance with provisions of Article 5, paragraph 12 *b*) 1, and Article 9, 1 *f*).

XIX

For Mexico:

The Mexican Delegation, in signing the International Telecommunication Convention of Buenos Aires, hereby declares :

1. That such signature implies no obligations for its Government with respect to the Telegraph Regulations, Telephone Regulations, or Additional Radio Regulations mentioned in Article 12, Section 2, paragraph (1) and (2) of the said Convention.

2. That it accepts no reservations from any country which, directly or indirectly, might lead to an increase in Mexico's contribution above that laid down in the said Convention.

XX

For Pakistan:

The Delegation of Pakistan formally declares that Pakistan does not, by signature of this Convention on its behalf, accept any obligation in respect of the Telephone Regulations referred to in Article 12 of the Buenos Aires Convention.

Furthermore, it reserves the right of its Government to accept or not to accept the provisions of the Convention relating to the I.F.R.B.

XXI

For the Republic of the Philippines:

The Republic of the Philippines formally declares upon signing the present Convention that it cannot currently accept any obligations with reference to the Telephone and Telegraph Regulations mentioned in paragraph 2 of Article 12 of that Convention.

XXII

For the People's Republic of Poland:

In signing the International Telecommunication Convention of Buenos Aires, the Delegation of the People's Republic of Poland is authorized to make the following statement:

1. The Delegation of the People's Republic of Poland considers that participation of Kuomintang representatives in the Buenos Aires Plenipotentiary Conference, and the grant to them of the right to sign the International Telecommunication Convention, is illegal, since the only legitimate representatives of China are those appointed by the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China.

Participation in the Conference by representatives of Bao-Dai Viet-Nam and of South Korea is likewise illegal, as is the fact that they have been allowed to sign the Convention, since they do not in fact represent Viet-Nam and Korea.

2. The Delegation of the People's Republic of Poland also considers that participation in the Conference by, and the grant of the right to sign the Convention to, the representatives of the Bonn authorities, which do not represent the whole of Germany and hence are not entitled to act on its behalf, is illegal.

The right to sign the Buenos Aires Convention should also be accorded to the representatives of the German Democratic Republic, which is a party to the Atlantic City Convention and a Member of the I.T.U.

3. At the time of signing the International Telecommunication Convention in Buenos Aires, the question of acceptance of the Radio Regulations remains open for the People's Republic of Poland.

4. The Delegation of the People's Republic of Poland cannot agree with the contents of Article 6 of the Buenos Aires Convention, and with the assignment of new duties to the I.F.R.B.

Until such a time as this matter is finally considered and settled at the Ordinary Radio Conference, the People's Republic of Poland leaves open the question of accepting Article 6 of the International Telecommunication Convention of Buenos Aires.

5. The People's Republic of Poland will not consider itself bound by the provisions of Article 5, paragraph 12, sub-paragraph *b*) 1, if, on the basis of this Article, the Administrative Council concludes any agreements running counter to the interests of the People's Republic of Poland.

6. In signing this International Telecommunication Convention, the Delegation of the People's Republic of Poland reserves for its Government the right to make any future additional reservations which may appear necessary with regard to the Convention and all its annexes, before final ratification thereof by the People's Republic of Poland.

XXIII

For the Federal German Republic:

In regard to the reservations of some delegations concerning Germany, the Delegation of the Federal German Republic formally declares that the Government of the Federal German Republic is the only legally constituted Government able to speak in the name of Germany and to represent the German people in international affairs.

XXIV

For the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic:

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT

that under Article 47 of the Radio Regulations, supplementing the Telecommunication Convention, the entry into force of the most substantial part of those Regulations is made dependent on the decisions to be taken by the future Special Administrative Conference, mentioned in that Article; and

BEARING IN MIND

that in adoption of the decisions taken in 1951 by the Extraordinary Administrative Radio Conference (E.A.R.C.), the

provisions of Article 47 of the Radio Regulations were infringed and that hence the said E.A.R.C. decisions are illegal ; and also

CONSIDERING

that the Plenipotentiary Conference (1952), in adopting a resolution according to which those illegal E.A.R.C. decisions are to be considered as replacing the provisions of the Radio Regulations, thereby infringed the provisions of Article 13 of the Telecommunication Convention, relative to the binding character of the Regulations ;

the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic in these circumstances leaves open the question of accepting the provisions of the Telecommunication Convention relative to the International Frequency Registration Board, as also the question of accepting the Radio Regulations.

XXV

For the Roumanian People's Republic :

On signing the present Convention on behalf of the Roumanian People's Republic, the Delegation of the Roumanian People's Republic states the following :

1. (1) The Buenos Aires Plenipotentiary Conference has illegally decided to give the right to sign the Telecommunication Convention to the so-called Delegation of China, sent by the Kuomintang.

The only legitimate representatives of China entitled to sign the Telecommunication Convention are the representatives designated by the Central People's Government of the Chinese People's Republic.

(2) The Government of the German Democratic Republic has legally acceded to the Atlantic City Telecommunication Convention, 1947, and is thus a party to the 1947 Telecommunication Convention and enjoys a full Membership of the Union.

The Bonn authorities do not represent Germany as a whole and consequently the decision of the Conference which has given the right of signing the Convention to its representatives is illegal.

(3) The right to sign the Buenos Aires Telecommunication Convention attributed to the representatives of Bao-Dai Viet-Nam

and South Korea is illegal since they were sent by puppet governments which do not in reality represent Viet-Nam and Korea.

2. The Plenipotentiary Conference, Buenos Aires, 1952, having violated the procedure established by the Convention in force for the revision of the Regulations, has adopted a resolution in accordance with which the illegal decisions of the Extraordinary Administrative Radio Conference, 1951—reached in violation of Article 47 of the Radio Regulations annexed to the Convention—replace the provisions of these Regulations.

The Delegation of the Roumanian People's Republic, in these circumstances, reserves the right of its Government to accept or not to accept the Radio Regulations, Article 6 of the Convention and other provisions concerning the I.F.R.B.

It also reserves the right not to take into consideration Resolution No. 30 of the Buenos Aires Plenipotentiary Conference.

XXVI

For the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

We declare that our signatures in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland cover the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, and also cover British East Africa.

XXVII

For Czechoslovakia:

On signing the International Telecommunication Convention, the Delegation of Czechoslovakia makes the following formal statement:

1. The presence of the representatives of the Kuomintang at the Buenos Aires Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union and the signing of the International Telecommunication Convention by the representatives of the Kuomintang on behalf of China are not legal since the only legitimate representatives of China are the representatives designated by the Central People's Government of the Chinese People's Republic.

Czechoslovakia also disputes the right of the representatives of South Korea and Bao-Dai Viet-Nam to sign the present International Telecommunication Convention on behalf of the countries of Korea and Viet-Nam respectively since they do not actually represent these countries.

Czechoslovakia does not accept the signing of the International Telecommunication Convention by the representatives of the Bonn authorities on behalf of the whole of Germany and states that the German Democratic Republic which duly acceded to the International Telecommunication Convention, Atlantic City, 1947, must be regarded as a Member of the International Telecommunication Union as of right.

2. Czechoslovakia does not accept the decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires, relative to the Agreement of the Extraordinary Administrative Radio Conference, Geneva, 1951, since these decisions are aimed at legalizing the said Agreement which is in contradiction with Article 47 of the Atlantic City Radio Regulations, 1947, and reserves the right to adhere strictly to Article 47 of those Regulations.

