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INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION

**PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE**

**MALAGA - TORREMOLINOS 1973**

Document No. 301-E

19 October 1973

Original : French

PLENARY MEETING

Statement for the Final Protocol

FOR AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, DENMARK, FINLAND, ICELAND, THE  
PRINCIPALITY OF LIECHTENSTEIN, NORWAY, THE  
KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF  
GERMANY, SWEDEN AND THE CONFEDERATION OF SWITZERLAND

The Delegations of the above-mentioned countries  
formally declare with regard to /Chapter 32\_/ of the  
International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos,  
1973), that they maintain the reservations made on behalf of  
their administrations when signing the Regulations mentioned  
in /Chapter 32\_/.



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PLENARY MEETING

Final Protocol

FOR THE REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA

The Delegation of the Republic of Nicaragua declares that it reserves its Government's right to accept, or not to accept, the consequences of any reservation which would lead to an increase in its contributory share in defraying the expenses of the Union.

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PLENARY MEETING

Final Protocol

FOR THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

The Delegation of the United Republic of Cameroon to the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) declares on behalf of its Government that it reserves the right to take all necessary measures to safeguard its interests should the reservations made by other delegations on behalf of their Governments or failure to comply with the Convention tend to jeopardize the proper operation of its telecommunication services.

Moreover the Government of the United Republic of Cameroon accepts no consequence of any reservations made by other delegations to this Conference which would lead to an increase in its share in defraying Union expenditure.

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PLENARY MEETING

Final Protocol

FOR KENYA

The delegation of Kenya reserves the right of its Government to take any action it deems necessary to safeguard its interests in the event of Members failing in any way to comply with the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Málaga-Torremolinos, 1973) or should reservations by other countries jeopardize its telecommunications services or lead to an increase in its contributory share in defraying the expenses of the Union.

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**MALAGA - TORREMOLINOS 1973**

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PLENARY MEETING

Final Protocol

FOR UGANDA

The Delegation of the Government of the Republic of Uganda reserves the right of its Government to take any action it deems necessary to safeguard its interests in the event of a Member failing in any way to comply with the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) or should reservations by a Member jeopardize its telecommunication services or lead to an increase in its contributory share in defraying the expenses of the Union.

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PLENARY MEETING

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PLENARY MEETING

Final Protocol

FOR THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

The Delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania reserves the right of its Government to take any action it deems necessary to safeguard its interests in the event of Members failing in any way to comply with the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) or should reservations by other countries jeopardize its telecommunications services or lead to an increase in its contributory share in defraying the expenses of the Union.



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PLENARY MEETING

Final Protocol

FOR ITALY

The Delegation of Italy declares that the Government of Italy cannot accept any financial consequences that might arise as a result of reservations made by other Governments taking part in the Plenipotentiary Conference (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973).

It also reserves for its Government the right to take any action it deems necessary to safeguard its interest, should Members in any way fail to comply with the requirements of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) or should reservations by other countries jeopardize its telecommunication services.

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PLENARY MEETING

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FOR ALGERIA (ALGERIAN DEMOCRATIC AND POPULAR REPUBLIC),  
THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT,  
THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ,  
THE STATE OF KUWAIT, LEBANON, THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC,  
THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO, THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF  
MAURITANIA, THE SULTANATE OF OMAN, PAKISTAN, THE  
SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
OF THE SUDAN, TUNISIA, THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC,  
THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN

The above-mentioned Delegations declare that the signature, and possible subsequent ratification by their respective Governments to the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973), are not valid with respect to the Member appearing in Annex 1 to this Convention under the name of Israel, and in no way imply its recognition.



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PLENARY MEETING

Final Protocol

FOR 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 obligations in respect of the Telephone Regulations or the Additional Radio Regulations referred to in Article 41 of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) and in Chapter 32 of the General Regulations thereof.

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PLENARY MEETING

Final Protocol

FOR THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

The Government of the Republic of Afghanistan reserves the right to make any statement or reservation until the time of ratification of the Convention 1973 Malaga-Torremolinos by its Government.

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PLENARY MEETING

Final Protocol

FOR THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

In signing this Convention, the Delegation of the Federal Republic of Nigeria hereby declares that its Government reserves the right to take any action which it considers necessary to safeguard its interests should certain Members not share in defraying the expenses of the Union, or should they fail in any other way to comply with the requirements of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) or its Annexes, or the Protocols attached thereto, or should reservations by other countries endanger the telecommunications services of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

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**PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE**

**MALAGA - TORREMOLINOS 1973**

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19 October 1973

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PLENARY MEETING

Final Protocol

FOR MAURITIUS

The Delegation of Mauritius reserves for its Government the right to take such action as it considers necessary to safeguard its interests, should certain Members not share in defraying the expenses of the Union, or should they fail in any other way to comply with the requirements of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) or its Annexes or the Protocols attached thereto, or should reservations by other countries jeopardize the telecommunication services of Mauritius.

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PLENARY MEETING

Final Protocol

FOR DENMARK, FINLAND, ICELAND, NORWAY AND SWEDEN

The Delegations of the above-mentioned countries declare on behalf of their respective Governments that they accept no consequences of any reservations which would lead to an increase in the shares they take in defraying the expenses of the Union.

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PLENARY MEETING

Final Protocol

FOR THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN

The Delegation of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen reserves the right of its Government to take any action that it deems necessary to safeguard its interests should any country fail in any way to comply with the requirements of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973), or should reservations by any country jeopardize its telecommunication service or lead to an increase in its share towards defraying the expenses of the Union.



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FOR THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

1. Upon signing the Final Acts of the International Telecommunication Plenipotentiary Conference (Torremolinos, 1973), the Republic of India does not accept any final implications resulting from any reservation that might be made on the budgetary matters of the Union by any Member.
  2. The Delegation of the Republic of India further reserves the right of its Government to take appropriate steps if necessary to ensure proper functioning of the Union and its permanent organs and implementation of the General Regulations and Administrative Regulations of the Convention, should any country reserve and/or not accept the provisions of the Convention and of the Regulations mentioned above.
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PLENARY MEETING

Final Protocol

FOR SIERRA LEONE

The Delegation of Sierra Leone hereby declares, that it reserves for its Government the right not to accept any financial measure which might lead to an increase in its contributory share to defraying the expenses of the Union.

It further reserves for its Government the right to take any action which it deems necessary to safeguard its interests, should Members of the Union in anyway fail to comply with the requirements of the International Telecommunications Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos 1973), or should reservations by other Member countries jeopardize its Telecommunications Services.

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Final Protocol

FOR THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

The delegation of the People's Republic of the Congo reserves for its Government the right not to accept any financial measure that might lead to an increase in its contributory share in defraying Union expenses, and the right to take such action as it deems necessary to safeguard its interests should certain Members not share in defraying the expenses of the Union or should they fail to comply with the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Málaga-Torremolinos, 1973).

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Final Protocol

FOR THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

The Delegation of the Republic of Botswana reserves the right of its Government to take any action it considers necessary to safeguard its interests, should any Member or Members not share in defraying the expenses of the Union, or in the event of Members failing in any way to comply with the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) or its Regulations, Annexes or Protocols attached thereto, or should reservations by other countries jeopardize its telecommunications services.

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Final Protocol

FOR THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA

The Ghana delegation declares that its signature of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973), and subsequent ratification of that document by its Government do not in any way imply the recognition of the Government of South Africa and do not entail any obligations towards that Government.

The Ghana delegation also reserves for its Government the right to take any measures it considers necessary to protect its interests should the non-compliance of and reservations from the said Convention by other Members jeopardize its telecommunication services.

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FOR THE BIELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC,  
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA, THE HUNGARIAN  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA, THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC,  
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF POLAND, THE UKRAINIAN SOVIET  
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROUMANIA,  
THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC AND THE  
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

The Delegations of the above-mentioned countries declare  
in the name of their respective Governments that, in signing  
the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-  
Torremolinos, 1973), they leave open the question of the acceptance  
of the Radio Regulations (Geneva, 1959).

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FOR CUBA, THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC  
OF BULGARIA, THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, THE  
MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, THE PEOPLE'S  
REPUBLIC OF POLAND AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK  
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC

The delegations of the above-mentioned countries  
reserve for their governments the right to take such action  
as they deem necessary to safeguard their interests should  
reservations made by other countries lead to an increase in  
their shares in defraying the expenses of the Union or should  
certain Members of the Union not bear their share of the  
expenses of the Union.

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Final Protocol

CUBA

The Delegation of Cuba to the Plenipotentiary Conference (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) declares on behalf of its Revolutionary Government that it recognizes no legal or moral value in the signature of the Final Acts by the puppet delegation of the Lon Nol regime. The only persons entitled to represent Cambodia and sign the Final Acts of the Conference on its behalf are the representatives of the Royal Government of National Unity of Kambudja (G.R.U.N.K.).

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Final Protocol

FOR THE REPUBLIC OF THE IVORY COAST

The Delegation of the Republic of the Ivory Coast declares that it reserves the right to accept or not accept the consequences of any reservations made by other Governments to this Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) which might lead to an increase in its contributory share in defraying the expenses of the Union or which might jeopardize its telecommunication services.

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PLENARY MEETING

Final Protocol

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

The delegation of Australia reserves the right of its Government to take such action as it considers necessary to safeguard its interests in the event of certain Members not sharing in defraying the expenses of the Union in respect of existing debts and the interest thereon and in respect of future subscriptions or should they fail in any other way to comply with the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) or the Annexes, Protocols or Regulations attached thereto or should reservations by other countries jeopardize its telecommunication services.

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PLENARY MEETING

Final Protocol

FOR NEW ZEALAND

The delegation of New Zealand reserves for its Government the right to take such action as it may consider necessary to safeguard its interests should certain Members not share in defraying the expenses of the Union, or should they fail in any other way to comply with the requirements of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) or its Annexes or the Protocols attached thereto or should reservations by other countries jeopardize the telecommunication services of New Zealand.

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PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE

MALAGA - TORREMOLINOS 1973

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PLENARY MEETING

DRAFT RESOLUTION

SUBMITTED BY THE DELEGATION OF LEBANON

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International  
Telecommunication Union (Málaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

learning

that two submarine cables, one from Beirut to  
Marseilles linking Lebanon with Europe and the American  
Continent and the other from Beirut to Alexandria linking  
Lebanon with Africa, were put out of action in Lebanese  
territorial waters during the night of 17 to 18 October 1973;

noting

that all information and checks point to the fact  
that this grave act of sabotage was deliberately perpetrated  
by a country Member of the Union, namely the State of Israel;

considering

the Convention, and in particular 1, 17, 18, 24, 282  
and 288 of that Act, which are binding on all Members;

realizing that

putting these cables out of action causes grave  
prejudice to the political, economic and human interests of  
Lebanon and its partner countries;

believing

that such acts are harmful to the progress and  
development of peoples;



confirming

that the destruction of means of communication between peoples runs counter to the extension of international cooperation for the improvement and rational use of telecommunications of all kinds, which is a main purpose of the Union;

condemns

without appeal such a policy of destruction and the author of that destruction, the State of Israel;

resolves

to envisage, in the event of any repetition of such acts contrary to the rules and practices governing international relations, all appropriate sanctions, including the suspension, and even the exclusion of the State of Israel.

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PLENARY MEETING

SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Amendment to the draft Resolution annexed  
to Document No. 205

Submitted by 42 countries :

Afghanistan, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Austria, Bangladesh, Burma, Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Cyprus, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, France, Greece, India, Indonesia, Iran, the Khmer Republic, Kuwait, Laos, Lesotho, Lebanon, Malaysia, Morocco, Monaco, Nepal, Nicaragua, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Rwanda, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Tchad, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Viet-Nam and Zaire.

In the second report by the Chairman of Committee 5 to the Plenary Meeting (Document No. 205) it is stated that a proposal to increase the base salary of the Secretary-General from \$28,700 to \$31,000 was supported in that Committee.

Some other delegates, however, wondering whether the responsibilities of the post of Secretary-General and the activities of the Union had increased since 1965, favoured retaining the status quo.

Yet since 1965 :

1. the budget of the Union including the technical cooperation budget, has more than doubled :

from \$ 8,000,000 in 1965

to \$17,700,000 in 1973

2. the staff of the Union, including experts, had increased :

from 550 in 1965

to 1,000 in 1973



3. the Secretary-General's responsibilities have increased considerably since 1965, particularly in technical cooperation and the peaceful uses of outer space;
4. by a decision of the Administrator of the U.N.D.P., the Union is now classed as a large agency in view of the scale of projects and the percentage allocated for administrative costs.

Also, the present budgets of small agencies, the Secretary-General of which at present receives the same salary as the Secretary-General of the I.T.U. are :

I.M.C.O.	-	\$	2,860,000
U.P.U.	-	\$	4,085,000
W.M.O.	-	\$	11,640,000

whereas the I.T.U. budget is \$ 17,700,000.

This budget is no doubt comparable with the budget of I.C.A.O., but since the structures of the two organizations are not the same (there is a Permanent Council above the I.C.A.O. Secretary-General) it is difficult to draw valid conclusions.

Within the United Nations family, therefore, our organization comes halfway between the small agencies and the large agencies such as UNESCO, W.H.O. and F.A.O.

Since the basic salary of the Directors-General of the large agencies is \$ 34,600 and the basic salary of the Secretaries-General of small agencies is \$ 28,700, we consider that the average of these two sums, namely \$ 31,000, would be the proper figure for the base salary of the Secretary-General of the I.T.U., as was suggested by some delegations represented in Committee 5.

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As, in the draft Resolution annexed to Document No. 205, the percentages listed at the foot of page 3 are tantamount to maintenance of the status quo, the delegations submitting this document propose that the draft Resolution be amended by altering the said percentages as follows :



Secretary-General . . . . . 134 %  
Deputy Secretary-General and the  
Directors of the Consultative Committee 120 %  
Members of the I.F.R.B. . . . . 115 %

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In round figures, the additional expenditure per annum which would result from this amendment is :

Secretary-General . . . . .	9,000 Swiss francs
Deputy Secretary-General, the two Directors of the C.C.I.s and the five members of the I.F.R.B. :	
(8,000 x 8) . . . . .	64,000 Swiss francs
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PLENARY MEETING

B.13

13th SERIES OF TEXTS SUBMITTED BY THE  
EDITORIAL COMMITTEE TO THE PLENARY MEETING

The following texts are submitted to the Plenary  
Meeting for first reading :

<u>Source</u>	<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Title</u>
C8	Draft Charter	Chapter 25 : Art. 17
C7	263	Chapters 5, 7, 16 and 17

Albert CHASSIGNOL  
Chairman of  
Committee 9

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## CHAPTER 25

## RULE 17

## Reservations

- NOC 507 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.
- (MOD) 508 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.

## CHAPTER 5

## International Frequency Registration Board

- NOC 289 1. (1) The members of the International Frequency Registration 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.
- (MOD) 290 (2) Moreover, for the more effective understanding of the problems coming before the Board under 70 of the Convention, each member shall be familiar with geographic, economic and demographic conditions within a particular area of the world.
- MOD 291 2. (1) The election procedure shall be established by the conference responsible for the election as defined in 67 of the Convention.
- NOC 292 (2) At each election any serving member of the Board may be proposed again as a candidate by the country of which he is a national.