3. Czechoslovakia is not in agreement with the decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires, relative to the International Frequency Registration Board and reserves the right to accept or not to accept Article 6 of the International Telecommunication Convention in whole or in part.

XXVIII

For Turkey:

1. In view of the provisions of Article 12 of the new Buenos Aires Convention, I formally declare in the name of my Delegation that the reservations made previously in the name of the Turkish Government with reference to the regulations mentioned in that Article continue to be valid.

2. Upon signing the Final Acts of the Buenos Aires Convention, I formally declare in the name of the Government of the Republic of Turkey, that my Government cannot accept any

financial implications resulting from any reservations or counter-reservations that might be made by any Delegation participating in the present Conference.

XXIX

For the Union of South Africa and the Territory of South-West Africa:

The Delegation of the Union of South Africa and the Territory of South-West Africa, declares that the signature of the Union of South Africa and the Territory of South-West Africa to this Convention is subject to the reservation that the Union of South Africa and the Territory of South-West Africa does not agree to be bound by the Telephone Regulations referred to in Article 13 of the Buenos Aires Convention.

XXX

For the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics:

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT

that under Article 47 of the Radio Regulations, supplementing the Telecommunication Convention, the entry into force of the most substantial part of those Regulations is made dependent on the decisions to be taken by the future Special Administrative Conference, mentioned in that Article; and

BEARING IN MIND

that in adoption of the decisions taken in 1951 by the Extraordinary Administrative Radio Conference (E.A.R.C.), the provisions of Article 47 of the Radio Regulations were infringed, and that hence the said E.A.R.C. decisions are illegal; and also

CONSIDERING

that the Plenipotentiary Conference (1952), in adopting a resolution according to which those illegal E.A.R.C. decisions are to be considered as replacing the provisions of the Radio Regulations, thereby infringed the provisions of Article 13 of the Telecommunication Convention, relative to the binding character of the Regulations;

the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in these circumstances leaves open the question of accepting the provisions of the Tele-

communication Convention relative to the International Frequency Registration Board, as also the question of accepting the Radio Regulations.

XXXI

For the State of Viet-Nam:

In signing the present Convention on behalf of the State of Viet-Nam, the Delegation of Viet-Nam reserves the right of its Government to accept or not to accept :

- any obligation deriving from the Telephone Regulations mentioned in Article 12, particularly should those Regulations be extended to the extra-European system ;
- any provisional agreement concluded by the Administrative Council with international organizations which my Government considers contrary to its interests.

Furthermore, it formally considers as unfounded from the juridical point of view and as in flagrant contradiction with the Convention, the declarations made by the Delegations of :

- Bulgaria (People's Republic of)
- Hungarian People's Republic
- Roumanian People's Republic
- Albania (People's Republic of)
- Poland (People's Republic of)
- The Bielorussian Soviet Socialist Republic
- Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
- Czechoslovakia
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

contesting the right of the representative of the Government of Viet-Nam, present in this Assembly, to sign with perfect legality, the International Telecommunication Convention, in conformity with the decision taken by the Plenipotentiary Conference of Buenos Aires.

XXXII

Belgium, Cambodia (Kingdom of), China, Colombia (Republic of), Belgian Congo and Territory of Ruanda-Urundi, Costa Rica, Cuba, Egypt, France, Greece, India (Republic of), Iran, Iraq,

Israel (State of), Japan, Jordan (Hashemite Kingdom of), Lebanon, Monaco, Portugal, French Protectorates of Morocco and Tunisia, Federal German Republic, Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia, Sweden, Switzerland (Confederation), Syrian Republic, Overseas Territories of the French Republic and Territories administered as such, Portuguese Overseas Territories, Viet-Nam (State of).

The undersigned Delegations declare, in the name of their respective governments, that they accept no consequence for reserves resulting in an increase of their contributory share in the expenses of the Union.

Belgium	Lebanon
Cambodia (Kingdom of)	Monaco
China	Portugal
Colombia (Republic of)	French Protectorates of Morocco and Tunisia
Belgian Congo and Territory of Ruanda-Urundi	Federal German Republic
Costa Rica	Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia
Cuba	Sweden
Egypt	Switzerland (Confederation)
France	Syrian Republic
Greece	Overseas Territories of the French Republic and Terri- tories administered as such
India (Republic of)	Portuguese Overseas Territories
Iran	Viet-Nam (State of)
Iraq	
Israel (State of)	
Japan	
Jordan (Hashemite Kingdom of)	

XXXIII

For Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of), Egypt, Iraq, Jordan (Hashemite Kingdom of), Lebanon, Pakistan, Syrian Republic, Yemen :

The above mentioned Delegations declare that the signature and possible subsequent ratification by their respective Governments to the Buenos Aires Convention, are not valid with respect to the Member appearing in Annex I to this Convention under the name of Israel, and in no way imply its recognition.

XXXIV

For Egypt and the Syrian Republic :

The Delegations of Egypt and of the Syrian Republic declare on behalf of their Governments their disagreement with Article 5, paragraph 12, subparagraph *b)* 1 and with Article 9, paragraph 1, sub-paragraph *g)*, which authorize the Administrative Council to conclude agreements with international organizations on behalf of the Union. Any such agreements which they will consider against their interest shall not be binding on them.

XXXV

For the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Bielorussian Soviet Socialist Republic :

In signing the Telecommunication Convention, the Delegations of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, and the Bielorussian Soviet Socialist Republic hereby declare :

1. The decision taken by the Plenipotentiary Conference to grant the Kuomintang representatives the right to sign the Telecommunication Convention is illegal, since the only legal representatives of China are the representatives appointed by the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China, and they alone are entitled to sign the Telecommunication Convention on behalf of China ;
2. The representatives of Bao-Dai Viet-Nam and South Korea do not in reality represent Viet-Nam and Korea ; hence their participation in the work of the Plenipotentiary Conference, and the grant to them of the right to sign the Telecommunication Convention on behalf of Viet-Nam and Korea, is illegal ;
3. The Government of the German Democratic Republic has acceded to the Telecommunication Convention (Atlantic City, 1947) in accordance with the procedure laid down in Additional Protocol to that Convention, and hence the German Democratic Republic is a party to the Telecommunication Convention of 1947 and a full Member of the I.T.U. The Bonn authorities do not, and cannot, represent the whole of Germany, with the result

that signature by their representatives of the Telecommunication Convention adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference of Buenos Aires, is illegal.

XXXVI

For Australia (Commonwealth of), Canada, China, United States of America, India (Republic of), Iraq, Jordan (Hashemite Kingdom of), Mexico, New Zealand, Netherlands, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

In view of the fact that certain countries have reserved the right to accept or not to accept the provisions of Article 6 of the Convention, the following countries reserve the right to take such measures as may be necessary, where appropriate in conjunction with other Members of the Union, to ensure the proper functioning of the International Frequency Registration Board, should the reserving countries in the future not accept the provisions of Article 6 of the Convention :

Australia (Commonwealth of)	Jordan (Hashemite Kingdom of)
Canada	Mexico
China	New Zealand
United States of America	Netherlands, Surinam, Netherlands Antilles, New Guinea
India (Republic of)	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Iraq	

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective plenipotentiaries have signed this Final Protocol in each of the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages, in a single copy, which shall remain deposited in the archives of the Government of the Argentine Republic and one copy of which shall be forwarded to each signatory government.

Done at Buenos Aires, 22 December 1952.

The signatures following the Final Protocol are the same as those which follow the Convention.

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS
to the
**INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION
CONVENTION**

(Buenos Aires, 1952)

At the time of signing the International Telecommunication Convention of Buenos Aires, the undersigned plenipotentiaries have signed the following additional protocols :

I

PROTOCOL

**Procedure to be followed by Members and Associate Members
in choosing their Class of Contribution**

1. Each Member and Associate Member shall, before 1 July 1953, notify the Secretary-General of the class of contribution it has selected, from the classification table set forth in Article 13, paragraph 4 of the International Telecommunication Convention of Buenos Aires.

2. Members and Associate Members failing to notify their decision before 1 July 1953, in accordance with paragraph 1 above shall be bound to contribute in accordance with the number of units to which they have subscribed under the Atlantic City Convention.

II

PROTOCOL

**Possible Amalgamation of the International Telegraph Consultative
Committee and the International Telephone Consultative Committee**

1. The Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference which is due to meet in 1954, is authorized to approve the amalgamation of the C.C.I.T. and the C.C.I.F. into one permanent organ

of the Union, should it judge that this course is in the best interests of the Union as a whole. In coming to its decision, the Conference shall be guided by the recommendations on this subject of the Plenary Assemblies of the C.C.I.T. and the C.C.I.F., which in accordance with the provisions of Resolution No. 2 shall be laid before it.

2. Should that Conference decide that the amalgamation of the C.C.I.T. with the C.C.I.F. is to be effected,

a) the amalgamation of the C.C.I.T. with the C.C.I.F. shall take effect from a date, not earlier than 1 January 1955, to be fixed by that Conference ;

b) the provisions of sub-paragraphs *d)* and *e)* of paragraph 3 of Article 4 of the International Telecommunication Convention shall be deemed to have been amended with effect from the date fixed by that Conference, so as to form a single sub-paragraph reading as follows :

“ 3.

d) the International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee (C.C.I.T.) ; ”

c) and the provisions of sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph 1 of Article 7 of the International Telecommunication Convention shall be deemed to have been amended with effect from the same date, so as to form a single sub-paragraph reading as follows :

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

d) The study groups and the specialized secretariats of the C.C.I.T. and of the C.C.I.F. shall be replaced by study groups and a single specialized secretariat of the amalgamated organ in a manner to be determined by the Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference in the light of the recommendations made by the Plenary Assemblies of the C.C.I.T. and the C.C.I.F.

3. In the event of the postponement of the Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference beyond 1954, the Administrative Council is authorized to exercise, after consulting the Members of the Union, the same powers as are conferred on the Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference by paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Protocol.

4. Unless and until the amalgamation of the C.C.I.T. with the C.C.I.F. is decided upon and brought into effect in accordance with the above provisions, the Assistant Secretary-General in charge of the Telegraph and Telephone Division of the General Secretariat shall continue to accept responsibility for the functioning of the C.C.I.T., in accordance with Resolution 172/CA5 of the Administrative Council and in derogation from the provisions of sub-paragraph c) of paragraph 4 of Article 7 of the Convention.

III PROTOCOL

Ordinary Budget of the Union for 1953

The ordinary budget of the Union for 1953 shall be as in the following summary of income and expenditure.

INCOME	Swiss francs	EXPENDITURE	Swiss francs
Balance brought forward		Administrative Council	200,000
from 1952	415,000	General Secretariat . .	2,096,400
		I.F.R.B.	1,917,500
Contributory shares		C.C.I.F.	459,750
680 units at 7,560		C.C.I.T.	78,900
Swiss francs a unit .	5,140,800	C.C.I.R.	488,600
			5,241,150
Withdrawal from		Expenditure resulting	
C.C.I.F. Reserve Fund	20,000	from decisions taken	
		by the plenipotentiary	
Refund from Supple-		conference (see details	
mentary Publications		below)	466,205
Budget	245,000		5,707,355
		<i>Interest</i>	250,000
Interest	350,000		5,957,355
Unforeseen	6,555	Balance carried forward	
	6,177,355	to 1954	220,000
			6,177,355

The Administrative Council, at its ordinary session in 1953, shall draw up a detailed budget based on the above figures.

Details of Expenditure resulting from decisions taken by the plenipotentiary conference

	Swiss francs
1) Effects of the new salary scale for Class 8	6,000
2) Temporary allowance for provisional adjustment of salaries to the increased cost of living (Classes 1 to 8, 3%)	66,000
3) Reclassification of certain posts of Union staff :	
Salaries	52,356
Insurances	47,644
4) Children's education allowance	52,000
5) Rehabilitation of the Provident Fund	100,000
6) Increases in single contributions for officials over 40 years of age	30,000
7) Settlement of accounts in suspense :	
(10% of 372,050)	37,205
Interest on these amounts	13,000
8) Cost-of-living allowance to pensioners	12,000
9) Subsidy to Publications Service for documents showing a deficit	80,000
	496,205
Less reduction in respect of expatriation allowances (corrected estimates)	30,000
Total	466,205

IV

PROTOCOL

Ordinary Expenses of the Union for the period 1954 to 1958

1. The Administrative Council is authorized to draw up the annual budget of the Union in such a way that the ordinary expenses of the Union, excluding the interest paid on debts to the Swiss Confederation, do not exceed the following amounts for the years 1954 to 1958 :

- 5,890,000 Swiss francs for the year 1954
- 5,995,000 Swiss francs for the year 1955
- 5,965,000 Swiss francs for the year 1956
- 6,085,000 Swiss francs for the years 1957 and 1958.

2. In very exceptional cases, however, the Administrative Council is authorized to use credits not exceeding by a maximum of 3% the limits established in paragraph 1. In such cases it shall adopt a special resolution indicating the specific reasons for such a step.

3. Further, in addition to the cases in which the limits on expenditure may be exceeded, as set forth in paragraph 2, the Council may post to :

- a) each of the budgets from 1955 to 1958, an additional amount up to a maximum of 60,000 Swiss francs to cover a possible increase in the rent of the premises of the Union under the circumstances envisaged in Resolution No. 8 ;
- b) each of the budgets from 1954 to 1958 an additional amount up to a maximum of 200,000 Swiss francs to cover the possible grant to the staff of a cost-of-living allowance, as envisaged in Resolution No. 20.

4. The Administrative Council shall be entrusted with the task of effecting every possible economy with the object of reducing expenses to the lowest possible level.

5. Apart from the cases envisaged in paragraphs 2 and 3, the Administrative Council is authorized to adopt decisions which might result, either directly or indirectly, in the limit for each year, as set forth in paragraph 1 above, being exceeded, only by applying strictly the provisions of paragraph 6.

6. If the credits which may be used by the Council by virtue of paragraphs 1 to 3 prove insufficient to ensure the efficient operation of the Union, the Council may only exceed those credits with the approval of the majority of the Members of the Union after they have been duly consulted. Whenever Members of the Union are consulted, they shall be presented with a full statement of the facts justifying the step.