- (MOD) 293 (3) The members of the Board shall take up their duties on the date fixed by the Plenipotentiary Conference which elected them. They shall normally remain in office until the date fixed by the conference which elects their successors.
- MOD 294 (4) If in the interval between two Plenipotentiary Conferences which elect members of the Board, an elected member of the Board resigns or abandons his duties or dies, the Chairman of the Board shall request the Secretary-General to invite the countries, Members of the Union, of the region concerned to propose candidates for the election of a replacement at the next annual session of the Administrative Council. However, if the vacancy occurs more than ninety days before the session of the Administrative Council, the country of which the member concerned was a national shall designate, as soon as possible and within ninety days, a replacement who shall also be a national of that country and who will remain in office until the new member elected by the Administrative Council takes office. The replacement shall be eligible for election by the Administrative Council.
- SUP 295
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- (MOD) 298 (5) In order to safeguard the efficient operation of the Board, any country a national of which has been elected to the Board, shall refrain, as far as possible, from recalling that person between two Plenipotentiary Conferences which elect members of the Board.
- NOC 299 3. (1) The working arrangements of the Board are defined in the Radio Regulations.
- NOC 300 (2) The members of the Board shall elect from their own numbers a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman, for a period of one year. Thereafter the Vice-Chairman shall succeed the Chairman each year and a new Vice-Chairman shall be elected.
- NOC 301 (3) The Board shall be assisted by a specialized secretariat.

- MOD 302 4. 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 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.

## CHAPTER 7

## Coordination Committee

SUP 310

- NOC 313 1. (1) The Committee shall help the Secretary-General in the duties assigned to him under 282, 284, 285 and 286.

- (MOD) 312 (2) The Committee shall be responsible for ensuring coordination with all the international organizations mentioned in Articles 39 and 40 of the Convention as regards representation of the permanent organs of the Union at conferences of such organizations.

- NOC 311 (3) The Committee shall examine the progress of the work of the Union in technical cooperation and submit recommendations, through the Secretary-General to the Administrative Council.

- MOD 314 2. The Committee shall endeavour to reach conclusions unanimously. The Secretary-General may, however, take decisions even when he does not have the support of two or more other members of the Committee, provided he judges that decision of the matters in question cannot await the next session of the Administrative Council. In such circumstances he shall report promptly in writing on such matters to the members of the Administrative Council, setting forth his reasons for such action together with any other written views submitted by other members of the Committee.

- MOD 315 3. The Committee shall meet when convened by its Chairman and, normally, at least once a month.



PART IIIGeneral provisions regarding  
International Consultative Committees

## CHAPTER 16

## Conditions for Participation

- MOD 373 1. The members of the International Consultative Committees referred to in 76 and 77 may participate in all the activities of the Consultative Committee concerned.
- MOD 374 2. (1) 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 the Director of that Consultative Committee. The request from a recognized private operating agency must be approved by the Member recognizing it. The Director of the Consultative Committee shall advise the recognized private operating agency of the action taken on its request.
- MOD 375 (2) A recognized private operating agency may not act on behalf of the Member which has recognized it unless that Member informs the Consultative Committee concerned in each particular case that it is authorized to do so.
- MOD 376 3. (1) International organizations and regional telecommunication organizations mentioned in Article 32 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.

- MOD 377 (2) The first request from an international organization or regional telecommunication organization mentioned in Article 32 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 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 the Director of the Consultative Committee concerned of the result of the consultation.
- NOC 378 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.
- MOD 379 (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 Secretary-General who shall inform all the Members and the Director of that Consultative Committee. The request must be approved by the Administration of the country concerned. The Director of the Consultative Committee shall advise the scientific or industrial organization of the action taken on its request.
- MOD 380 4. Any recognized private operating agency, international organization, regional telecommunication organization or scientific or industrial organization allowed to take part in the work of an International Consultative Committee has the right to denounce such participation by notifying the Secretary-General. Such denunciation shall take effect at the end of one year from the date when notification is received by the Secretary-General.



## CHAPTER 17

## Duties of the Plenary Assembly

- NOC 381 The Plenary Assembly shall :
- (a) consider the reports of study groups and approve, modify or reject the draft recommendations contained in these reports;
- MOD 382 (b) consider existing questions as to whether or not their study should be continued, and prepare a list of the new questions to be studied in conformity with 308. In formulating new questions it shall be borne in mind that, in principle, their consideration should be completed in the period which is twice the interval between two Plenary Assemblies;
- ADD 382A (b bis) approve the programme of work arising from the consideration in 382, determine the order of questions to be studied according to their importance, priority and urgency;
- MOD 383 (c) decide, in the light of the approved programme of work derived from 382 whether or not existing study groups should be maintained or dissolved and whether or not new study groups should be set up;
- NOC 384 (d) allocate to study groups the questions to be studied;
- NOC 385 (e) consider and approve the report of the Director on the activities of the Committee since the last meeting of the Plenary Assembly;
- MOD 386 (f) approve, if appropriate, for submission to the Administrative Council, the estimate of the financial needs of the Committee up to the next Plenary Assembly, as submitted by the Director in accordance with 411;
- (MOD) 387 (g) consider any other matters deemed necessary within the provisions of Article 11 of the Convention and Part III of these Regulations.

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## CHAPTER 18

## Meetings of the Plenary Assembly

- MOD 388 1. The Plenary Assembly shall normally meet at a date and place fixed by the preceding Plenary Assembly.
- NOC 389 2. The date and place, or either, of the meeting of the Plenary Assembly may be changed with the approval of the majority of the Members of the Union replying to the Secretary-General's request for their opinion.
- NOC 390 3. 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.
- MOD 391 4. The Secretary-General shall be responsible for making the necessary administrative and financial arrangements, in agreement with the Director of the Consultative Committee concerned, for meetings of the Plenary Assembly and the Study Groups.

## CHAPTER 20

## Study Groups

- MOD 395 1. The Plenary Assembly shall set up and maintain as necessary study groups to deal with questions to be studied. The administrations, recognized private operating agencies, international organizations and regional telecommunication organisations admitted in accordance with 376 and 377



which desire 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 later date, to the Director of the Consultative Committee concerned.

NOC 396

2. In addition, and subject to the provisions of 378 and 379, experts of scientific or industrial organizations may be admitted to take part in an advisory capacity in any meeting of any study group.

MOD 397

3. The Plenary Assembly shall normally appoint a Chairman and one Vice-Chairman of each study group. If the workload of any study group requires, the Plenary Assembly shall appoint such additional vice-chairmen as it feels necessary for such study group or groups. If, in the interval between two meetings of the Plenary Assembly, a group chairman is unable to carry out his duties and only one vice-chairman has been appointed, then such vice-chairman shall take the chairman's place. In the case of a study group for which the Plenary Assembly has appointed more than one vice-chairman, the study group at its next meeting shall elect a new chairman from among such vice-chairmen and, if necessary, a new vice-chairman from among the members of the study group. It shall likewise elect a new vice-chairman if one of the vice-chairmen is unable to carry out his duties during that period.

## CHAPTER 21

## Conduct of Business of Study Groups

NOC 398

1. Study groups shall conduct their work as far as possible by correspondence.

- NOC 399 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.
- ADD 399A (1 bis) As a general rule, study groups shall hold no more than two meetings between sessions of the Plenary Assembly, including the final meetings held before that Assembly.
- NOC 400 (2) Moreover, if after a Plenary Assembly a Group Chairman considers it necessary for his study group to hold one or more meetings 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.
- ADD 400A 2A. Where necessary, the Plenary Assembly of a Consultative Committee may set up joint working parties for the study of questions requiring the participation of experts from several study groups.
- MOD 401 3. The Director of a Consultative Committee, after consultation with the Secretary-General, and in agreement with the 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.
- NOC 402 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 and regional telecommunication 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. This provision may be waived only when study group meetings are held immediately prior to the 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 22

## Duties of the Director. Specialized Secretariat

- NOC 403 1. (1) The Director of a Consultative Committee shall coordinate the work of the Plenary Assembly and study groups, and shall be responsible for the organization of the work of the Consultative Committee.
- MOD 404 (2) The Director shall be responsible for the documents of the Committee and arrange for their publication, in the working languages of the Union, with the Secretary-General.
- NOC 405 (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.
- MOD 406 (4) The staff of the specialized secretariats, laboratories and technical installations of the Consultative Committees shall be under the administrative control of the Secretary-General in accordance with the provisions of 268.
- NOC 407 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. The final decision for appointment or dismissal rests with the Secretary-General.
- (MOD) 408 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, subject to the provisions of 391, make all necessary preparations for meetings of the Plenary Assembly and of the study groups.



- MOC 409 4. 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 transmission to the Administrative Council.
- (MOD) 410 5. The Director shall submit to the Administrative Council at its annual session a report on the activities of the Committee during the previous year for the information of the Council and of the Members of the Union.
- MCD 411 6. The Director after consultation with the Secretary-General shall submit for the approval of the Plenary Assembly an estimate of the financial needs of the Committee up to the next meeting of the Plenary Assembly; this estimate, after approval by the Plenary Assembly, shall be sent to the Secretary-General for submission to the Administrative Council.
- MOC 412 7. The Director shall prepare, for inclusion by the Secretary-General in the annual budget of the Union, an estimate of the expenses of the Committee for the following year, based on the estimate of the financial needs of the Committee approved by the Plenary Assembly.
- (MOD) 413 8. The Director shall participate as necessary in technical cooperation activities of the Union within the framework of the Convention.

RESOLUTION EECOLLABORATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
INTERESTED IN SPACE RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Málaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

mindful

of the numerous possibilities for the use of outer space for peaceful purposes in the international field;

considering

the increasing importance of the role that telecommunications, and in consequence the Union, are necessarily playing in this sphere;

recalling

the relevant articles of the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and other Celestial Bodies as well as the resolutions adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on international collaboration in the peaceful uses of outer space;

notes with satisfaction

a) the measures taken by the various organs of the Union with a view to ensuring the most effective possible use of all space radiocommunication services;

b) the progress made in the technology and use of space radiocommunication;

calls upon the Administrative Council and the Secretary-General

to take the necessary steps to :

1. continue to keep the United Nations and the specialized agencies concerned informed of progress in space radiocommunication;

2. promote the continuance and development of collaboration between the Union and the specialized agencies of the United Nations or other international organizations interested in the use of space radiocommunication.



RESOLUTION FF

## SPECIAL MEASURES FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Málaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

considering

the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2768 (XXVI) of 18 November 1971, which designated 25 countries as the hard-core least developed countries requiring special attention, and the resolution adopted by the third session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on 19 May 1972 concerning financial and technical assistance to the least developed countries;

recognizing

the importance of telecommunications in the development of the countries concerned;

instructs the Secretary-General

1. to review the state of telecommunication services in the least developed countries identified by the United Nations and needing special measures for telecommunication development;
2. to report his findings to the Administrative Council;
3. to propose concrete measures calculated to bring about genuine improvements and provide effective assistance to these least developed countries using available funds from the budgets of the Union and other sources;
4. to report annually on the matter to the Administrative Council;

instructs the Administrative Council

1. to consider the above-mentioned reports and take appropriate action so that the Union may continue to display its active interest and cooperation in the development of telecommunication services in these countries;
2. to make appropriations for the purpose from the Union budgets and other sources;
3. to keep the situation under constant and to report on the matter to the next Plenipotentiary Conference.

RESOLUTION GGIMPROVEMENT OF UNION FACILITIES FOR RENDERING  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International  
Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

having taken note

of the Report of the Administrative Council to the  
Plenipotentiary Conference and of Part V in particular;

appreciative of

the extensive assistance rendered to developing  
countries through the Union's participation in the United  
Nations Development Programme and related activities and the  
valuable assistance rendered through handbooks and other  
documents prepared by the International Consultative  
Committees and the International Frequency Registration Board  
as well as through advice by these Organs on specific topics;

considering

- a) that the volume of the Union's technical assistance  
needs to be further increased and the quality improved;
- b) that in many cases the developing countries have a  
need of advice of a highly specialized nature and that such  
advice must often be obtained at short notice;
- c) that technical knowledge and experience of great  
value to the developing countries is obtainable from or through  
the International Consultative Committees and from the  
International Frequency Registration Board;

resolves

- 1. that the group of engineers of the Technical  
Cooperation Department shall be retained :



it shall be responsible for rendering short-term assistance to developing countries, either by correspondence or by missions to requesting countries, and for providing advice and evaluations to the authorities responsible for preparation and execution of projects;

2. that specialists shall be recruited, as needed, for periods not exceeding six months;

instructs the Secretary-General

- a) to make a study of the staff required, namely, the number, level of qualification and grades, based on accurate job descriptions relevant to technical cooperation activities and taking into account the need to fix the remuneration at a level likely to attract qualified persons;
- b) to submit to the Administrative Council a report on the matter which might be accompanied by a comparison with the situation in executing agencies similar to the Union;
- c) to submit a separate report to the Administrative Council :
- indicating the specialities required for the engineers forming the group mentioned in 1 above;
  - giving his appraisal of the volume and quality of the technical assistance provided and mentioning any difficulties encountered in meeting the requests made by new or developing countries;

instructs the Administrative Council

1. to consider the Secretary-General's report mentioned in b) above and to take all necessary measures;
2. to include in the annual budget of the Union the credits necessary for the proper functioning of the group of engineers and a global amount to cover the estimated costs of the services of the short-term specialists mentioned in 2 above;
3. to follow closely the development of the volume and quality of all the technical cooperation activities of the Union.

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FOR THE REPUBLIC OF THE NIGER

The Delegation of the Republic of Niger to the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union declares that it cannot accept any increase in its contributory share in the budget of the Union due to the failure of any other Member to pay its contributions and other related charges.

It also reserves for its Government the right to take all necessary action to safeguard its telecommunication interests should any Member of the Union fail to observe the provisions of the Convention of Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973.

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FOR THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

The Delegation of the People's Republic of the Congo declares on behalf of its Government that :

1. Since South Viet-Nam consists of two zones coming under two administrations (the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet-Nam and the Saigon authorities), the Delegation of the Saigon authorities cannot possibly be regarded as signing the Convention and the other Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference on behalf of the whole of South Viet-Nam;
2. Since the southern part of Korea does not represent the whole of Korea, the delegates of South Korea cannot be regarded as signing the Convention and the other Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference on behalf of Korea.



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FOR THE REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA (CEYLON)

The Delegation of the Government of the Republic of Sri Lanka (Ceylon) to the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) reserves for its Government :

1. the right not to accept any financial measure which might lead to an increase in its contributory share to defraying the expenses of the Union;
2. the right to take any action it deems necessary to protect its interests in the event of Members failing in any way to comply with the provisions of the International Telecommunication Union Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) or the Annexes and Regulations annexed thereto or should reservations by other countries jeopardize its telecommunications services;
3. to take any further action in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Republic of Sri Lanka (Ceylon) whenever necessary.

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FOR THE KHMER REPUBLIC

The Khmer Delegation reserves the rights of its Government with respect to the ratification of the Final Acts of the Conference because of the reservations made by certain delegations concerning the Government of the Khmer Republic.

It further declares that it cannot accept any financial measure which would lead to an increase in its contributory share.

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FOR THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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FOR THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The delegation of the People's Republic of China wishes to state as follows :

1. The traitorous Lon Nol clique is a handful of Cambodian national scum and is illegal from the very beginning. It has no right whatsoever to sign the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973), on behalf of the Cambodian people.