7. No decision of an administrative conference or of a Plenary Assembly of a Consultative Committee shall be put into effect if it will result in a direct or indirect increase in the ordinary expenses beyond the credits that the Administrative Council may authorize under the terms of paragraphs 1 to 3 or in the circumstances envisaged in paragraph 6.

8. In adopting decisions which might have financial effects, the administrative conferences and Plenary Assemblies of Consultative Committees shall make an exact estimate of supplementary expenses which might result therefrom.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective plenipotentiaries have signed these Additional Protocols in each of the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages, in a single copy, which shall remain deposited in the archives of the Government of the Argentine Republic and one copy of which shall be forwarded to each signatory government.

Done at Buenos Aires, 22 December 1952.

The signatures following the Additional Protocols are the same as those which follow the Convention.

**RESOLUTIONS,
RECOMMENDATIONS AND OPINION**

RESOLUTION No. 1

**Number of members of the International
Frequency Registration Board**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

RESOLVES

that the International Frequency Registration Board shall continue to have eleven members.

RESOLUTION No. 2

**Possible Amalgamation of the International Telegraph Consultative
Committee and the International Telephone Consultative Committee**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

CONSIDERING

1. that the present organization and working methods of the C.C.I.T. and the C.C.I.F. should be simplified as far as possible ;
2. that, nevertheless, no decision as to the amalgamation of the C.C.I.T. and the C.C.I.F. should be taken before the Plenary Assemblies of those two organs have had an opportunity of considering the matter ;

RESOLVES

1. that each of these Plenary Assemblies shall include in the agenda of its next meeting the detailed study of such an amalgamation ;

2. that both these organs shall formulate their recommendations on the subject, which shall be presented to the next Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference of the Union.

RESOLUTION No. 3

Approval of the Budgets and Accounts of a single Consultative Committee formed by the Amalgamation of the International Telegraph Consultative Committee and the International Telephone Consultative Committee

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

CONSIDERING

that under the provisions of Protocol II the amalgamation of the C.C.I.T. and the C.C.I.F. to form one single permanent organ of the Union may take place before the next plenipotentiary conference;

RESOLVES

that the Administrative Council is authorized, subject to the provisions of the Convention and of Protocol II, to approve the annual ordinary and extraordinary budgets and accounts of a single Consultative Committee, replacing the present C.C.I.T. and C.C.I.F., from such date as may be fixed, under the provisions of Protocol II.

RESOLUTION No. 4

Maintenance of International Telecommunication Channels

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

CONSIDERING

1. that it is indispensable to maintain and extend international co-operation for the improvement and rational use of telecommunication of all kinds;

2. that every Member and Associate Member which undertakes the international transit of telegraph and telephone traffic across its territory, assumes by so doing the responsibility of contributing to the efficient operation of the international telecommunication network ;

RESOLVES

that when one or more Members or Associate Members of the Union submit to the C.C.I.T. or to the C.C.I.F. statistics or tables of technical disturbances relating to international telegraph or telephone traffic passing through their respective territories, or any other relevant information or data, the Consultative Committee concerned :

- a) shall proceed to a careful study of these documents and shall assemble any other supplementary information required ;
- b) shall publish the result of its study of these documents, taking into consideration the information assembled, relating to the installation, maintenance and operation of the telecommunication channels in question ;
- c) shall propose to the administrations concerned any necessary measures for restoring and maintaining the efficient operation of international telecommunication in the area in question.

RESOLUTION No. 5

**New Question for Study
by the International Radio Consultative Committee**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

INSTRUCTS

the International Radio Consultative Committee :

1. to study, on as broad technical bases as possible, the influence of intentional or parasitic oscillations on radio services, especially broadcast and mobile services ;

2. to issue recommendations for the eventual establishment of standards permitting a harmonious coexistence of radio services with industrial installations producing radio oscillations.

RESOLUTION No. 6

Organization and Financing of Conferences and Meetings

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

CONSIDERING

1. the administrative and financial difficulties resulting from the decision taken by certain conferences in extending their duration and in holding additional sessions ;
2. the desirability of establishing directives for the guidance of the Secretary-General and administrations in assuring so far as possible the uniform organization of conferences and meetings ;
3. the needs for limiting as far as possible the costs of conferences and meetings ;

RESOLVES

1. to endorse the decision of the Administrative Council in adopting its Resolution No. 83 (amended) ;
2. that arrangements for all future conferences and meetings be made in accordance with the spirit of that Resolution of the Council ;
3. that any agreement with an inviting administration should be clear and specific in its terms regarding financial arrangements for advances and the reimbursement thereof.

RESOLUTION No. 7

Approval of the Agreement between the Argentine Administration and the Secretary-General for the Plenipotentiary Conference

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

CONSIDERING

1. that Resolution No. 83 (amended) of the Administrative Council contemplates the approval by the Council or by the conference itself of agreements with inviting administrations ;

2. that the Seventh Session of the Administrative Council, in considering the Agreement between the Argentine Administration and the Secretary-General for the Plenipotentiary Conference at Buenos Aires, did not state its approval but merely "took note" of the parts of the Agreement which it studied ;

RESOLVES

that the Agreement between the Argentine Administration and the Secretary-General be approved.

RESOLUTION No. 8

Premises of the International Telecommunication Union

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

CONSIDERING

that the present premises occupied by the Union are inadequate to meet its needs ;

RESOLVES

1. that the Administrative Council pursue the studies now being made with a view to arriving at a speedy solution, being guided by the two following considerations :

a) the solution to be adopted must satisfy the needs of the services of the Union ;

b) all else being equal, the solution chosen must be the most economical ;

2. that the Administrative Council take the necessary steps to give effect to this solution ;

3. that for this purpose alone, a supplementary credit of 60,000 Swiss francs, not within the fiscal limit of the Union, shall be placed at the disposal of the Administrative Council for each of the years 1955 to 1958.

RESOLUTION No. 9

**Assistance given by the Government of the Swiss Confederation
to the Finances of the Union**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

CONSIDERING

1. that, from 1947 to 1952, the General Secretariat was obliged to make several appeals for advances to the Government of the Swiss Confederation involving fairly considerable sums and that this Government responded to those appeals by putting the requisite funds at the disposal of the Union ;

2. that, furthermore, the Government of the Swiss Confederation waived the differential rates of interest as from 1 July 1951 and fixed a flat rate of interest on funds advanced ;

3. that the Federal Finance Control Department of the Swiss Confederation very carefully audited the accounts of the Union for the years 1947 to 1951 ;

EXPRESSES

1. its warmest thanks to the Government of the Swiss Confederation for its collaboration with the Union in the field of finance, a collaboration which offers the Union advantages and is conducive to economy ;

2. the hope that it may be possible to maintain this collaboration in the future ;

INSTRUCTS

the Secretary-General to inform the Government of the Swiss Confederation of the contents of this resolution.

RESOLUTION No. 10

Approval of the Accounts of the Union for the Years 1947 to 1951

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

CONSIDERING

1. the provisions of Article 10, paragraph 1, *c*) of the Atlantic City Convention ;
2. the decision of the 5th Plenary Meeting of the International Telegraph and Telephone Conference, Paris, 1949, concerning the approval of the accounts of the Telegraph and Telephone Division ;
3. the report by the Administrative Council on the financial management of the Union and the report by the Finance Committee (Documents Nos. 216 and 450) of the present Conference ;

RESOLVES

1. to note the approval of the accounts of the Telegraph and Telephone Division for the years 1947 and 1948 by the International Telegraph and Telephone Conference, Paris, 1949 ;
2. to approve the accounts of the Radio Division for the years 1947 and 1948 ;
3. to give final approval to the accounts of the Union for the years 1949 to 1951 ;
4. to express to the Secretary-General and to the staff of the General Secretariat its satisfaction with the way in which the accounts were kept ;
5. to request the organs of the Union not to lose sight of the observations and suggestions contained in Annex 2 to Document No. 342 of the present Conference.

RESOLUTION No. 11

Accounts in arrears

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

CONSIDERING

1. the position as regards accounts outstanding under the Madrid Convention ;
2. unpaid debts for supplies of documents ;

IS OF THE OPINION

1. that payments by Members of the Union should, so far as necessary, be used primarily to settle accounts outstanding under the Madrid Convention ;
2. that the administrations of Members and Associate Members, as well as the other administrative departments of administrations and the private operating agencies, should settle their accounts for the supply of publications within a reasonable period ;
3. that, if not settled within a reasonable period, the accounts for the supply of publications should bear interest ;
4. that it would be advisable to suspend the despatch of all documents to private operating agencies and private individuals, or to send them cash on delivery, whenever feasible, if they do not settle the accounts for the supply of publications within a reasonable period and cannot prove that the delay was caused by reasons beyond their control ;

INSTRUCTS

the Administrative Council to study these questions and give the Secretary-General the necessary directives.

RESOLUTION No. 12

**Various Contributions in abeyance because of events
which occurred during the Second World War**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

IN VIEW OF

1. The Report by the Administrative Council of the Union to the Plenipotentiary Conference, Chapter VI, section 4.3. and the documents and information submitted by the Secretary-General of the Union ;

2. Administrative Council Resolutions 52/CA3 and 136/CA4, relative to the book debts shown against the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia ;

3. Administrative Council Resolution 52/CA3, relative to the arrears of the former Italian Colonies ;

4. Administrative Council Resolution 18/CA2, relative to the arrears of Germany and Japan ;

CONSIDERING

1. that the accounts in question are in abeyance mainly because of events which occurred during the second world war ;

2. that in the case of the former Italian Colonies the situation has varied in such a fashion that it is extremely difficult to determine whether the liability incurred under the Madrid Convention in respect of the Membership of the Union of those Colonies can be attributed to any other Member and, if so, to which ;

3. that in the case of the South Sea Islands formerly under Japanese Mandate and the former Japanese Dependencies, the position is extremely confused ;

4. that on account of 2 and 3 above it is not possible to determine which Member of the Union is responsible for the debts in question ;
and

5. that it is inadvisable to carry over these debts indefinitely in the accounts of the Union,

RESOLVES

1. to write off :

- a) the book debts shown against the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia ;
- b) the debts of the former Italian Colonies ;
- c) the debt of the South Sea Islands, formerly under Japanese Mandate ;
- d) the debts of the former Japanese Dependencies ;

2. to accept the offer made by the Federal German Republic to settle the German debts in their entirety on condition that, in accordance with the report of the London Conference of 8 August 1952 on German prewar debts, the interest due is reduced from 6% to 4% ; and to write off the difference in the interest ;

3. to grant the necessary credits, amounting to a sum in round figures of 366,210 Swiss francs on 31 December 1952, to the Secretary-General of the Union in order that the Profit and Loss Account, as regards the items mentioned in 1 and 2 above may be balanced ; and

4. to post, however, the sums owed in respect of the former Japanese Dependencies to a special account, and to instruct the Secretary-General to endeavour to obtain before the next plenipotentiary conference, payment of these sums from the Members of the Union administering the territories in question, such payments to be entered as special income.

RESOLUTION No. 13

Contributions queried on account of differences of interpretation of Paragraph 3 (1) of Article 14 of the Atlantic City Convention relating to the participation of Members and Associate Members in defraying the Expenses of Conferences and Meetings

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

CONSIDERING

1. the circumstances in which certain Members of the Union have contested or have refused to pay the accounts sent them in connection with the expenses of the Technical Plan Committee (Paris, 1949, and Florence, 1950), and in connection with the expenses of the High-Frequency Broadcasting Conference (Florence/Rapallo, 1950), which they attended or in which they had agreed to participate ;

2. Resolution 10 of the Extraordinary Administrative Radio Conference (Geneva, 1951), designed to permit the International Frequency Registration Board to take up the duties assigned to it by the Agreement signed at that Conference ;

RESOLVES

to endorse the decisions of the Administrative Council in Resolutions Nos. 188/CA5, 204/CA5, and 218/CA6,

INSTRUCTS

the Secretary-General to bring to the notice of the Members concerned the contents of the present Resolution and to request them to pay the outstanding amounts and interest to the date of payment.

RESOLUTION No. 14

Contributions queried on account of differences of interpretation of Paragraph 3 (2) of Article 14 of the Atlantic City Convention relating to the participation of Recognized Private Operating Agencies in defraying the Expenses of Conferences and Meetings

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

CONSIDERING

1. that in conformity with the provisions of Annex 2 to the International Telecommunication Convention, Atlantic City, 1947, each Member shall be free to make up its delegation to conferences and meetings of the Union as it wishes ;

2. that in particular, it has the absolute right to include in its delegation, in the capacity of delegates or advisers, representatives of recognized private operating agencies ;

3. that the Administrative Council referred the matter of certain debts of various recognized private operating agencies to the Buenos Aires Plenipotentiary Conference for decision ;

IS OF THE OPINION

that as of right, recognized private operating agencies all of whose representatives have been included in the delegation of a Member of the Union as members of that delegation should not participate in the expenses of such conferences and meetings ;

RECOMMENDS

that the debts in question be cancelled as having been debited wrongly and in contravention of the said Annex 2 of the Atlantic City Convention ;

DEEMS

that to avoid accounting difficulties, it would be desirable if these recognized private operating agencies which were debited with expenses for participation in conferences attended by their representatives in the capacity of delegates or advisers included in the delegation of a Member of the Union would agree, as a gesture of good will, to pay an amount equal to the sums in question ;

INSTRUCTS

the Secretary-General to inform the recognized private operating agencies concerned of this resolution ;

FINALLY CONSIDERING

that on account of a misunderstanding in the Secretariat, the Transradio Internacional was placed in the 6th class (5 units) instead of in the 8th class (1 unit) of contributions to costs of the Telegraph and Telephone Conference 1949 ;

RESOLVES

to write off the book debt thus resulting and the interest to the date of this resolution, and to grant the necessary credit to the

Secretary-General in order that the Profit and Loss Account as regards this item, amounting to approximately the sum of 5,840 Swiss Francs, may be balanced.