The Paris Agreement on Viet-Nam has in fact recognized the existence of two administrations in South Viet-Nam, that is, the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet-Nam and the Saigon Administration. In the present circumstances, the unilateral representation of the Saigon Administration in the I.T.U. Conference is inappropriate. In the circumstances in which agreement in principle has been reached between the North and the South of Korea on the independent and peaceful reunification of the country, it is unreasonable for the South Korean authorities to be represented in the I.T.U. Conference on its own. In view of the above, the representatives of the Saigon Administration and the South Korean authorities have no right to sign the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973), on their own.

2. The Chinese delegation makes reservations on the provisions in the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973), concerning the assignment and utilization of radio frequencies as well as the assignment and recording of the positions of geostationary satellites.



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FOR THE UNION OF BURMA

The Delegation of the Union of Burma, in signing this Convention, reserves for its Government the right to take any action it considers necessary to safeguard its interests if reservations made by other countries should lead to an increase in its contributory share in defraying Union expenses.

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FOR THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM

The Delegation of the Republic of Viet-Nam reiterates the statements which it made at the Fourth Plenary Meeting and to the Credentials Committee.

Since 1951, when the Republic of Viet-Nam acceded to the I.T.U., our Government has provided every proof of its representativity.

We regret that, for propaganda purposes, some delegations have seen fit to indulge in political polemics which have nothing to do with the I.T.U.

It is false to cite the Paris Agreement as an argument in favour of the so-called Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Viet-Nam, which consists of a handful of men with the sole task of spreading terror, death, ruin and devastation throughout the country.

The Paris Agreement, the main purpose of which is to bring about a cease-fire in Viet-Nam and thus produce a favourable climate for negotiations for the prompt establishment of lasting peace once more in South Viet-Nam, in no way sanctions the so-called Provisional Government as such. The Paris Agreement did not invest, nor was it in its power to invest, the Provisional Revolutionary Government as a "legal" government in Viet-Nam. Nor did it alter, as it was not in its power to alter, the legal and constitutional character of the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam.

The title of Provisional Revolutionary Government is only a name invented for itself by the so-called Liberation Front of South Viet-Nam, which was set up by the Lao-Dông Party of North Viet-Nam at its Third Congress in Hanoi in September 1960.



Under the name of the National Liberation Front or the Provisional Revolutionary Government, this organization is merely the tool of Hanoi and a completely artificial creation sustained by the expeditionary forces of North Viet-Nam.

We deplore the attitude of the delegations of those countries which, while condemning the policy of aggression, have never made the slightest endeavour - quite the contrary, in fact - to end this painful fratricidal struggle which has been waged in our territory for far too long.

The Delegation of the Republic of Viet-Nam declares that it is the only legitimate representative of South Viet-Nam and that it has been recognized as such by the Conference since the accession of the Republic of Viet-Nam to the I.T.U.

All the statements which have been submitted in connection with this Convention or which have been attached thereto and which are incompatible with the position of the Republic of Viet-Nam are illegal and therefore null and void.

Our Delegation also reserves for its Government the right not to accept any financial measures which may lead to an increase in its contributory share in defraying Union expenses and to take all action it may deem necessary to safeguard its interests.

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FOR THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

The Delegation of the Central African Republic to the Plenipotentiary Conference (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) declares that its Government reserves the right to take all necessary action to safeguard its interests should certain Members of the Union fail to observe the provisions of this International Telecommunication Convention and making any abnormal reservations which might lead to an increase in the contributory shares of the Central African Republic in defraying the expenses of the Union.

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RESOLUTION No. HHINVITATIONS TO HOLD CONFERENCES OR MEETINGS  
AWAY FROM GENEVA

MOD

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

NOC

considering

NOC

that expenditure on conferences and meetings of the Union is distinctly lower when they are held in Geneva;

NOC

considering, however,

MOD

that there are advantages in holding certain conferences and meetings in countries other than the headquarters country;

(MOD)

bearing in mind

that the General Assembly of the United Nations, in Resolution 1202 (XII), decided that meetings of organs of the United Nations should, as a general rule, be held at the headquarters of the organ concerned, but that a meeting could be held away from headquarters if an inviting government agreed to defray the additional expenditure involved;

NOC

recommends

NOC

that world conferences of the Union and Plenary Assemblies of the International Consultative Committees should normally be held at the seat of the Union;

NOC

resolves

MOD

1. that invitations to hold conferences of the Union away from Geneva should not be accepted unless the host government agrees to defray the additional expenditure involved;

MOD

2. that invitations to hold meetings of the study groups of the International Consultative Committees away from Geneva should not be accepted unless the host government provides at least adequate premises and the necessary furniture and equipment free of charge.

RESOLUTION II

## SPECIAL FUND FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

bearing in mind

the provisions of Article 4 of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973);

considering

- a) that developing countries often need the assistance of highly qualified specialists who can collaborate with the administrations for brief periods with a view to solving specific and urgent problems;
- b) that there are often limitations on the granting of assistance that is urgently required;
- c) that, in order to provide adequate assistance, it is necessary to have prior knowledge of the resources which could be placed at the disposal of the countries at the right time;
- d) that, while U.N.D.P. undoubtedly makes its funds available to countries, it is also evident that these funds are utilized on the basis of advance planning for a period of several years and that the urgent needs for assistance in the telecommunication sector often cannot be met owing to the demands of other sectors of the country's economy;
- e) that international organizations such as the Universal Postal Union have often recognized the need to create a programme of assistance based on voluntary contributions;
- f) that the voluntary contributions of the various countries, recognized private operating agencies and scientific



and industrial organizations can be made either in cash or in some other form, on the understanding that the contributions of private operating agencies and scientific or industrial organizations are subject to the approval of the administration of the donor country;

resolves

to set up a fund, based on voluntary contributions in any currency or in some other form, to meet the needs of the developing countries who submit urgent requests for assistance to the Union;

urges Member countries

to make available the resources required to meet the needs of the developing countries more effectively;

instructs the Secretary-General

1. to prepare and submit to the Administrative Council for its approval regulations for the administration of the fund;

2. to promote and administer the fund in conformity with the approved regulations and to submit an annual report on its management to the Administrative Council for its approval;

instructs the Administrative Council

to supervise the management of the fund and take all necessary steps to ensure its efficient operation and growth.

RESOLUTION JJ

## TRAINING OF REFUGEES

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

having noted

- a) the pertinent Resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly, particularly Resolutions 2395, 2396, 2426 and 2465 (XXIII);
- b) Administrative Council Resolutions No. 659 and No. 708;
- c) the Report of the Administrative Council (Part II, section 2.5.3);

considering

the action hitherto taken by the Secretary-General with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and with the administrations of Member countries;

requests the Secretary-General

1. to continue his efforts with a view to the application of the United Nations Resolutions;
2. to collaborate fully with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

invites administrations of Member countries

to do even more to receive certain recommended refugees and to arrange for their training in telecommunications in professional centres or schools.

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WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DAY

DRAFT RESOLUTION

SUBMITTED BY 25 DELEGATIONS :

Saudi Arabia, Burma, Brazil, the Central African Republic, Cyprus, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ecuador, Spain, France, Greece, India, Iran, Khmer Republic, Monaco, Nepal, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Paraguay, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Tchad, Turkey, Zaire.

For the last five years some 100 Member countries of the Union have regularly celebrated World Telecommunication Day. This event has undoubtedly been very useful to telecommunication Administrations as a means of drawing the attention of national authorities and the public to the importance of telecommunications for economic and social development. This is particularly important for the developing countries which now have to distribute themselves the allocations of the United Nations Development Programme (U.N.D.P.) according to a country programme.

Until recently telecommunications attracted little attention because not enough publicity was given to the benefits they convey.

The Administrative Council therefore decided pending a decision by the Plenipotentiary Conference, that a World Telecommunication Day should be celebrated each year.



Although reservations have been expressed about world Years and Days, the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations have given their support to the continued celebration of World Telecommunication Day.

The above-mentioned delegations therefore propose to the Plenipotentiary Conference the adoption of the annexed draft Resolution.

Annex : 1

A N N E X

DRAFT RESOLUTION

WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DAY

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

having seen

the Report of the Administrative Council to the Plenipotentiary Conference (section 2.5.14);

considering

the interest shown by Members in celebrating World Telecommunication Day;

decides

that 17 May, the anniversary of the foundation of the Union, shall henceforth be "World Telecommunication Day";

invites Administrations of Members

- to celebrate the day annually;
- to take advantage of the occasion to make the public aware of the importance of telecommunications for economic, social and cultural development, to foster interest in telecommunications in universities and other educational establishments with a view to attracting new and young talent into the profession and to disseminate information on a large scale concerning Union activities related to international cooperation;



instructs the Secretary-General

to provide telecommunications administrations with any information and assistance they need to coordinate preparations for holding World Telecommunication Day in Member countries of the Union;

invites the Administrative Council

to propose to Members a specific topic for each World Telecommunication Day.

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PLENARY MEETING

TELECOMMUNICATIONS EXHIBITION

DRAFT OPINION

SUBMITTED BY 24 DELEGATIONS :

Saudi Arabia, Austria, Burma, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Cyprus, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Spain, France, Greece, India, Iran, the Khmer Republic, Monaco, Nepal, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Paraguay, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Chad, Turkey, Zaire.

It will be recalled that the first World Telecommunications Exhibition TELECOM - 71 was organized in Geneva under Union auspices in conjunction with the World Administrative Space Telecommunications Conference.

This initiative was very favourably received and attracted quite large crowds.

The practical side of the organization was entrusted to a specialized Geneva undertaking which had already arranged similar exhibitions for the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

A sample survey held after the exhibition showed that many Member countries of the Union were in favour of organizing further exhibitions of the same kind as TELECOM - 71 in the future and that, in order to maintain their universal and neutral character they should be held under the auspices of the Union.

The above-mentioned delegations therefore propose that the Plenipotentiary Conference adopt the annexed Opinion.

Annex : 1



A N N E X

DRAFT OPINION

TELECOMMUNICATION EXHIBITIONS

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

recognizing

that the telecommunication exhibitions are of considerable assistance in keeping the Members of the Union informed of the latest advances in telecommunication techniques and in publicizing the possibilities for applying telecommunication science and technology for the benefit of the developing countries;

is of the opinion

that such exhibitions should in future be organized under the auspices of the Union in collaboration with the Member countries provided that this involves no expense to the Union budget and has no commercial interests.

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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA ON RESOLUTION BY LEBANON (Document No. 326)

The Delegation of Malaysia regret that such an act that is contrary to all the binding provisions of the Convention of the Union has been belligerently committed within the territory of a Member as announced. We note that there is no denial on the statement found in the resolution. We therefore acknowledge the credibility of the statement.

Our sympathies are with the Arab people in their efforts to regain their territories. It is now some six years since the 1967 hostilities but we see no progress at diplomatic level in bringing about a just settlement. Instead what we have seen are the so-called Israel's efforts to consolidate her position in Arab territory, her complete indifference to world opinion and even belligerence in the face of various efforts aimed at bringing about a settlement.

This assembly must demonstrate its disapproval and condemnation of such act as it is against the provisions and spirit of the Convention of the Union by passing this resolution. The Delegation of Malaysia supports the resolution tabled by the aggrieved Member, Lebanon.

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R.2

SECOND SERIES OF TEXTS SUBMITTED BY THE  
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Plenary Meeting for second reading.

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the texts again and the Plenary Meeting is requested to  
consider them in their existing form and presentation in  
conjunction with the amendments listed in the Annex to this  
document which were introduced at the first reading of these  
texts.

Albert CHASSIGNOL  
Chairman of Committee 9

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A N N E X

General remark

In addition to the changes listed in this document, the words "developing countries" should be substituted for the phrase "new or (and) developing countries" wherever the latter occurs.

These deletions are not mentioned in this Annex. They will be made by the Secretariat when preparing the final text.

Document No. 171 (B.3)

Page B.3/1

X Resolution J

Point 2, under "resolves" to read :

"a) the first, known as the Basic Provisions, grouping texts of a permanent character,

b) the second, known as the General Regulations, grouping the texts concerning the methods whereby the various organs of the Union shall function."

Page B.3/4

Article 23

The title of the article to read : "Establishment, operation and protection of telecommunication channels and installations".

Document No. 172 (B.4)

Page B.4/1

Number 339 Change affecting the Spanish text only.

Document No. 172 (B.4) (cont'd)

Number 340 Change affecting the Spanish text only.

Number 341 Change affecting the Spanish text only.

Number 342 Add a comma after "Secretary-General".

Page B.4/2

Number 345 Change affecting the Spanish text only.

Number 352 Add a comma after 339.

Page B.4/3

Number 422 Change affecting the Spanish text only.

Page B.4/6

Number 438 Change affecting the Spanish text only.

Number 440 Next to last line, for "is" read "its".

Page B.4/10 Change affecting the French text only.

Page B.4/11

Number 469 2nd line, for "may propose" read "may move".

5th line, delete the comma after "speakers".

6th line, change the colon to a comma after "proposal".

last line, after "two against", change the full stop to a comma and add "after which the motion shall be put to the vote".

Number 470 1st line, for "propose", read "move".

3rd line, delete "before a vote is taken on a proposal,".

last line, after "motion", change the full stop to a comma and add "after which the motion shall be put to the vote.".

Pages B.4/12-14 Change affecting the Spanish text only.

Page B.4/15

Number 514 Change affecting the Spanish text only.



Document No. 172 (B.4) (cont'd)

Page B.4/16

Rule 20 In title, for "Approved" read "Approval".

Document No. 218 (B.5)

Page B.5/1

Resolution K

Point 2 under "decides", third line for "in the budget", read "in a separate part of the budget".

last line for "in the said budget" read "in that part of the budget".

Resolution L

Page B.5/4

Point 4, under "instructs the Secretary-General"

last line for "Member countries" read "Members".

Resolution N

Page B.5/8

Considering a), last line : for "a Plenipotentiary Conference", read "the Plenipotentiary Conference (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973)".

Document No. 228 (B.6)

Article 5

Page B.6/1

Number 27

For "The organization of the Union shall be as follows", read "The Union shall comprise the following organs".

Article 6

Page B.6/3 i for "revises", read "revise".

Number 48 last line, delete "and General Regulations".  
footnote. Delete

Document No. 228 (B.6) (cont'd)

Page B.6/4

Number 54 For "a representative", read "a person to serve".

Page B.6/5

Number 57 2nd line, delete the comma after "Conferences".

Number 60 last line, delete the comma after "means".

Article 10

Page B.6/7

Number 68 3rd and 4th lines, for "representatives of their respective countries, or of a region", read "representing their respective countries, or a region".

Number 70 5th line, for "the most effective and economical use", read "the equitable, effective and economical use".

Page B.6/9

Number 80 last line, remove the square brackets enclosing "General Regulations".

Number 82 last line, remove the square brackets enclosing "General Regulations".

Page B.6/10

Number 87 Change affecting the French and Spanish texts only.

Document No. 228 (B.6) (cont'd)

Page B.6/13

Change affecting the French text only.

Page B.6/15

Number 22A

3rd line, for "in particular", read "notably".

5th line, for "responsibilities", read "possibilities".

Page B.6/16 No change.

Page B.6/17

No. 108 2nd line, for "its permanent organs", read  
"the International Consultative Committees".

last line, add the following sentence :

"Interpretation between these languages and Arabic  
shall be effected at plenipotentiary and administrative  
conferences of the Union".