RESOLUTION No. 15

Contributions queried on account of differences of interpretation of Paragraph 4 of Article 15 of the Atlantic City Convention relating to the use of Additional Working Languages in Conferences and Meetings held since 1947

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

CONSIDERING

1. that the Russian language was used at the following conferences and meetings: High-Frequency Broadcasting Conference, Mexico, 1948; Technical Plan Committee, Paris, 1949; Provisional Frequency Board, Geneva, 1949; Telegraph and Telephone Conference, Paris, 1949;
2. that such use was permitted under the conditions laid down in Administrative Council Resolutions Nos. 84/CA3 and 85/CA3;
3. that in accordance with the latter Resolution, Members, the delegations of which had not formally stated that they did not wish to contribute to the cost of using a supplementary language could refuse subsequently to pay the contributory share allocated to them by the Secretary-General;
4. that Resolution No. 85/CA3 was annulled by a later decision of the Administrative Council;
5. that this has placed the accounting of the Union in a delicate situation;
6. that in view of this situation, certain Members which did not formally request the use of the Russian language have nevertheless agreed to pay their contributory share and that no additional share could be asked of them;

7. that, moreover, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to make changes in the accounts of the Union for the period 1948/1952 ;

RECOMMENDS

the Members which have been charged with the cost of using the Russian language to be good enough to agree to settle their accounts, it being clearly understood that such settlement would merely constitute a gesture of good will on their part, contributing to the international collaboration that is the very basis of the Union ;

INSTRUCTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

1. to bring this resolution to the notice of all the Members concerned ;

2. to supply them at the same time with complete and detailed information on the origin of these debts, so that, once they are fully informed of the facts, they may agree to pay the outstanding amounts including interest to the date of payment.

RESOLUTION No. 16

Contributions queried on account of differences of interpretation of Paragraph 5 of Article 15 of the Atlantic City Convention relative to the Apportionment of Expenses incurred by the use of Languages in Conferences and Meetings

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

CONSIDERING

1. that it is undeniable that every Member of the Union, in accordance with the provisions of Article 15, paragraph 5 of the Atlantic City Convention, has the right to share in the expenses of only one of the authorized languages ;

2. that nevertheless the Administrative Council recognized ¹⁾ that it was impracticable to apply the provisions of Article 15,

¹⁾ Report of the Administrative Council, Chapter VII, 3.

paragraph 5 of the Atlantic City Convention and agreed that the Secretary-General should apportion the costs of all three authorized languages equally among all participants at conferences ;

3. that some Members of the Union have objected to paying their share of the cost of the use of the Spanish and English languages at the Extraordinary Administrative Radio Conference ;

4. that these objections give rise to accounting difficulties since all the Members of the Union have received and some of them have settled the accounts relating to the above mentioned conference ;

RESOLVES

to make an appeal to the Members concerned to pay, as a gesture of good will, the expenses arising out of the use of all three authorized languages at the Extraordinary Administrative Radio Conference, Geneva 1951, with a view to avoiding alterations to past accounts ;

INSTRUCTS

the Secretary-General to inform the Members concerned of this resolution, and to request them to pay the outstanding amounts and interest to the date of payment.

RESOLUTION No. 17

Contributions queried on account of differences of interpretation of the Atlantic City Resolution relating to the Preparation of the New International Frequency List and subsequent Decisions of the Administrative Council

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

CONSIDERING

the circumstances in which certain Members have contested or have refused to pay accounts rendered to them in respect of

certain extraordinary expenses for the Provisional Frequency Board for the years 1949 to 1950 ;

RESOLVES

to endorse the decision of the Administrative Council in Resolution No. 203/CA5 ;

INSTRUCTS

the Secretary-General to bring to the notice of the Members concerned the contents of the present Resolution and to request them to pay the outstanding amounts and interest to the date of payment.

RESOLUTION No. 18

**Contributions payable to the Administration of the Netherlands
as a result of the abandonment of The Hague as seat
of the Extraordinary Administrative Radio Conference 1950**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

IN VIEW OF

Administrative Council Resolution No. 215/CA5 whereby it is recognized that as a matter of equity the Administration of the Netherlands should be reimbursed a certain proportion of the expenses incurred in preparation for the Extraordinary Administrative Radio Conference which was to have been held at The Hague in September 1950 ;

CONSIDERING

1. that it was finally agreed between the International Telecommunication Union and the Administration of the Netherlands that the sum owed by the Union to that Administration in respect of costs to be reimbursed amounts to 323,000 florins ;
2. that the Administrative Council decided that the sum to be repaid to the Administration of the Netherlands should be apportioned among all the Members of the Union, the contributory shares to be quoted and payable in florins ;

3. that the said sum has not been settled by the Secretary-General by means of an advance from the Swiss Government ;

4. that in accordance with the statement made to the Administrative Council by the representative of the Administration of the Netherlands the sums due are not liable to interest ;

5. that on 1 December 1952, the Administration of the Netherlands had recovered only 214,708.04 florins out of the sum of 323,000 florins advanced by it ;

RESOLVES

to endorse the decision taken by the Administrative Council in Resolution No. 215/CA5, in regard to the debt recognized by the Union ;

APPEALS

to the Members of the Union which have not yet paid their contributory shares in accordance with the decisions communicated in Notification No. 615 of the General Secretariat dated 1 January 1951, to pay the amount due as soon as possible and not later than 1 July 1953.

RESOLUTION No. 19

Consolidated Budget and Working Capital Fund

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

CONSIDERING

that it is not desirable to change the form of the budget of the Union or to introduce a working capital fund at the present time ;

INSTRUCTS

the Administrative Council to study the problems presented by the introduction of a consolidated budget and a working capital fund, and to present a report on these matters to the Members and Associate Members as well as to the next plenipotentiary conference.

RESOLUTION No. 20

Salaries, Cost-of-Living Allowances and Expatriation Allowances

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

RESOLVES

that the Secretary-General, the members of the International Frequency Registration Board and officials of the Union shall be paid according to the following salary scale, which shall enter into force on 1 January 1953 :

	Swiss francs per year
Secretary-General	53,000
Class A	51,600
Class B	45,150
Class C	38,000
Class D	32,000
Class 1	17,000 to 25,800
Class 2	12,600 to 21,500
Class 3	11,400 to 17,200
Class 4	10,100 to 14,900
Class 5	8,700 to 13,500
Class 6	7,400 to 12,200
Class 7	6,500 to 10,800
Class 8	6,200 to 9,000

FURTHER RESOLVES

1. that in addition to these salaries ;
 - a) a temporary allowance, not subject to deductions for the Pension Fund, the details of which shall be decided upon by the Administrative Council, shall be granted to staff in Classes 1 to 8, with effect from 1 January 1953, with the object of provisionally adjusting the salaries of these officials to the increase in the cost of living in Switzerland since 1947. To this end, an amount equal to 3% of salaries properly so called for Classes 1

to 8, has been included in the fiscal limit on ordinary expenditure ;

- b) a temporary cost-of-living allowance, not subject to deductions for the Pension Fund, the details of which shall be decided upon by the Administrative Council, may be granted to the Secretary-General, the members of the International Frequency Registration Board and the officials of the Union when fluctuations in the cost of living in the country where the Union has its headquarters render this necessary. To this end alone, an annual credit of 200,000 Swiss francs, not included in the fiscal limit on ordinary expenditure of the Union, shall be placed from 1954 onwards at the disposal of the Administrative Council ;

2. that no change shall be made to the system or amounts of the expatriation allowance authorized in Article 18 of the Staff Regulations of the Union.

RESOLUTION No. 21

Children's Education Allowance

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

RESOLVES

1. that from 1 January 1953, an allowance of 856 Swiss francs per annum shall be granted to the Secretary-General, the members of the International Frequency Registration Board and officials of the Union drawing or having drawn an expatriation allowance :

- a) for each child under the age of 22 studying in his country of origin ;
- b) for each child under 13 years of age attending an international school in Geneva, or attending a school in Switzerland having a study programme not specifically Swiss ;

2. that in the case mentioned in paragraph 1 a) above, the Union shall refund the cost of one return journey a year, to enable the child to join his family in Geneva.

RESOLUTION No. 22

Reclassification of Duties of Union Staff

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

CONSIDERING

that it is necessary to reclassify certain posts for the staff of the Union with a view to a distribution of posts in accordance with the corresponding duties in the different classes in the salary scale ;

RESOLVES

to include a credit of 100,000 Swiss francs for the financial year 1953 and 65,000 Swiss francs for each of the financial years 1954, 1955, 1956 and 1957, in the fiscal limit on ordinary expenditure of the Union, to cover supplementary expenses resulting from a reclassification of posts in accordance with duties, with effect from 1 January 1953, both as regards salaries and payments to the Staff Superannuation and Benevolent Funds,

INSTRUCTS

the Administrative Council to undertake the reclassification, being guided by the results of a study to be made by the Secretary-General in collaboration with the Heads of the organs concerned, such reclassification to be effected prior to any measures for the adjustment of salaries and to be retroactive as from 1 January 1953.

RESOLUTION No. 23

Study of the Salaries of Union Staff

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,



CONSIDERING

1. that before any revision of the basic salary scales of Union staff, a thorough study of the various duties is essential ;
2. that the data available have been insufficient for it to undertake this study ;

INSTRUCTS

the Secretary-General to make a thorough study of this matter in collaboration with the Heads of the permanent organs concerned, and to submit the necessary proposals to the Administrative Council ;

RESOLVES

that should the Administrative Council consider that a change in the basic salary scales authorized in Resolution No. 20 is justified, the following provisions shall apply :

- a) the Council shall transmit to the Members and Associate Members of the Union proposals in which the financial effects (salaries and pensions) are clearly set forth ;
- b) the Members shall be asked whether they accept the proposals of the Council ;
- c) if a majority is in favour of the proposal, the new salary scale shall be put into effect on the date set by the Council, the extra expenditure involved being granted over and above the fiscal limit on ordinary expenditure of the Union.

RESOLUTION No. 24

Provident Fund and Pension Fund

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

CONSIDERING

1. that the existing pension system in the Union is a heavy charge on the budget ;

2. that the constitution of the requisite actuarial reserves is effected in accordance with actuarial assumptions which, applied to the Union, may imply a wide margin of security ;

3. that the system of buying-in fees involves a heavy outlay for the Union ;

4. that the staff itself frequently experiences difficulty in meeting the expense to which it is put for buying-in fees ;

RESOLVES

1. that the Administrative Council shall review the present pension scheme and that in so doing, it shall take the necessary expert advice (from actuaries and others) in order to lighten the burdens entailed by this system, and if possible, to bring another and less burdensome pension scheme into force as soon as practicable ;

2. that pending any change in the existing pension scheme :

a) rehabilitation of the Provident Fund shall continue by annual payments of 100,000 Swiss francs, until the process is completed ;

b) the sums required to cover the increases in single payments made by officials more than 40 years of age shall continue to be posted in the annual budgets ;

AND HAVING CONSIDERED THE QUESTIONS

a) of affiliating the temporary staff to the Pension Fund ;

b) of granting a cost-of-living allowance to pensioners ;

c) of alignment of pensions ;

RESOLVES

1. that affiliation of the temporary staff to the Pension Fund is inadmissible, since such affiliation would run counter to the statutes of that Fund ;

2. that cost-of-living allowances may, if circumstances warrant, be granted to pensioners, such allowances to be financed by withdrawals from the ordinary budget ;

3. that alignment of pensions is at the present time inadmissible, being incompatible with the principle of capitalization.

RESOLUTION No. 25

Participation of the Union in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance of the United Nations

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

IN VIEW OF

the report by the Administrative Council, 1952, Chapter I paragraph 3.5 and Chapter VII paragraph 1 :

ENDORSES

the action taken by the Administration Council as regards participation of the International Telecommunication Union in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance of the United Nations ;

AUTHORIZES

the Administrative Council to continue to ensure the participation of the Union in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance of the United Nations, and to call on the various organs of the Union as appropriate to facilitate this participation, which, for the time being, shall continue to be in accordance with the arrangements made in 1952 between the Technical Assistance Administration of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Union ;

INVITES

the Administrative Council to coordinate in this field the activities of the permanent organs of the Union and to prepare each year a report on the participation of the Union in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance of the United Nations.

RESOLUTION No. 26

**Use of the United Nations Telecommunication Network
for the Telegraph Traffic of the Specialized Agencies**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

having examined the request of the United Nations (Document No. 228) that the International Telecommunication Union should sanction their proposal to carry the traffic of the specialized agencies over their point-to-point telecommunication network at a charge equal to the pro rata proportion of the cost of operating, according to the traffic carried ;

CONSIDERING

1. that the system of charging and method of operation proposed by the United Nations is out of harmony with the provisions of the International Telegraph Regulations and therefore contrary to Article XVI of the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Telecommunication Union ;

2. that any departure from the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention and the Telegraph Regulations in favour of the United Nations is undesirable ;

3. that the United Nations telecommunication network should never in normal circumstances compete with existing public channels of telecommunication ;

4. that in cases of emergency, however, it may be desirable for the traffic of the specialized agencies to be carried over the United Nations point-to-point network either at a tariff composed as prescribed in Article 26 of the International Telegraph Regulations or free of charge ;

DECLARES

1. that in normal circumstances the United Nations point-to-point telecommunication network should not be used to carry the traffic of the specialized agencies in competition with existing commercial telecommunication networks ;

2. that the International Telecommunication Union does not favour any departure from the provisions of Article XVI of the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Telecommunication Union ;

3. that some exception may be made in cases of emergency ;

INSTRUCTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

1. to convey to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the opinion of this Conference ;

2. to invite him to withdraw at the earliest practicable moment his offer to the specialized agencies to carry their traffic over the United Nations network ;

3. to inform him that the International Telecommunication Union would have no objection if, in cases of emergency, the traffic of the specialized agencies were carried over the United Nations point-to-point network at a tariff composed as prescribed in Article 26 of the International Telegraph Regulations or free of charge.

RESOLUTION No. 27

Telegrams and Telephone Calls of the Specialized Agencies

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

CONSIDERING

1. that the Heads of the specialized agencies are not mentioned in the definition of Government Telegrams and Government Telephone Calls, which appears in Annex 3 of the Convention ;

2. that there may be circumstances in which the urgency or importance of the telecommunications of the specialized agencies warrants special treatment for their telegrams or telephone calls,

RESOLVES

that if a specialized agency wishing to obtain special privileges for its telecommunications informs the Administrative Council,

justifying the particular cases in which special treatment is necessary, the Administrative Council

- a) shall inform Members and Associate Members of the Union of the requests which, in their opinion, should be accepted ;
- b) shall take a final decision on these requests, bearing in mind the opinion of the majority of Members and Associate Members,

INSTRUCTS

the Secretary-General to notify Members and Associate Members of any decisions taken by the Council.