Page B.6/20

Article 31

Number 131 Antepenultimate line, for "for", read "far".

Document No. 229 (B.7)

Pages B.7/1 and 2 No change

Page B.7/3

Delete the whole of Resolution V.

Page B.7/5 Title to read :

"CHAPTER V

Application of the Convention and the Regulations

ARTICLE 41

Administrative Regulations"

Document No. 229 (B.7) (cont'd)

Number 148 Delete

Number 149

Should now read "The provisions of the Convention are completed by the Administrative Regulations which regulate the use ....(rest unchanged)".

Number 149A

4th line, delete "General and"

Number 150

Delete the second sentence.

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FOR THE REPUBLIC OF EQUATORIAL GUINEA

The Delegation of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea reserves for its Government the right :

1. Not to accept any financial measure which might lead to an increase in its contributory share in defraying Union expenses.
2. To take any action it deems necessary to protect its telecommunication services should any Member fail to observe the terms of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973).



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Final Protocol

FOR THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI

The delegation of the Republic of Burundi declares that it reserves for its Government the right to accept or not to accept any measures taken to increase its contributory share in defraying the expenses of the Union.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION

(SUBMITTED BY THE DELEGATION OF THE NETHERLANDS  
IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DELEGATION OF  
THE UNITED KINGDOM AT THE REQUEST OF THE  
CHAIRMAN OF THE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE)

Official languages and working languages of the Union

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International  
Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

desirous

of establishing the most equitable and efficient  
system of official and working languages in the Union;

noting

- the proposals to introduce the use of new languages  
as official languages of the Union that have been submitted to  
this Conference;

- that an increase in the number of official or working  
languages has technical, staffing, administrative and  
financial implications;

- that the use of an ever-increasing number of official  
or working languages brings not only financial burdens but  
great practical disadvantages for those countries whose  
languages have not been adopted as such;

considering

that it might be advisable to use other systems in  
future for financing and apportioning the cost of the language  
services among the Members of the Union;





requests the Administrative Council :

1. to make a detailed study of :
    1. the present list and a possible future list of the official languages of the Union;
    2. similar lists of the working languages of the Union;
    3. other possible provisions concerning the use by Members of the languages that suit them at conferences and meetings of the Union;
    4. the long-term technical, staffing, administrative and financial consequences of any later changes in the languages system of the Union, bearing in mind the decisions and action taken in the matter by the United Nations and its specialized agencies;
    5. the requests, discussions, decisions and the views expressed at this Conference, with particular reference to Document No. 190 on the use of German;
    6. the needs of the Union and its Members in this connexion and the resources it would have to devote to meeting them;
    7. any other relevant questions or considerations;
  2. To submit for consideration by the next Plenipotentiary Conference a detailed report together with recommendations on the measures required to establish and maintain an equitable and efficient system of official and working languages in the Union.
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FOR THE REPUBLIC OF THE CHAD

The Delegation of the Republic of the Chad to the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) reserves for its Government the right :

1. not to accept any financial measure which would lead to an increase in its contributory share in defraying Union expenses;
  2. to take any action it deems necessary to protect its interests should any Member fail in any way to observe the terms of this Convention.
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FOR THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ

The Delegation of the Republic of Iraq declares that its Government reserves the right to take such action as it may consider necessary to protect its interests, should a Member fail in any way to observe the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention of Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973, or should the reservations made by such Member jeopardize its telecommunication services or lead to an increase in Iraq's share in defraying the expenses of the Union.

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FOR THE TOGOLESE REPUBLIC

The Delegation of the Togolese Republic reserves for its Government the right to take any action it deems advisable should any country not observe the terms of this Convention or should any reservations handed in by Members during the Conference of Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973 or on signature or accession lead to situations prejudicial to its telecommunications services or to an increase which it deems too large in its contributory share in defraying the expenses of the Union.

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PLENARY MEETING

Final Protocol

FOR THE REPUBLIC OF DAHOMEY

The Delegation of the Republic of Dahomey reserves for its Government the right :

1. not to accept any financial measure which might lead to an increase in its contributory share in defraying Union expenses;
2. to take any action it deems necessary to protect its telecommunication services should any Member fail to observe the terms of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973).



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FOR THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

The Delegation of the People's Republic of the Congo to the Plenipotentiary Conference (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) declares on behalf of its Revolutionary Government that it recognizes no legal or moral value in the signature of the Final Acts by the delegation of the reactionary Lon Nol regime. The only persons entitled to represent Cambodia and sign the Final Acts of the Conference on its behalf are the representatives of the Royal Government of National Unity of Kampuchea (G.R.U.N.K.).

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16th SERIES OF TEXTS SUBMITTED BY THE  
EDITORIAL COMMITTEE TO THE PLENARY MEETING

The following texts are submitted to the Plenary  
Meeting for first reading :

<u>Source</u>	<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Title</u>
PL		Recommendation B
PL		Opinion No. 1
PL	326	Resolution KK
C8	161	Preamble and Article 1

Albert CHASSIGNOL  
Chairman of  
Committee 9

Annex : Pages  
B.16/1 to B.16/6



RECOMMENDATION B

UNRESTRICTED TRANSMISSION OF NEWS

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International  
Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

in view of

a) the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by  
the United Nations General Assembly on 10 December 1948;

b) Articles 31, 32 and 33 of the International  
Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965);

conscious of

the noble principle that news should be freely  
transmitted;

recommends

that Members of the Union facilitate the unrestricted  
transmission of news by telecommunication services.

OPINION No. 1

Members of the Union recognize the desirability of avoiding the imposition of fiscal taxes on any international telecommunications.

RESOLUTION KK

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

learning

that two submarine cables, one from Beirut to Marseilles linking Lebanon with Europe and the American Continent and the other from Beirut to Alexandria linking Lebanon with Africa, were put out of action in Lebanese territorial waters during the night of 17 to 18 October 1973;

noting

that all information and checks point to the fact that this grave act of sabotage was deliberately perpetrated by a country Member of the Union, namely the State of Israel;

taking into account

the International Telecommunication Convention, which is binding on all Members, and in particular the provisions of 1, 17, 18, 24, 282 and 288;

realizing

that putting these cables out of action gravely prejudices the political, economic and human interests of Lebanon and other user countries;

believing

that such acts are harmful to the progress and development of peoples;

confirming

that the destruction of means of telecommunication between peoples runs counter to one of the main purposes of the Union, which is to extend international cooperation for the improvement and rational use of telecommunications of all kinds;

condemns without appeal

such a policy of destruction and the author of that destruction, the State of Israel;

resolves

to envisage, in the event of any repetition of such acts contrary to the rules and practices governing international relations, all appropriate sanctions, including the suspension, and even the exclusion of the State of Israel.

/CONVENTION OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION /UNION/CONVENTION

PREAMBLE

(MOD) 1. 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 and cooperation between the peoples by means of efficient telecommunication services, have agreed to establish this Convention which is the basic instrument of the International Telecommunication Union.

SUP 2

SUP 3

CHAPTER I

Composition, Purposes and Structure of the Union

ARTICLE 1

Composition of the Union

MOD 4 1. The International Telecommunication Union shall comprise Members which, having regard to the principle of universality and the desirability of universal participation in the Union, shall be :

MOD 5 a) the Members listed in Annex ..., upon signature and ratification of, or accession to, the Convention;

MOD 6 b) any country, not listed in Annex ..., which becomes a Member of the United Nations and which accedes to the Convention in accordance with Article 45;

MOD 7 c) any sovereign country, not listed in Annex ... and not a Member of the United Nations, which applies for Membership of the Union and which, after having secured approval of such application by a majority of the Members of the Union, accedes to the Convention in accordance with Article 45.

SUP 8

SUP 9

SUP 10

SUP 11

MOD 12 5. For the purpose of 7, if an application for 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.

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R.3

THIRD SERIES OF TEXTS SUBMITTED BY THE  
EDITORIAL COMMITTEE TO THE PLENARY MEETING

Series B.8 to B.15 are herewith submitted to the  
Plenary Meeting for second reading.

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Albert CHASSIGNOL  
Chairman of Committee 9

Annex : Pages  
R.3/1 to R.3/6





A N N E XGeneral remark

In addition to the changes listed in this document, the words "developing countries" should be substituted for the phrase "new or (and) developing countries" wherever the latter occurs.

These deletions are not mentioned in this Annex. They will be made by the Secretariat when preparing the final text.

Document No. 230 (B.8)Page B.8/2

Comma after "(Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973)" instead of a colon.

Page B.8/3

Same change.

Page B.8/4

Same change.

Page B.8/6

Under "considering", for "i), ii)" read "a), b)".

Page B.8/7

1) Under "instructs the Secretary-General", 2nd line, read "in considering a) and b)".

2) In 2nd, 3rd and 4th lines, for "Member countries", read "Members".

Page B.8/8

In 2.5, 2nd line. Same change.

Document No. 252 (B.9)Page B.9/1

Under "thanks administrations", 2nd line, for "have provided", read "provide".

Page B.9/8

1) "64" should read "MOD 64".

Document No. 252 (B.9) (cont.)

- 2) 64 a) and 64 b) should read "ADD 64A" and "ADD 64B".
- 3) In 64B, 2nd and 3rd lines, the words "director" and "international consultative committees" should have initial capitals.
- 4) In 64B, 5th line, for "to exceed" read "exceeding".
- 5) Last sentence of 64B to read : "Such official shall be eligible for election as Secretary-General and/or Deputy Secretary-General at the Plenipotentiary Conference".

Document No. 254 (B.10)Page B.10/2

In 316, 2nd line, for "definite" read "definitive".

Page B.10/5

In 336, 3rd line, delete "country".

Page B.10/9

In 394, 3rd line, delete "of the Convention".

Page B.10/12

Under "believing however", 3rd line, for "telecommunications", read "telecommunication".

Document No. 267 (B.11)Page B.11/1

- 1) In 1 under "resolves", for "Yemen" read "Yemen Arab Republic".
- 2) In 2, replace the last two lines by : "and that the Administrative Council shall examine how this amount should be disposed of";

Document No. 267 (B.11) (cont.)Page B.11/2

- 1) In 4, replace "Yemen" by "Yemen Arab Republic".
- 2) Delete 5 entirely and renumber 6 as 5.

Page B.11/4

In 133A, 7th line, after "both", add "in conformity with the provisions of the Radio Regulations,". End the paragraph at "disposal".

Page B.11/6

In 490, change affecting the Spanish text only.

Page B.11/7

In 496, change affecting the Spanish text only.

Page B.11/9

Delete "of the Convention" :

- 1) in 530, 4th line;
- 2) in 532, last line,
- 3) in 534, last line.

Document No. 267 (B.11) (cont.)

Page B.11/12

For "Chapter 30" read "Annex".

Page B.11/13

- 1) In 573, 3rd line, for "of" read "or".
- 2) In 576, 3rd line, for "or" read "of".

Page B.11/14

- 1) In 577, for "in the process" read "in any process".
- 2) In 581, 3rd line, delete "any".

Page B.11/16

In 592, change affecting the French text only.

Page B.11/17

First line of the title should read :

"OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL\*)"

Add the following footnote :

\*\*) Note by the Secretariat : This Protocol will be published separately after the Conference."

Page B.11/22

Under "in view of", 2nd line, delete the comma after "Buenos Aires".

Page B.11/23

Under "decides", add in the 4th line, after "authorities", "listed in Annex 2 to the Convention as".



Document No. 267 (B.11) (cont.)

Page B.11/24

Should be page B.11/25.

Page B.11/25

- 1) Should be page B.11/24.
- 2) In considering a) of Resolution BB, 3rd line, delete the square brackets and add "587 of Annex ...".

Document No. 280 (B.12)

Page B.12/4

In 221, add a comma after "The agenda".

Page B.12/7

- 1) In 240, replace "Constitution" by "Convention".
- 2) Change affecting the Spanish text only.

Page B.12/8

In 246, change affecting the French and Spanish texts only.

Page B.12/11

In 268, the missing line reads :

"Common System conditions of employment for the staff of the".

Page B.12/12

In 270, 3rd line, add after "Union," "subject to the provisions of 391.".

Page B.12/13

At the end of 268A, change the colon to a semi-colon.

Page B.12/14

In 284B, change affecting the French and Spanish texts only.

Annex to Document No. 352-E  
Page 7

Document No. 280 (B.12) (cont.)

Page B.12/17

- 1) In 554, 2nd line, for "will" read "which".
- 2) In 1 in Additional Protocol E, for "Every Member" read "Each Member".

Page B.12/18

In the last line, for "arriving at" read "reaching".

Document No. 328 (B.13)

Page B.13/3

In 314, delete the line drawn under "in writing" and "the members".

Document No. 329 (B.14)

Page B.14/1

In the last line on the page, for "organisations" read "organizations".

Page B.14/7

In the 2nd line of the resolution, delete the accent on "Málaga".

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No change.

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FOR PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Papua New Guinea reserves the right to take such action as it may consider necessary to safeguard its interests should certain Members not share in defraying the expenses of the Union, or should they fail in any other way to comply with the requirements of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) or its Annexes or the Protocols attached thereto, or should reservations by other countries jeopardize their telecommunication services.

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FOR THE REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR

The Delegation of El Salvador reserves for its Government the right to formulate any statement or reservation while this Convention is being ratified and declares that it does not accept any consequence of reservations made by other countries which adversely affect the interests of El Salvador.

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PLENARY MEETING

Final Protocol

FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL

The declarations made by the delegations of Algeria (Algerian Democratic and Popular Republic), the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, the Republic of Iraq, the State of Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Republic, Malaysia, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, the Sultanate of Oman, Pakistan, the Somali Democratic Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, Tunisia, the Yemen Arab Republic, and of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen being in flagrant contradiction to the principles and purposes of the International Telecommunication Union and, therefore, void of any legal validity, the Government of Israel wishes to put on record that it rejects these declarations outright and will proceed on the assumption that they can have no validity as to the rights and duties of any Member State of the International Telecommunication Union.

In any case, the Government of Israel will avail itself of its rights to safeguard its interests should the Governments of Algeria (Algerian Democratic and Popular Republic), the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, the Republic of Iraq, the State of Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Republic, Malaysia, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, the Sultanate of Oman, Pakistan, the Somali Democratic Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, Tunisia, the Yemen Arab Republic and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen in any way violate any of the provisions of the Convention, or the Annexes, Protocols or Regulations attached thereto.

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COMMITTEE 4

SUMMARY RECORD  
OF THE  
NINTH MEETING OF COMMITTEE 4  
(FINANCES)

Wednesday, 10 October 1973, at 1530 hrs.

Chairman : Mr. Rudolf RÜTSCHI (Switzerland)

Vice-Chairman : Mr. Zaheer AHMAD (Pakistan)

Subject discussed :

Document No.

Draft first report of Committee 4 to  
the plenary meeting

DT/43



1. Draft first report of Committee 4 to the Plenary Meeting  
(Document No. DT/43)

1.1 The Committee considered the draft report paragraph by paragraph, referring to the relevant annex for each paragraph.

1.2. Paragraph 1 and Annex 1 were approved.

1.3 Paragraph 2 and Annex 2 were approved.

1.4 Paragraph 3 and Annex 3 were approved.

1.5 It was agreed to amend the beginning of the second sub-paragraph of sub-paragraph 4 to read "the Finance Committee unanimously proposes".

1.6 Subject to that amendment, paragraph 4 and Annex 4 were approved.

1.7 Paragraph 5, page 3, gave rise to a lengthy discussion in which the delegate of the United States of America requested that sub-paragraph 2 should be expressed more clearly and in more precise terms. The delegate of Mexico drew attention to certain drafting flaws in the Spanish text. Moreover, sub-paragraph 3 seemed to suggest an intention to establish two special accounts rather than a single one. That supposition was confirmed by the Secretary-General.

1.8 The Chairman pointed out in that connection that the terms "special interest on arrears account" and "special interest-free arrears account" might be employed (page 9, following sub-paragraphs 2 and 3 respectively).

1.9 The delegate of the United Kingdom asked for slight changes to be made in the wording of sub-paragraph 4. The delegate of the USSR took exception to the wording of a number of sub-paragraphs.

1.10 The debate gradually narrowed down to the substance of the matters dealt with on page 3 under the head of "Accounts in Arrear" and in Annexes 5 and 6.

1.11 The Secretary-General said that he was anxious to know exactly how the Committee intended to find a practical solution to the problem of arrears, from both the accounting and budgetary standpoint. It was up to the Committee to state its intentions as explicitly as possible to avoid any ambiguity with regard to the interpretation and the application of its decisions, once they were approved by the plenary meeting.

1.12 In that connection, the delegate of the United States said it could be asked whether the establishment of a special account or fund was not a kind of accounting fiction with no basis in reality, since it was not made clear how the projected account or fund was to be kept supplied.

1.13 The Secretary-General and the Head of the Finance Department explained the various ways in which the special accounts referred to in the draft could be amortized.

1.14 The delegate of Cuba said that the Committee should draw a very clear distinction between the two accounts, specifying that the "cancelled" interest on arrears account would in fact be amortized by all the Members of the Union, whereas the account of arrears accumulated up to 1972 would be cleared by the debtor countries themselves according to precise terms which should be clearly specified.

1.15 The references to 218 of the Convention were contradictory since some parts of the text said that the provision must be observed, whereas in other passages it was expressly envisaged that the provision would be deliberately violated given the exceptional circumstances.

1.16 The delegate of the USSR agreed and said that the resolution on a whole did not reflect the Committee's intentions correctly. He proposed that sub-paragraphs 2 and 4 should be amended and that a new sub-paragraph should be added containing a more precise definition of the financial implications of the Committee's decisions.

1.17 The delegates of the United Kingdom, Mexico, Uganda, Venezuela, Cuba and the United States of America intervened in the course of a lengthy debate, at the conclusion of which the delegate of Lebanon proposed that a working party should be established to prepare a complete revision of page 3 of the draft first report of Committee 4 to the plenary meeting and the draft resolution contained in Annex 5 to Document No. DT/43, for submission to the Committee in two days' time.

1.18 It was so decided.

1.19 It was also decided that the working party, headed by the representative of Lebanon and consisting of the representatives of Cuba, the United States of America, Mexico, Uganda and the USSR, with the Head of the Finance Department acting as secretary, would meet on the following day.

1.20 Concerning sub-paragraph 6 and Annex 6, the delegate of the USSR categorically stated that he was opposed to the procedure suggested for re-organizing the Union's finances by accounting as income only the amounts already paid by the Member countries; such an approach would merely encourage defaulters to persist in their attitude to the detriment of those who regularly met their commitments.

1.21 The Secretary-General attempted to persuade the delegate of the USSR of the soundness of the method recommended by the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit's expert, who had taken the view that the I.T.U. should abandon the method used hitherto in favour of the accounting procedure applied by all the other international organizations, which would enable it to extricate itself from its difficulties.

1.22 The delegate of the USSR said that the fluctuations in the contributory unit resulting from the system proposed would be unacceptable to the financial authorities of the Member countries, which were scrupulous in applying sound management methods and in paying their contributions to the Union punctually.

1.23 The Chairman pointed out that the question had already been dealt with by the Council in the manner indicated in the draft report contained in Document No. DT/43 and that it had been agreed that the substance of the question would not be discussed further.

1.24 The Secretary-General said that he was optimistic and convinced that, in the years to come, the Member States would make the necessary effort to avoid any delay in the payment of their contributions.

1.25 The Chairman invited the Committee to discuss the draft resolution contained in Annex 6 to Document No. DT/43, on which it had not previously reached agreement. He said that the draft in question, based on the recommendations of Mr. Bertrand of the Joint Inspection Unit, were intended to place the Union's finances on a sound footing and to avoid the need to raise loans from the Swiss Confederation.

1.26 The delegate of the United States of America said that the recommendations of Mr. Bertrand were in conflict with that made by the Administrative Council in paragraph 3, page 20 of the Annex to Document No. 32. For his part, he could not accept the draft resolution in its present form and thought that the text could be amended to provide merely for reconsideration of the matter by the Administrative Council. As the delegate of the USSR had already pointed out, the text of Annex 6 would result in unfair treatment of the countries which met their commitments to the Union punctually.

1.27 The delegate of the USSR pointed out that any organization operated on the assumption that the contributions which its Members had undertaken to pay would be forthcoming. That was a basic and logical commercial rule, and it should not be thought that any provisional shortage of funds heralded imminent bankruptcy, since it was certain that the sums due would be paid in due course by the contributors concerned. However, Annex 6 represented a breach of this rule, inherent in any budgetary and financial operation, and created an absurd situation in which the debts of a Member of the I.T.U. would be assumed by another Member which paid its contributions regularly and which would thus be called upon to pay additional sums.

1.28 The delegate of Argentina agreed with the views expressed by the delegates of the United States of America and the USSR.

1.29 The delegate of Morocco proposed that the text of Annex 6 following the word "decides" should be replaced by the following :

"that the Union's Reserve Account shall be adjusted each year to allow for contributions unpaid in the previous year so as to maintain this account within reasonable limits."

He pointed out that, about four or five years before, the Reserve Account had been fairly large and that, in view of the expenditure resulting to the I.T.U. from various administrative conferences, the Administrative Council had decided to restrict this Account to 3% of the budget and to use it to reduce the contributory unit. It would be useful if the Union could have at its disposal a reasonable Reserve Account which would obviate certain financial difficulties in the future.

1.30 The delegates of the USSR and the People's Republic of Poland said that they could not accept the amendment proposed by the delegate of Morocco and rejected the idea that the debts of certain Members should be paid by others.

1.31 The Chairman said that the Committee might confine itself to drawing attention to the fact that a re-organization of the Union's finances was contingent on the availability of sufficient cash resources to obviate the need to borrow from the Swiss Confederation. It would then be up to the Administrative Council to take the necessary measures to ensure the sound financial management of the I.T.U.

1.32       The Secretary-General said that the essential point was to find a solution to avoid the Union's having to borrow capital. In 1968, the Reserve Account had amounted to 4.5 million Swiss francs, and it was at that time that the Administrative Council had decided to use the account as an artificial means of reducing the contributory unit. It had fixed the level of the Reserve Account at 3% to allow for salary increases in the course of the year, particularly for general service staff, whose remuneration was automatically adjusted according to circumstances. Owing to savings made by the various organs of the I.T.U., the Reserve Account would rise gradually to exceed 3%. He considered that the Reserve Account should not in future be used to reduce the contributory unit. The proposal made by the delegate of Morocco appeared to him very valid, since it did not result in an increase in the contributory unit and avoided the need to resort to the Reserve Account to reduce the unit artificially.

1.33       The delegate of Ireland said that he was not entirely in agreement with the Chairman, the Secretary-General or the delegate of Morocco. He shared the opinion already expressed that the sums which the Members had undertaken to pay to the Union should be accounted as the year's income. A situation might arise in which some administrations would fail to meet their commitments on time; that situation would then have to be considered a posteriori by the Administrative Council but, so far as the I.T.U.'s finances were concerned, it would have to be assumed that all the countries would pay the contributions which they had undertaken to make.

1.34       The delegate of the USSR said he did not agree with the Secretary-General's view that the Reserve Account had been used as an artificial means of reducing the contributory unit. He considered that the Account had been established with sums already paid by Members which the I.T.U. did not need. He fully subscribed to the views expressed by the delegate of Ireland and emphasized that the sums which a Member country had undertaken to pay to the Union should be taken for granted. To improve the situation with regard to liquid assets, which were sometimes insufficient owing to some delay in the payment of contributions, it might be possible to consider raising the level of the Reserve Account from 3 to 4% of the budget.

1.35       The delegate of Yugoslavia said that there was a regrettable lack of financial discipline in the Union and that the Reserve Account had not been used to reduce the contributory unit. The latter had increased by about 20% yearly and it was reasonable to attempt to alleviate the burden resulting from such an increase.

1.36 Reverting to the views expressed by the delegate of Ireland, the delegate of Morocco emphasized that it was indeed up to the Administrative Council to decide on any adjustment of the Reserve Account. However, he was prepared to accept the proposal made by the delegate of the USSR, but suggested that the level of the Reserve Account should be raised to 5% of the Union's budget.

1.37 The Chairman said that the Working Party presided over by the delegate of Lebanon should consider the draft resolution contained in Annex 6 with a view to the subsequent submission to the Committee of a text calculated to gain universal acceptance.

1.38 The delegate of Lebanon said that the proposals made by the delegates of the USSR and Morocco were very close. The Working Party would consider them thoroughly and return to the Committee with a fresh text which he hoped would meet with no opposition.

The meeting rose at 1840 hours.

Secretary :

R. PRELAZ

Chairman :

R. RÜTSCHI



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PLENARY MEETING

Argentina, U.S.A., Zaire

PROPOSAL FOR THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

No. 153 bis

In the case of an inconsistency between a provision in the first part of the Convention (paragraphs 1-185) and a provision in the second part of the Convention (paragraphs 186 to 592) the former shall prevail. In the case of an inconsistency between a provision of the Convention and a provision of an Administrative Regulation the Convention shall prevail.

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PLENARY MEETING

India (Republic of)

PROPOSALS FOR THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

The Indian delegation wants to withdraw its proposal contained in Document No. 181, 9 October 1973, of this Plenipotentiary Conference.



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COMMITTEE 7

SUMMARY RECORD

OF THE

SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF COMMITTEE 7

Monday, 15 October 1973, at 0940 hrs

Chairman : Mr. EVAN SAWKINS (Australia)

Vice-Chairman : Mr. L. KATONA KIS (Hungarian People's Republic)

Subjects discussed :

Document No.

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| 1. Chapter 3 - Administrative Council,<br>Nos. 228 to 262                 | DT/68<br>USA/22, CAN/24, KWT/37,<br>DNK/41, IND/64, MEX/70  |
| 2. Second series of Articles of the<br>Convention approved by Committee 7 | 216   |
| 3. Chapter 4 - General Secretariat,<br>Nos. 263 to 268                    | 220<br>SUI/8, E/12, URS/15, USA/22,<br>CAN/24, KWT/37, E/43, AUS/44,<br>1/47, IND/66, NIG/68, ARS/148 |
| 4. Establishment of Working Group on<br>Chapter 5 (I.F.R.B.)              | -   |
| 5. Chapter 6 - International Consultative<br>Committees, Nos. 303 to 309  | G/9, USA/22,<br>CAN/24, IND/64  |
| 6. Draft Opinion  | DT/70   |
| 7. Reports of Working Groups  | -   |



1. Chapter 3 - Administrative Council - Nos. 228 to 262

1.1 The Chairman said that consideration of Nos. 238 and 241, together with certain aspects of other provisions and Document No. DT/66, would be deferred at the request of the Japanese delegation, which intended to submit a proposal at the next meeting.

No. 246 (DNK/41, AUS/44, MEX/70)

1.2 The Chairman observed that the Indian delegation had withdrawn a proposal for a new No. 59 A in favour of the Australian addition to No. 246.

1.3 The delegate of Mexico introduced her delegation's amendment, under which the Council was to prepare the budget of the Union within the limits fixed by the Plenipotentiary Conference.

1.4 The delegate of Spain supported the Australian and Mexican amendments.

1.5 The delegate of the Federal Republic of Germany, supported by the delegates of the United Kingdom and the United States of America, pointed out that it would be practically impossible for the Council to undertake the time-consuming task of preparing the budget and that the second part of the Mexican amendment was incompatible with the Australian addition.

1.6 The delegate of Mexico withdrew her delegation's amendment.

1.7 In reply to the delegate of the United Kingdom, the delegate of Australia, supported by the delegate of Saudi Arabia, said that it seemed advisable to insert the addition concerning the obligations of the Union in the Chapter dealing with the Administrative Council as well as in Chapter 17.

1.8 The Australian proposal was approved.

1.9 The Chairman said that the proposal of the five Nordic countries should be considered together with their proposals for Nos. 284 A and 284 B, and suggested that those two proposals should be considered separately, on the understanding that consideration of the last Nordic proposal for No. 246 should be deferred in accordance with the request of the Japanese delegation (see point 1.1 above).

1.10 The delegate of Sweden introduced the Nordic proposal for a new No. 284 A, to be read in conjunction with those countries' proposed addition to No. 246. The proposal for a four-year revolving working plan was intended to strengthen the coordinating and steering functions of the Council; moreover, similar systems were used in the governing bodies of other organizations.

1.11 The delegate of the United Kingdom said that, although he could sympathize with the Nordic proposal, he wished to draw attention to his delegation's amendment to No. 204. Moreover, he hoped that approval of the Nordic proposal would not prejudice consideration of the United Kingdom amendment to No. 387, in connection with the role of the C.C.I. Plenary Assemblies.

1.12 The Chairman of the I.F.R.B. said that the I.F.R.B.'s requests for additional staff and funds were justified by the tasks assigned to it by administrative radio conferences. Accordingly, it would be difficult, if not impossible for the Board to operate under a four-year plan during a period such as the forthcoming one, when some 5 such conferences were to be held. From the point of view of the Plenipotentiary Conference, however, the Union's overall expenses should of course be kept within the limits set by the Conference.

1.13 The Deputy Secretary-General added that the current Conference would in fact be making plans for conferences and activities up to 1980, since the new Convention would not enter into force until the following year and the Convention or Constitution to be adopted by the next Conference might well not be ratified until that year. Accordingly, much of the necessary planning would devolve upon the Plenary Assemblies.

1.14 The delegate of the United States of America, supported by the delegates of Saudi Arabia and Australia, suggested that the Nordic proposal might be more generally acceptable if it was made more flexible, along the following lines : "prepare and submit, as required by the Administrative Council, a short-term working plan comprising all the activities of the Union, to be revised every year".

1.15 After a brief discussion, during which the delegate of Sweden said that the United States suggestion would be acceptable to the Nordic delegations, the Chairman, acting on the suggestion of the delegate of Lebanon, suggested that the latter delegate should convene a working group on the subject, consisting of the delegates of the United States of America, the United Kingdom, Sweden, India, Saudi Arabia and the Federal Republic of Germany. The group might consider drafting a new No. 246 A and referring to an estimated programme of expenditure, rather than to a plan.

1.16 It was so agreed.

1.17 The delegate of Sweden introduced the Nordic proposal for a new No. 284 B, pointing out that it related to the economic implications of such provisions as Nos. 243 and 256.

1.18 The delegate of Lebanon supported the proposal.

1.19 The delegate of the United States of America, supported by the delegate of India, said he thought that the proposed cost-benefit analysis should be limited to normal administrative activities, in view of the difficulty of evaluating the cost-benefit of policy decisions. He therefore suggested that it should be made clear that the proposed analysis should be prepared and submitted as required by the Administrative Council in the areas where the Council thought it could be profitably used.