RESOLUTION No. 28

Possible revision of Article IV, Section 11 of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

CONSIDERING

1. the seeming conflict between the definition of Government Telegrams and Government Telephone Calls contained in Annex 2 of the International Telecommunication Convention, Atlantic City, 1947, and the provisions of Article IV, Section 11 of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies ;

2. that the International Telegraph and Telephone Conference, Paris, 1949, recommended to the Administrative Council that the Secretary-General of the Union be instructed to communicate to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the proposal that the United Nations should consider the revision of Article IV, Section 11 of the Convention, on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies ;

3. that as a result of this recommendation, the proposal was put on the Agenda of the Fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and that the Sixth Committee of that Assembly merely took note of the situation ;

4. that the Plenipotentiary Conference of Buenos Aires has decided not to include, in Annex 3 of the Buenos Aires Convention, the Heads of the specialized agencies among the authorities entitled to send government telegrams or to request government telephone calls ;

RECOGNIZING

that it is desirable that the United Nations be asked to reconsider this problem ;

INSTRUCTS

the Secretary-General of the Union to request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to place before the Eighth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations the opinion of this Conference that Article IV, Section 11 of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies should be revised in view of the decision taken.

RESOLUTION No. 29

**Financing of the Extraordinary Radio Conference
by the Administration of the Netherlands**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

CONSIDERING

1. that the administration of the Netherlands financed the preparatory work for the Extraordinary Radio Conference which was to have been held at The Hague in 1950 ;

2. that the administration of the Netherlands did not ask for interest on the sums which it advanced in this connection ;

EXPRESSES

its thanks to the administration of the Netherlands ;

INSTRUCTS

the Secretary-General to inform the administration of the Netherlands of the contents of this Resolution.

RESOLUTION No. 30

**On the Agreement
of the Extraordinary Administrative Radio Conference Geneva, 1951**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

RECOGNIZING

1. that certain provisions of the Agreement of the Extraordinary Administrative Radio Conference, Geneva, 1951, might be considered as conflicting with Article 47 of the Atlantic City Radio Regulations and with the resolution adopted at Atlantic City "Relating to Participation in the Provisional Frequency Board of Members of the International Frequency Registration Board";

2. that it is necessary to remove all doubts in this matter;

CONSIDERING

1. that the agenda proposed for the E.A.R.C. by the Administrative Council was accepted by the majority of the Members of the Union;

2. that it was implicit in items 2, 3 and 5 of that agenda that the Radio Regulations and the resolution relating to participation in the Provisional Frequency Board of Members of the International Frequency Registration Board could be revised, if such a revision was found necessary;

3. that administrations were invited to send proposals to the International Frequency Registration Board regarding these agenda items and that these proposals were communicated to all Members of the Union;

4. that the E.A.R.C. Agreement was signed by sixty-three Members of the Union;

RESOLVES

that any provisions of the Extraordinary Administrative Radio Conference Agreement which might be considered as con-

flicting with provisions of the Atlantic City Radio Regulations or with the Resolution "Relating to Participation in the Provisional Frequency Board of Members of the International Frequency Registration Board", shall be considered as superseding those provisions of the Regulations and of that Resolution.

RESOLUTION No. 31

Inclusion of Iraq in the European Area as defined in the Radio Regulations

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

having examined the appeal of Iraq that this country be included in the European Area as defined in paragraph 107 of the Radio Regulations,

CONSIDERING

1. that the geographical position of Iraq makes it more natural for all practical purposes to include Iraq in the European Area rather than in the African Area ;
2. that a close co-operation between Iraq and nearby countries within the European Area would be of special importance for the preparation of frequency assignment plans for medium wave broadcasting stations in this Area ;
3. that such co-operation would be facilitated by the participation of Iraq in the European Broadcasting Conferences ;

INVITES

1. the next administrative radio conference to examine the possibility of including Iraq in the European Area as defined in the Radio Regulations ;
2. the International Frequency Registration Board to give special assistance to Iraq in order to solve the frequency problems arising from the fact that Iraq is outside the European Area.

RESOLUTION No. 32

Linking of certain Regions to the World Telephone Network

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires.

CONSIDERING

1. that many inhabited regions of the world, and even regions of some importance, do not yet enjoy the advantages of telephony ;

2. that the social, economic and cultural interests of such regions require that they be linked to the general international network ;

3. that the realization of this objective poses technical and economic problems ;

4. that the studies and trials involved might result in a considerable financial outlay for individual administrations ;

5. that the C.C.I.F. and the C.C.I.R. have been entrusted, under Administrative Council Resolution No. 247/CA7, with studies relating to the linking of the Middle East and Southern Asia to the European network ;

INSTRUCTS

the C.C.I.F. and the C.C.I.R. to undertake joint studies with a view to recommending suitable means, having regard to technical and economic considerations, for linking to the world telephone network regions not yet connected thereto.

RESOLUTION No. 33

Subsistence Allowances for Members of the Administrative Council

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

RESOLVES

that the daily allowances payable by the Union to Members of the Administrative Council to meet the living expenses

necessarily incurred in connection with the business of the Council by the persons designated to serve on it, in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of the Buenos Aires Convention, shall be at the rate of 80 Swiss francs per day, reduced to 30 Swiss francs per day during sea and air voyages.

RESOLUTION No. 34

Agreements between the International Telecommunication Union and Various Governments

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

AUTHORIZES

the Administrative Council to conclude, on behalf of the Union, all necessary agreements with the Government of the Swiss Confederation and with other governmental authorities, with respect to the relations between the Union, its bodies and its employees, on the one hand, and the Government of the Swiss Confederation or other governmental authorities in countries where functions of the Union are to be conducted, on the other hand.

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RECOMMENDATION No. 1

Recruitment of Union Staff

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

CONSIDERING

1. the provisions of Article 8, paragraph 4, of the Convention ;
2. the expense entailed for the Union by recruitment on a geographical basis ;
3. that such recruitment is required for certain posts only ;

RECOMMENDS

that for purposes of recruitment only posts above Class 4 should, as a general rule, be considered as of an international character.

RECOMMENDATION No. 2

Unrestricted Transmission of News

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

IN VIEW OF

1. the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 10 December 1948 ;

2. Articles 28, 29 and 30 of the International Telecommunication Convention, Atlantic City,

CONSCIOUS OF

the noble principle that news should be freely transmitted ;

RECOMMENDS

Members and Associate Members of the Union to facilitate the unrestricted transmission of news by telecommunication services.

RECOMMENDATION No. 3

**Application of a Special Telegraph Tariff
for Prisoners of War and for Civilians interned in Wartime**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, Buenos Aires,

CONSIDERING

1. the provisions of Articles 74 and 124 of the Geneva Convention on the Treatment of Prisoners of War, dated 12 August 1949 and of Articles 110 and 141 of the Geneva Convention on the Protection of Civilians in Wartime, dated 12 August 1949 ;

2. the provisions of Article 35 of the International Telecommunication Convention, Buenos Aires, 1952 ;

RECOMMENDS THE NEXT INTERNATIONAL TELEGRAPH AND
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

1. to consider sympathetically whether, and to what extent, the telegraph franking privileges and the reductions in telegraph charges envisaged in the Geneva Conventions mentioned above could be accorded;
2. to make any necessary modifications to the International Telegraph Regulations.

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OPINION

Members and Associate Members recognize the desirability of avoiding the imposition of fiscal taxes on any international telecommunications.

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of the Plenipotentiary Conference
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The following abbreviations are used in the second column of the table below :

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