1.20 The delegate of the United Kingdom, supported by the delegate of New Zealand, said he doubted the value of a cost-benefit analysis by outside consultants. Moreover, the cost of the analysis to the Union might nullify any useful results that might be obtained. The best solution would be to leave it to the Council itself to adopt the evaluation methods it saw fit.

1.21 The Chairman suggested that the working group to be convened by the Lebanese delegate should also consider that Nordic proposal in the light of the discussion.

1.22 It was so agreed.

No. 247 (MEX/70)

1.23 The delegates of Saudi Arabia and Lebanon supported the Mexican proposal to insert the words "if appropriate" after "approve them".

1.24 The delegate of Mexico accepted the suggestion of the delegate of New Zealand that the words in question should be replaced by "when satisfied", or by the wording decided on by Committee 9 for analogous provisions already approved.

1.25 No. 247, as amended, was approved, on that understanding.

No. 256 (DT/68)

1.26 The delegate of Pakistan introduced the revised text of No. 256 prepared by the working group concerned and stated, in reply to the delegate of the United States of America, that that text covered the Council's functions specified in the original text, as regards taking action on requests and recommendations and reviewing reports.

1.27 The Deputy Secretary-General pointed out that since 1966 the Council had received no separate annual reports from the permanent organs, to avoid duplication, but that the reports of those bodies were now incorporated in the Secretary-General's annual report to the Council.

1.28 The delegates of the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany considered that it should be made clear in the revised English text that the functions in question were to review the progress of work programmes and to coordinate the working arrangements of the permanent organs.

1.29 After a brief discussion, it was decided that the first two lines of No. 256 should read : "Review and coordinate the work programmes, as well as their progress, and the working arrangements, including the meeting ..."

No. 257

1.30 It was agreed to defer further consideration of No. 257 until the report of the working group on that provision was available in its final form.

No. 258 (USA/22)

1.31 The delegate of the United States of America explained that his delegation's amendment to insert, following the word "provide", the words "by election in Administrative Council session" did not introduce any change in substance but was intended to clarify procedure. If the Committee were to agree to that amendment in principle, the exact wording could be finalized at a later juncture to conform with the other texts adopted.

1.32 The delegates of Saudi Arabia, Canada, the Federal Republic of Germany and Nigeria supported that proposal.

1.33 It was so agreed.

No. 259 (IND/64)

1.34 The Chairman suggested that the paragraph might be better clarified if, instead of the Indian proposal to add the words "including its permanent organs" at the end of the sentence, the words "as a whole or the permanent organs individually" were added.

1.35 The delegate of India accepted that wording.

1.36 No. 259, as amended, was approved.

No. 260

1.37 No. 260 was approved, on the understanding that the reference to the Constitution would be amended by the Secretariat in line with previous decisions.

No. 261

1.38 The Chairman noted that there no longer remained any proposal for amendment of that paragraph. He suggested, however, that, in the light of previous decisions, the words "for consideration by the Plenipotentiary Conference on the activities of all the organs of the Union since the previous Plenipotentiary Conference" should be inserted following the word "report".

1.39 No. 261, as amended, was approved.

No. 262

1.40 The Chairman said that the reference to "Associate Members" would be deleted. On the request of the Japanese delegation, consideration of that paragraph, to which that delegation had submitted an amendment, would be held over until the following day.

2. Second series of Articles of the Convention approved by Committee 7  
(Document No. 216)

2.1 The Chairman invited the Committee to consider the second series of Articles of the Convention approved by Committee 7. Any amendment made would be incorporated in the text before it was submitted to Committee 9.



Article 9 - Nos. 61 to 66

2.2 Approved, with the amendment of the word "task" to "tasks" and on the understanding that paragraph 64 was still pending.

Article 10 - Nos. 67 to 72

2.3 Approved, with the amendment of the word "Members" to "members" and on the understanding that some minor errors in the French text would be corrected.

Article 11 - Nos. 73 to 82

2.4 Approved, with the deletion of the words "new or" in 75 and 81 and with the insertion of parentheses in respect of the reference to the General Regulations in Nos. 80 and 82 since that point was subject to a decision by the Plenary Session.

Article 12 - Nos. 83 to 85

2.5 Approved.

Article 13 - Nos. 86 to 90

2.6 Approved.

2.7 The Chairman stated that the document, as amended, would be referred to Committee 9.

3. Chapter 4 - General Secretariat, Nos. 263-288  
No. 263 (CAN/24, AUS/44, IND/66, ARS/148)

3.1 The Chairman pointed out that the United States proposal (USA/22) to No. 268 was relevant.

3.2 The delegate of Canada said that her delegation would withdraw its proposal to replace the words "of the permanent organs" by the words "at the seat", which, on further reflection, appeared unduly restrictive.

3.3 The delegate of Saudi Arabia said that his delegation would not press for the retention of its proposal to replace the words "of the permanent organs" by the words "at the Headquarters". However, it would maintain the remainder of its proposal which served to clarify the function of the Secretary-General.

3.4 The delegate of Australia believed that the United States proposal in respect of No. 268 was closely connected with the proposals put forward by the delegations of Canada and Saudi Arabia and his own. It seemed to him, accordingly, that, following discussion and acceptance of the principles involved, it should be possible to reach agreement with the United States Delegation as to the optimum manner of including those points.

3.5 The Deputy Secretary-General emphasized the fact that "coordination of the activities of the permanent organs of the Union" could be far-reaching, particularly since some of those activities took place at the national level. The existing text seemed too broad in its scope.

3.6 The delegate of the Federal Republic of Germany supported the view of the delegate of Australia and believed that it would be desirable to set up a working party to clarify the text.

3.7 The delegate of the United States of America expressed agreement with the establishment of a working party, on which he would be willing to serve.

3.8 The Deputy Secretary-General stressed the need for arriving at a text which would make the position entirely clear, particularly in respect of the day to day supervisory responsibilities of the I.F.R.B. and of the C.C.I. directors.

3.9 It was agreed, following some further discussion, to set up a working group, under the chairmanship of the United States, consisting of the delegates of Australia, Brazil, Canada, India, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia, to consider No. 263 and related aspects of No. 268.

The meeting was suspended at 1245 hours and resumed at 1530 hours.

Nos. 263 and 268

3.10 The Chairman invited the Committee to instruct the working group set up to consider No. 263 and certain aspects of No. 268 as to whether the Secretary-General should be authorized to reassign staff members from their appointed positions on a permanent, or only on a temporary, basis.

3.11 The Deputy Secretary-General pointed out that there was a manning table approved by the Administrative Council as part of its consideration of the Union's budget. The question of permanent transfers of personnel was subject to other provisions of the Convention and the Staff Regulations and was also covered by a Committee 5 resolution.

3.12 The delegate of Saudia Arabia said that the purpose of his delegation's proposals (ARS/148/2 and 3) was to give the Secretary-General sufficient authority to coordinate the work and organize the staff in the most efficient way possible. He proposed the addition of words to amendment ARS/148/3 so that it would read : "... reassign staff members temporarily from their appointed positions after consulting the Directors and the Chairman of the I.F.R.B. concerned ..."

3.13 The Chairman said it was clear from the amendments proposed by the delegations of Australia (AUS/44/7), U.S.A. (USA/22/9), India (IND/66/45) and Saudi Arabia (ARS/148/3) that Nos. 263 and 268 should cover reassignment on a temporary basis only.

3.14 At the Chairman's invitation the United States delegate, as Convener of the working group concerned, undertook to consider No. 268 in its entirety. He also agreed to the Canadian delegate's suggestion that the working group should consider incorporating a reference to temporarily transferred staff in No. 313.

3.15 The Chairman proposed that further consideration of Nos. 263 and 268 should be left to the working group.

3.16 It was so agreed.

#### No. 265

3.17 The Chairman drew attention to the Canadian (CAN/24), Nigerian (NIG/68/4) and Mexican (MEX/70/20) amendments.

3.18 The Mexican delegate withdrew his amendment.

3.19 The Deputy Secretary-General read out the relevant part of the Staff Regulations and outlined the procedure for filling vacancies within the Organization.

3.20 The delegate of Brazil drew attention to a point which required clarification in the Spanish text of No. 265.

3.21 The Saudi Arabian delegate, with the support of the delegates of the U.S.A. and France, proposed retention of No. 265 unchanged, since it had not given rise to any difficulties in the past.

3.22 It was so agreed with the Chairman indicating that it might be useful for the Administrative Council to review its Staff Regulations.

3.23 No. 265 was approved, without change.

3.24 The Deputy Secretary-General pointed out that under the Staff Regulations the final decision regarding an appointment lay with the Secretary-General. The Regulations prescribed by the Administrative Council (in accord with its authority), dealt with the authority of and procedure for action by the Secretary-General when agreement could not be achieved. The United States representative indicated that the differences which had been discussed seemed to be matters of semantics and that there should be no practical problem.

No. 267

3.25 The delegate of the Philippines said that since the Conference had decided not to accept his delegation's amendment to No. 65 of the Convention, he would reintroduce it (Document No. 220) as an amendment to No. 267.

3.26 The delegate of the Federal Republic of Germany supported the proposed amendment.

3.27 In the absence of any objections, the amendment was adopted.

3.28 No. 267, as amended, was approved.

No. 270

3.29 The United States delegate introduced his amendment (USA/22/10), pointing out that there was a conflict between absolute administrative efficiency and the federal nature of the Union. Steps had been taken towards improving efficiency by the amendments proposed to No. 268, but to go any further would endanger the federal principle and that must at all costs be avoided.

3.30 The delegates of Canada and India withdrew their amendments (CAN/24 and IND/66/46) in favour of the United States amendment, which was also supported by the delegates of Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany, Australia and the United Kingdom.

3.31 The United States amendment was adopted in principle, subject to its consideration by the working group in conjunction with Nos. 263 and 268.

No. 277

3.32 In the absence of the Swiss delegate, the Deputy Secretary-General said that he believed the Swiss delegation's proposed amendment (SUI/8/1) was no longer necessary because the point which had originally led to its submission had since been taken care of by a resolution adopted by the Telegraph and Telephone Conference. He would, however, discuss the matter again with the Swiss delegate before a final decision was adopted.

No. 278, No. 282 and No. 283

3.33 The Indian delegate introduced his amendments to No. 278 (IND/66/48) and No. 282 (IND/66/49).

3.34 After consultation between the Indian delegate and the delegates of Canada and Australia, who had proposed amendments dealing with the subject of publications to No. 282 and No. 283, it was agreed to keep No. 278 unchanged, to adopt the following wording as No. 282 A : "Determine in consultation with the Director of the Consultative Committee concerned or, as appropriate, the Chairman of the I.F.R.B. the form and presentation of all publications of the Union, taking into account the nature of the contents as well as the most suitable and economic means of publication" and to adopt the following wording for No. 283 : "Arrange the timely distribution of the published documents."

3.35 After the delegate of the U.S.S.R. had introduced proposal URS/15/17, the delegate of the United States of America said that the same concept was expressed in the proposed Canadian amendment to No. 263 and suggested that the Working Group dealing with that amendment consider the U.S.S.R. proposal at the same time.

3.36 The delegate of the United Kingdom further pointed out that there was a Swedish proposal on the same lines under consideration by a second Working Group and proposed that the latter group consider all three proposals and try to amalgamate them.

3.37 It was so agreed.

3.38 In reply to a question from the delegate of Lebanon, the Deputy Secretary-General confirmed that the wording of No. 278 was sufficient to cover publication by the I.T.U. of the technical cooperation documents to be prepared as a result of Resolutions adopted by Committee 6. The only reason other publications were mentioned specifically in Nos. 276 and 278 was to meet the internal requirements of Member countries, who had to take action to apply the provisions of such publications.

3.39 With regard to No. 284, the Chairman said that proposal D/21/4 had been withdrawn and that the Nordic proposal 41/15 was under consideration by a Working Group.

3.40 As far as proposal URS/15/8 to amend No. 284 was concerned, the delegate of the U.S.S.R. agreed to the suggestion, put forward by the delegate of Australia, that it be dealt with in the Working Group that was considering an Australian proposal on the same lines. However, he reserved the right to return to the matter in the Committee if not satisfied with the decision of the Working Group.

3.41 The delegate of Spain withdrew proposal E/12/68.

3.42 The Canadian proposal CAN/24/285 making minor amendments to No. 285 was accepted.

3.43 No. 286 was maintained unchanged.

3.44 Introducing proposals IND/66/49 and 50 to amend No. 287, the delegate of India said that responsibility for organizing the World Plan Committees should lie with the Secretary-General, who already coordinated the activities of the permanent organs of the Union with the assistance of the Coordination Committee.

3.45 The delegate of Australia, supported by the delegate of France, said that as similar proposals by India had not been accepted in earlier discussions on No. 81, Article 11, where reference had been made to the Plan Committees in connection with the C.C.I.'s, and as that meeting had decided not to disturb the structure of the Plan Committees, it followed that the Indian proposals should lapse.

3.46 The delegate of India requested to be allowed a little time to examine the point and decide whether or not to withdraw the Indian proposals.

3.47 With regard to No. 288, the Chairman reminded the Committee that proposals E/12/35 and I/47/9 had been referred to the Working Group on Chapter 5.

3.48 The delegate of Kuwait said he would not press for adoption of proposal KWT/37/31 to amend No. 288 as it was consequential to previous Kuwait proposals which had not been accepted.

4. Establishment of Working Group on Chapter 5 (I.F.R.B.)

4.1 The Chairman suggested that another working group, with the delegate of Australia in the Chair, and consisting of delegates of Brazil, Canada, France, India, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mexico, the United Kingdom and the United States, should be set up to consider Chapter 5 as a whole and to report thereon to the Committee as soon as possible. The Chairman of the I.F.R.B. would act as Secretary.

4.2 It was so agreed.

5. Chapter 6 - International Consultative Committees, Nos. 303 to 309  
(Document Nos. 9, 22, 24, 64)

5.1 The Chairman said that with respect to the time interval between Plenary Assemblies of the C.C.I.'s (No. 303), CAN/24/303 proposed four years while G/9/10 and IND/64/36 proposed an upper limit of three and a half years.

5.2 The delegate of Canada said the suggested four-year interval had been based on the Canadian proposal for a four-year interval between Plenipotentiary Conferences, which had not been accepted. Canada therefore withdrew its proposal and supported that of the United Kingdom.

5.3 In reply to a query from the delegate of the United States of America, who asked whether the United Kingdom proposal aimed at depriving the Administrative Council of its right to postpone, or to consult Members on the postponement of Plenary Assemblies, the delegate of the United Kingdom said there had been no intention to deprive the Council of any power it had already. He was concerned that the original text did not accord with current practice in the C.C.I.'s, and the proposal aimed at reducing the longer intervals which had in recent years occurred between Plenary Assemblies, as it was considered they were deleterious to the coordination of telecommunications throughout the world.

5.4 The delegate of Australia said that it was budgetary considerations arising from the very heavy conference schedule for the years in question that had led to the postponement of the next C.C.I.R. Plenary Assembly to four and a half years after the previous one. If the United Kingdom proposal was accepted, the flexibility to make such arrangements would be lost.

5.5 The Director of the C.C.I.R. mentioned that it had been possible to avoid undesirable repercussions of the unavoidably long interval between the last and the next C.C.I.R. Plenary Assemblies (the first time such an interval had exceeded three and a half years) by holding in the interim, before the Space Conference, a Joint Special Meeting to consider Space Telecommunications.

5.6 The Director of the C.C.I.T.T. said that another reason, in addition to budgetary considerations, why C.C.I.T.T. Plenary Assemblies tended to occur at longer intervals was the need to allow study groups time to complete technical studies that were frequently complex and required lengthy consultations.

5.7 The delegate of France, supported by the delegates of Israel and Australia, said that since the time limit suggested by the United Kingdom left the Administrative Council with too little margin for manoeuvre to avoid overcrowding of conference schedules and overloading of the budget, an upper limit of four years would be preferable.

5.8 The delegate of Saudi Arabia said that he was hesitant to accept any amendment that would change the flexibility of No. 303 in any way.

5.9 To meet the United Kingdom's concern that C.C.I. Plenary Assemblies were not in fact being held at three-year intervals although the provision stated that they should normally do so, the Chairman proposed, as a compromise, that the word "normally" on the first line of sub-paragraph (a) of No. 303 be replaced by "preferably".

5.10 It was so agreed.

5.11 The delegate of the United States of America, referring to proposal USA/22/17 to reduce the interval between a Plenary Assembly and any succeeding world administrative conference to six months, said that in view of the fact that it would be difficult for the C.C.I. Secretariats to handle all the work involved within that time the proposal was withdrawn.



5.12 Introducing the last sentence of proposal CAN/24/303, the delegate of Canada said it was necessary to add a provision to No. 303 to hold the Plenary Assemblies of both C.C.I.'s at the same time and place in order to handle the merging interests of radio, telegraph and telephone in a coordinated manner. Holding the Plenary Assemblies together could also be regarded as a pilot experiment for studying the advantages and disadvantages of amalgamating the two C.C.I.'s.

5.13 The delegate of France said that the Canadian proposal was not realistic. The C.C.I.'s provided each other with mutual help and that could not be managed if they were to hold their Plenary Assemblies simultaneously. The proposal would mean heavy extra expenditure in view of the large numbers of supernumerary staff that would have to be employed. He considered the present system of joint working parties and joint study groups to examine matters of common interest to the C.C.I.'s worked quite satisfactorily.

5.14 In view of the lack of support for the Canadian proposal it was not accepted.

#### 6. Draft Opinion (Document No. DT/70)

6.1 The delegate of Guinea felt there was no need to include the draft Opinion in the Final Acts of the Conference as he considered it would damage good will at future conferences.

6.2 Since the impact of the draft Opinion was mainly intended for the present Conference rather than for future Plenipotentiary Conferences, it was agreed not to continue with the draft Opinion.

#### 7. Reports of Working Groups

7.1 The Chairman reported that the Working Group dealing with Nos. 212 and 217 (Chapter 2) recommended that the words "if approved by the Administrative Council" be added to the end of those provisions.

7.2 Nos. 212 and 217, as so amended, were adopted.

7.3 The Chairman of the Working Group dealing with the proposed additional Provision 219 A (Chapter 2) said that as Committee 8 had not accepted the principle of that draft provision it no longer required to be considered by Committee 7.

The meeting rose at 1910 hours.

The Secretary :  
M. BARDOUX

The Chairman :  
EVAN SAWKINS

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FINAL ACTS OF THE CONFERENCE

1. The attached texts (Annexes 1 to 4) supplement those published in the booklet "Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973)" or in Document No. 360 :

Resolution TT - Publication of an annotated edition of the Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) - (Annex 1)

Resolution UU - Juridical status - (Annex 2)

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2. A table showing the final numbering of the Annexes to the Convention, the Additional Protocols, Resolutions, Recommendations and Opinions is also included (Annex 5).

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A N N E X 1

RESOLUTION TT

PUBLICATION OF AN ANNOTATED EDITION OF THE FINAL ACTS  
OF THE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE (MALAGA-TORREMOLINOS, 1973)

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

considering

the usefulness of an annotated edition of the Convention, comparable to the annotated edition of the Acts of the Universal Postal Union, providing information on the origin and evolution of its provisions and citing where applicable explanations of texts made during Plenipotentiary Conferences;

instructs the Secretary-General

1. to undertake in collaboration with the Directors of the C.C.I.s and the Chairman of the I.F.R.B. the preparation and publication at least a year before the next Plenipotentiary Conference of an annotated edition of the Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference of Malaga-Torremolinos (1973) in the working languages of the Union;
2. to invite Members of the Union to make available the services of experts on a voluntary basis to assist in research and preparation of texts;
3. after approval by the Administrative Council, to make the appropriate arrangements for the accomplishment of the task described in paragraph 1 above;
4. to make progress reports to the Administrative Council and submit for its approval texts for the annotated edition;

requests the Administrative Council

1. to approve the administrative arrangements for the preparation and publication of the annotated edition, ensuring that no costs are charged to the ordinary budget of the Union;
2. to review the progress of the work and approve the texts for publication.

A N N E X    2

RESOLUTION UU

JURIDICAL STATUS

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

having noted with satisfaction

Sections 2.5.11.2 and 2.5.11.3 of the Report of the Administrative Council on the action taken pursuant to Resolution No. 41 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Montreux, 1965) concerning the negotiation and signature of an Agreement with the Swiss authorities on the privileges and immunities of the I.T.U. on the broad lines of the Agreement between those same authorities and the United Nations;

instructs the Secretary-General

to keep the Agreement and the manner of its application under review in order to ensure that the privileges and immunities accorded to the I.T.U. are equivalent to those obtained by other organizations of the United Nations family with their headquarters in Switzerland and report to the Administrative Council as necessary;

requests the Administrative Council

to report as necessary on to the next Plenipotentiary Conference.

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A N N E X    3

RESOLUTION VV

ATTENDANCE OF LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS RECOGNIZED BY THE  
UNITED NATIONS AS OBSERVERS AT MEETINGS OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

considering

Article 6 of the Montreux Convention, 1965, vesting full powers in the Plenipotentiary Conferences;

Article 29 of that Convention defining the relations of the Union with the United Nations;

Article 30 of that Convention defining the relations of the Union with the other international organizations;

having regard to

Resolutions 2395, 2396, 2426 and 2465 of the General Assembly of the United Nations dealing with the problem of liberation movements;

decides

that the liberation organizations recognized by the United Nations may attend at any time meetings of the International Telecommunication Union as observers;

instructs the Administrative Council

to take the necessary action to implement this Resolution.

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A N N E X 4

RESOLUTION WW

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION OF GUINEA-BISSAU  
AS MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

considering

the request received from the Chairman, Council of Commissars of Guinea-Bissau for admission of his country as a Member of the International Telecommunication Union in accordance with Articles 1 and 19 of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux), and the associated exchanges of telegrams annexed to Document No. 387;

noting

that further correspondence referred therein has not been received before the termination of the present Conference;

noting also

that a number of Members of the Union are not present in the Plenipotentiary Conference;

noting further

the widespread support for admission as early as practicable taking account especially of the observations made by many delegations in the present Conference;

instructs the Secretary-General,

1. on the basis of the correspondence already received by the Union, to carry out the consultation as rapidly as possible in regard to the request for admission of Guinea-Bissau in accordance with Articles 1 and 19 of the Montreux Convention;
2. to send to the Members Document 387 and the records of the discussions of the 26th Plenary Session for their consideration in deciding upon the request for admission of Guinea-Bissau.



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let "Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Malaga-  
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A. CHASSIGNOL  
Chairman  
Editorial Committee

## INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION CONVENTION

### PREAMBLE

(MOD) 1. 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 and cooperation between the peoples by means of efficient telecommunication services, have agreed to establish this Convention which is the basic instrument of the International Telecommunication Union.

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### CHAPTER I

#### Composition, Purposes and Structure of the Union

### ARTICLE 1

#### Composition of the Union

- MOD 4 1. The International Telecommunication Union shall comprise Members which, having regard to the principle of universality and the desirability of universal participation in the Union, shall be:
- MOD 5 a) any country listed in Annex ..., which signs and ratifies, or accedes to the Convention;
- MOD 6 b) any country, not listed in Annex ..., which becomes a Member of the United Nations and which accedes to the Convention in accordance with Article 45;
- MOD 7 c) any sovereign country, not listed in Annex ... and not a Member of the United Nations, which applies for Membership of the Union and which, after having secured approval of such application by two-thirds of the Members of the Union, accedes to the Convention in accordance with Article 45.

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MOD 12 5. For the purpose of 7, if an application for 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 15

##### Finances of the Union

NOC 93 1. The expenses of the Union shall comprise the costs of :

a) the Administrative Council and the permanent organs of the Union;

NOC 94 b) Plenipotentiary Conferences and world administrative conferences.

MOD 95 2. The expenses of the Union shall be met from the contributions of its Members, each Member paying a sum proportional to the number of units in the class of contribution it has chosen from the following scale:

30	Unit class	8	Unit class
25	" "	5	" "
20	" "	4	" "
18	" "	3	" "
15	" "	2	" "
13	" "	1 1/2	" "
10	" "	1	" "
		1/2	" "

MOD 96 3. Members shall be free to choose their class of contribution for defraying Union expenses.

- MOD 97 4. No reduction in a unit classification established in accordance with the Convention can take effect during the life of this Convention.
- MOD 98 5. Expenses incurred by the regional administrative conferences referred to in 47 shall be borne in accordance with their unit classification by all the Members of the region concerned and, where appropriate, on the same basis by any Members of other regions which have participated in such conferences.
- MOD 99 6. Members shall pay in advance their annual contributory shares, calculated on the basis of the budget approved by the Administrative Council.
- ADD 99A 6A. A Member which is in arrear in its payments to the Union shall lose its right to vote as defined in 14 and 15 for so long as the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contribution due from it for the preceding two years.
- NOC 100 7. The provisions which apply to the financial contributions by recognized private operating agencies, scientific or industrial organizations and international organizations are in the General Regulations.

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Finances

- MOD 536 1. (1) At least six months before the Convention comes into force, each Member shall inform the Secretary-General of the class of contribution it has chosen.
- MOD 537 (2) The Secretary-General shall communicate this decision to Members.
- MOD 538 (3) Members who have failed to make known their decision in the time specified in 536 shall retain the class of contribution previously chosen.
- MOD 539 (4) Members may at any time choose a class of contribution higher than the one already adopted by them.
- MOD 540 2. (1) Every new Member shall, in respect of the year of its accession, pay a contribution calculated as from the first day of the month of accession.
- MOD 541 (2) Should the Convention be denounced by a Member, its contribution shall be paid up to the last day of the month in which such denunciation takes effect.
- NOC 542 3. The amounts due shall bear interest from the beginning of each financial year of the Union at 3% (three per cent) per annum during the first six months, and at 6% (six per cent) per annum from the beginning of the seventh month.
- NOC 543 4. The following provisions shall apply to contributions by recognized private operating agencies, scientific or industrial organizations and international organizations :
- NOC 544 a) Recognized private operating agencies and scientific or industrial organizations shall share in defraying the expenses of the International Consultative Committees in the work of which they have agreed to participate. Recognized private operating agencies shall likewise share in defraying the expenses of the administrative conferences in which they have agreed to participate, or have participated, in accordance with 336;



- NOC 545                      b) International organizations shall also share in defraying the expenses of the conferences or meetings in which they have been allowed to participate, unless exempted by the Administrative Council on condition of reciprocity;
- NOC 546                      c) Recognized private operating agencies, scientific or industrial organizations and international organizations, which share in defraying the expenses of conferences or meetings in accordance with 544 and 545, shall freely choose from the scale in 95 of the Convention their class of contribution for defraying Union expenses, and inform the Secretary-General of the class chosen;
- NOC 547                      d) Recognized private operating agencies, scientific or industrial organizations and international organizations which share in defraying the expenses of conferences or meetings may at any time choose a class of contribution higher than the one already adopted by them;
- MOD 548                      e) No reduction in the number of contributory units shall take effect during the life of the Convention;
- NOC 549                      f) In the case of denunciation of participation in the work of an International Consultative Committee, the contribution shall be paid up to the last day of the month in which such denunciation takes effect;
- NOC 550                      g) The amount of the contribution per unit payable by recognized private operating agencies and scientific or industrial organizations or international organizations towards the expenses of the International Consultative Committees in the work of which they have agreed to participate shall be fixed annually by the Administrative Council. The contributions shall be considered as Union income. They shall bear interest in accordance with the provisions of 542;
- MOD 551                      h) The amount of the contribution per unit payable towards the expenses of administrative conferences by recognized private operating agencies which participate in accordance with 336 and by participating international organizations shall be fixed by dividing the total amount of the budget of the Conference in question by the total number of units contributed by Members as their share of Union expenses. The contributions

shall be considered as Union income. They shall bear interest from the sixtieth day following the day on which accounts are sent out, at the rates fixed in 542.

MOD 552 5. Expenses incurred by laboratories and technical installations of the Union in measurements, testing, or special research for individual Members, groups of Members, or regional organizations or others, shall be borne by those Members, groups, organizations or others.

MOD 553 6. The sale price of publications sold to administrations, recognized private operating agencies or individuals, shall be determined by the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Administrative Council, bearing in mind that the cost of printing and distribution should, in general, be covered by the sale of the publications.

## CHAPTER 28

### Rendering and settlement of accounts

(MOD) 554 1. Administrations of 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.

NOC 555 2. The statements of accounts with respect to debits and credits referred to in 554 shall be drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Regulations, unless special arrangements have been concluded between the parties concerned.

A N N E X B

(see Article 55)

Definition of certain terms used in the Convention and the Regulations of the International Telecommunication Union

- (MOD) 568                      Administration : Any governmental department or service responsible for discharging the obligations undertaken in the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union and the Regulations.
- NOC 569                      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 capable of causing harmful interference with such a service.
- (MOD) 570                      Recognized Private Operating Agency : Any private operating agency, as defined above, which operates a public correspondence or broadcasting service and upon which the obligations provided for in Article 43 of the Convention are imposed by the Member in whose territory the head office of the agency is situated, or by the Member which has authorized this operating agency to establish and operate a telecommunication service on its territory.
- (MOD) 571                      Delegate : A person sent by the government of a Member of the Union to a Plenipotentiary Conference, or a person representing a government or an administration of a Member of the Union at an administrative conference, or at a meeting of an International Consultative Committee.
- NOC 572                      Representative : A person sent by a recognized private operating agency to an administrative conference, or to a meeting of an International Consultative Committee.

NOC 573

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

(MOD) 574

Observer : A person sent by :

- the United Nations in accordance with Article 39 of the Convention;
- one of the international organizations invited or admitted in accordance with the provisions of the present Regulations to participate in the work of a conference;
- the government of a Member of the Union participating in a non-voting capacity in a regional administrative conference held under the terms of Article 7 of the Convention and Chapter 2 of the present Regulations.

(MOD) 575

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

Each 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, advisers or attachés, persons belonging to private operating agencies which it recognizes or persons belonging to other private enterprises interested in telecommunications.

NOC 576

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

- NOC 577      Telegraphy : A system of telecommunications which is concerned in any process providing transmission and reproduction at a distance of documentary matter, such as written or printed matter or fixed images, or the reproduction at a distance of any kind of information in such a form. For the purposes of the Radio Regulations, however, unless otherwise specified therein, telegraphy shall mean "A system of telecommunications for the transmission of written matter by the use of a signal code".
- NOC 578      Telephony : A system of telecommunications set up for the transmission of speech or, in some cases, other sounds.
- NOC 579      Radiocommunication : Telecommunication by means of radio waves.
- NOC 580      Radio : A general term applied to the use of radio waves.
- NOC 581      Harmful interference : Any emission, radiation or induction which endangers the functioning of a radionavigation service or of other safety services,<sup>1)</sup> or seriously degrades, obstructs or repeatedly interrupts a radiocommunication service operating in accordance with the Radio Regulations.
- NOC 582      International Service : A telecommunication service between telecommunication offices or stations of any nature which are in or belong to different countries.
- NOC 583      Mobile Service : A service of radiocommunication between mobile and land stations, or between mobile stations.
- NOC 584      Broadcasting Service : A radiocommunication service in which the transmissions are intended for direct reception by the general public. This service may include sound transmissions, television transmissions or other types of transmission.

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1) Any radiocommunication service used permanently or temporarily for the safeguarding of human life and property.

- NOC 585            Public Correspondence : Any telecommunication which the offices and stations must, by reason of their being at the disposal of the public, accept for transmission.
- NOC 586            Telegram : Written matter intended to be transmitted by telegraphy for delivery to the addressee. This term also includes radiotelegrams unless otherwise specified.
- MOD 587            Government Telegrams and Government Telephone Calls : 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;
  - Commanders-in-Chief of military forces, land, sea or air;
  - diplomatic or consular agents;
  - the Secretary-General of the United Nations; Heads of the principal organs of the United Nations;
  - the International Court of Justice.
- NOC 588            Replies to government telegrams as defined herein shall also be regarded as government telegrams.
- NOC 589            Service Telegrams : Telegrams exchanged between :
- a) administrations;
  - b) recognized private operating agencies;
  - c) administrations and recognized private operating agencies;
  - d) administrations and recognized private operating agencies, on the one hand, and the Secretary-General of the Union, on the other;
- and relating to public international telecommunication.
- NOC 590            Private Telegrams : Telegrams other than government or service telegrams.

A N N E X C

(see Number 5)

Afghanistan	Korea (Republic of)
Albania (People's Republic of)	Costa Rica
Algeria (Algerian Democratic and Popular Republic)	Ivory Coast (Republic of the)
Germany (Federal Republic of)	Cuba
Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of)	Dahomey (Republic of)
Argentine Republic	Denmark
Australia	Dominican Republic
Austria	Egypt (Arab Republic of)
Bangladesh (People's Republic of)	El Salvador (Republic of)
Barbados	United Arab Emirates
Belgium	Ecuador
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	Spain
Burma (Union of)	United States of America
Bolivia (Republic of)	Ethiopia
Botswana (Republic of)	Fiji
Brazil (Federative Republic of)	Finland
Bulgaria (People's Republic of)	France
Burundi (Republic of)	Gabon Republic
Cameroon (United Republic of)	Ghana
Canada	Greece
Central African Republic	Guatemala
Chile	Guinea (Republic of)
China (People's Republic of)	Equatorial Guinea (Republic of)
Cyprus (Republic of)	Guyana
Vatican City State	Haiti (Republic of)
Colombia (Republic of)	Upper Volta (Republic of)
Congo (People's Republic of the)	Honduras (Republic of)
	Hungarian People's Republic

India (Republic of)	Mongolian People's Republic
Indonesia (Republic of)	Nauru (Republic of)
Iran	Nepal
Iraq (Republic of)	Nicaragua
Ireland	Niger (Republic of the)
Iceland	Nigeria (Federal Republic of)
Israel (State of)	Norway
Italy	New Zealand
Jamaica	Oman (Sultanate of)
Japan	Uganda (Republic of)
Jordan (Hashemite Kingdom of)	Pakistan
Kenya (Republic of)	Panama (Republic of)
Khmer Republic	Paraguay (Republic of)
Kuwait (State of)	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)
Laos (Kingdom of)	Peru
Lesotho (Kingdom of)	Philippines (Republic of the)
Lebanon	Poland (People's Republic of)
Liberia (Republic of)	Portugal
Libyan Arab Republic	Qatar (State of)
Liechtenstein (Principality of)	Syrian Arab Republic
Luxembourg	German Democratic Republic
Malaysia	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Malawi	
Maldives (Republic of)	Roumania (Socialist Republic of)
Malagasy Republic	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Mali (Republic of)	
Malta	Rwanda (Republic of)
Morocco (Kingdom of)	Senegal (Republic of the)
Mauritius	Sierra Leone
Mauritania (Islamic Republic of)	Singapore (Republic of)
Mexico	
Monaco	



Somali Democratic Republic  
Sudan (Democratic Republic of the)  
Sri Lanka (Ceylon) (Republic of)  
South Africa (Republic of)  
Sweden  
Switzerland (Confederation of)  
Swaziland (Kingdom of)  
Tanzania (United Republic of)  
Chad (Republic of the)  
Czechoslovak Socialist Republic  
Thailand  
Togolese Republic  
Tonga (Kingdom of)  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Tunisia  
Turkey  
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics  
Uruguay (Oriental Republic of)  
Venezuela (Republic of)  
Viet-Nam (Republic of)  
Yemen Arab Republic  
Yemen (People's Democratic Republic of)  
Yugoslavia (Socialist Federal Republic of)  
Zaire (Republic of)  
Zambia (Republic of)

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL D

EXPENSES OF THE UNION FOR THE PERIOD 1974 TO 1979

NOC

1. The Administrative Council is authorized to draw up the annual budget of the Union in such a way that the annual expenses of

- the Administrative Council,
- the General Secretariat,
- the International Frequency Registration Board,
- the Secretariats of the International Consultative Committees,
- the Union's laboratories and technical equipment,

do not exceed the following amounts for the years 1974 and onwards until the next Plenipotentiary Conference of the Union :

35 000 000	Swiss francs for the year 1974
36 650 000	Swiss francs for the year 1975
36 600 000	Swiss francs for the year 1976
37 600 000	Swiss francs for the year 1977
38 800 000	Swiss francs for the year 1978
39 980 000	Swiss francs for the year 1979

For the years after 1979, the annual budgets shall not exceed the sum specified for the preceding year by more than 3% per annum.

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Ibis. The Administrative Council is authorized to exceed the limits laid down in paragraph 1 above to cover any expenditure arising from the replacement of members of the I.F.R.B. (see Resolution No. C of this Conference).

NOC

2. Expenditure on conferences and meetings referred to in                      and                      of the Convention may be authorized by the Administrative Council.

MOD 2.1 During the years 1974 to 1979, the budget adopted by the Administrative Council, subject if necessary to the provisions of sub-paragraph 2.2 below, shall not exceed the following amounts :

6 600 000	Swiss francs for the year 1974
2 900 000	Swiss francs for the year 1975
11 000 000	Swiss francs for the year 1976
3 400 000	Swiss francs for the year 1977
3 000 000	Swiss francs for the year 1978
14 800 000	Swiss francs for the year 1979

MOD 2.2 If a) the Plenipotentiary Conference or b) a World Administrative Maritime Radio Conference or c) a World Administrative Radio Conference to draw up plans for satellite broadcasting or d) a World Administrative Radio Conference on the Aeronautical Mobile (R) Service or e) a World Administrative Conference to revise the Radio Regulations is not held in the years 1974 to 1979, the total amounts authorized for such years shall be reduced by 3 800 000 Swiss francs for a), 3 124 000 Swiss francs for b), 3 200 000 Swiss francs for c), 1 950 000 Swiss francs for d) and 4 800 000 Swiss francs for e).

If no Plenipotentiary Conference is held in 1979, the Administrative Council shall authorize for each year after 1979 such sums as they consider appropriate for the purposes of the conferences and meetings referred to in Nos. .... and .... of the Convention.

MOD 2.3 The Administrative Council may authorize expenditure in excess of the annual limits specified in sub-paragraph 2.1 above, if the excess can be compensated by sums within the expenditure limits :

- accrued from a previous year; or
- foreseen in a future year.

NOC 3. The Council may also exceed the limits established in paragraphs 1 and 2 above to take account of :

3.1 increases in the salary scales, pension contributions or allowances including post adjustments established by the United Nations for application to their staff employed in Geneva;

3.2 fluctuations in the exchange rate between the Swiss franc and the U.S. dollar which would involve additional expenses for the Union.

NOC 4. The Administrative Council shall be entrusted with the task of effecting every possible economy. To this end, it shall be the duty of the Administrative Council annually to establish the lowest possible authorized level of expenditure commensurate with the needs of the Union, within the limits established by paragraphs 1 and 2 above, taking account of the provisions of paragraph 3, if need be.

NOC 5. If the credits which may be used by the Council by virtue of paragraphs 1 to 3 above prove insufficient to ensure the efficient operation of the Union, the Council may exceed those credits only with the approval of a 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.

NOC 6. Before considering proposals which might have financial effects, world administrative conferences and the Plenary Assemblies of the Consultative Committees shall have an estimate of the additional expenses which might result therefrom.

NOC 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 expenses beyond the credits that the Administrative Council may authorize under the terms of paragraphs 1 to 5 above or in the circumstances envisaged in paragraph 7.

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL E

MEASURES TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) has agreed to the following arrangements to be applied on a temporary basis in order to protect the rights of Papua - New Guinea following the Conference's decision to abolish Associate Membership.

1. When the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) comes into force, Papua - New Guinea shall preserve its present status of Associate Member and shall have the same rights and obligations as Members of the Union, except that it shall not have the right to vote in any conference or other organ of the Union or to nominate candidates for membership of the International Frequency Registration Board; nor shall it be eligible for election to the Administrative Council.
2. Consequently, this country may sign and ratify the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) with a special status comparable to that of Associate Member as defined in the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965). Thereafter, it will have a status under the Malaga-Torremolinos Convention, with rights and obligations, comparable to those of an Associate Member, as if this class of membership had been continued in the new Convention. This situation shall prevail until such time as Papua - New Guinea becomes a full Member of the Union in accordance with the provisions of the Malaga-Torremolinos Convention.

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL F

MEASURES TO PROVIDE THE POSSIBILITY  
FOR THE UNITED NATIONS OF APPLYING THE CONVENTION  
WHEN CARRYING OUT ANY MANDATE UNDER ARTICLE 75 OF THE CHARTER

1. The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) has agreed to the following arrangements to be applied, in order to provide the possibility for the United Nations of continuing to apply the Convention, following the decision of the Conference to abolish Associate Membership.

2. It is agreed that the possibility which the United Nations at present enjoys in conformity with Article 75 of the Charter of the United Nations, under the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965), shall be continued under the Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) when it comes into force. Each case shall be considered by the Administrative Council of the Union.

RESOLUTION FF

SPECIAL MEASURES FOR THE  
LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International  
Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

considering

the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2768  
(XXVI) of 18 November 1971, which designated 25 countries as  
the hard-core least developed countries requiring special  
attention, and the resolution adopted by the third session of  
the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on  
19 May 1972 concerning financial and technical assistance to  
the least developed countries;

recognizing

the importance of telecommunications in the  
development of the countries concerned;

instructs the Secretary-General

1. to review the state of telecommunication services  
in the least developed countries identified by the United  
Nations and needing special measures for telecommunication  
development;
2. to report his findings to the Administrative Council;
3. to propose concrete measures calculated to bring  
about genuine improvements and provide effective assistance  
to these least developed countries from the Special Fund for  
Technical Cooperation and from other sources;
4. to report annually on the matter to the Administrative  
Council;

instructs the Administrative Council

1. to consider the above-mentioned reports and take appropriate action so that the Union may continue to display its active interest and cooperation in the development of telecommunication services in these countries;
2. to make appropriations for the purpose from the Special Fund for Technical Cooperation and from other sources;
3. to keep the situation under constant review and to report on the matter to the next Plenipotentiary Conference.



RESOLUTION KK

DESTRUCTION OF SUBMARINE CABLES  
IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International  
Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

learning

that two submarine cables, one from Beirut to  
Marseilles linking Lebanon with Europe and the American  
Continent and the other from Beirut to Alexandria linking  
Lebanon with Africa, were put out of action in Lebanese  
territorial waters during the night of 17 to 18 October 1973;

noting

that all information and checks point to the fact  
that this grave act of sabotage was deliberately perpetrated by  
a country Member of the Union, namely the State of Israel;

taking into account

the International Telecommunication Convention, which  
is binding on all Members, and in particular the provisions of  
1, 17, 18, 24, 282 and 288;

realizing

that putting these cables out of action gravely  
prejudices the political, economic and human interests of  
Lebanon and other user countries;

believing

that such acts are harmful to the progress and  
development of peoples;

confirming

that the destruction of means of telecommunication  
between peoples runs counter to one of the main purposes of the  
Union, which is to extend international cooperation for the  
improvement and rational use of telecommunications of all kinds;

condemns without appeal

such a policy of destruction and the author of that destruction, the State of Israel;

resolves

to envisage, in the event of any repetition of such acts contrary to the rules and practices governing international relations, all appropriate sanctions, including the suspension, and even the exclusion of the State of Israel.

RESOLUTION LL

SALARIES AND REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCES  
OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International  
Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

noting

that, pursuant to Resolution No. 1 of the Plenipotentiary  
Conference (Montreux, 1965), the membership of the Union had  
approved adjustments to the salaries of elected officials, as  
proposed by the Administrative Council on the basis of changes  
in the United Nations Common System, through an expensive and  
time consuming consultation process;

recognizing

that the salaries of elected officials should be set at  
an adequate level above those paid to appointed staff in the  
United Nations Common System,

resolves

that, subject to the measures which could be proposed  
by the Administrative Council to the Members of the Union in  
accordance with the instructions hereunder, the Secretary-General,  
the Deputy Secretary-General, the Directors of the International  
Consultative Committees and the members of the International  
Frequency Registration Board shall be paid with effect from  
1 January 1974 salaries fixed in relation to the maximum salary  
paid to appointed staff on the basis of the following percentages :

Secretary-General . . . . .	124 %
Deputy Secretary-General, Directors of the Consultative Committees . . . . .	111 %
I.F.R.B. members . . . . .	106 %

instructs the Administrative Council

1. if a relevant adjustment is made in Common System salary scales, to approve the modification as necessary of salary amounts resulting from the application of the above-mentioned percentages;

2. in the event of overriding factors appearing to the Administrative Council to justify a change in the above-mentioned percentages, to propose for the approval of the majority of the Members of the Union, revised percentages with appropriate justifications;

further resolves

that costs incurred for representation will be reimbursed against vouchers within the following limits :

	<u>Swiss francs per year</u>
Secretary-General . . . . .	15,000
Deputy Secretary-General, Directors of the Consultative Committees. .	7,500
I.F.R.B. (for the Board as a whole at the discretion of the Chairman)	7,500

further instructs the Administrative Council

in the event of a marked increase in the cost of living in Switzerland, to propose, for the approval of the majority of the Members of the Union, suitable adjustments to the above limits.

RESOLUTION MM

CONTRIBUTORY SHARES FOR DEFRAYING UNION EXPENSES

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

considering

a) the Report of the Administrative Council to the Plenipotentiary Conference (section 2.5.5.5) and the Special Report of the Administrative Council on the Finances of the Union submitted to the Conference in response to Resolution No. 11 of Montreux, 1965 (Document No. 32);

b) Document No. 224 submitted by a number of Member countries and proposing the application of the United Nations' contributions system;

aware

that the problem of improving the method of financing Union expenses is complex and that a just solution needs to be found;

instructs the Administrative Council

1. to continue to study this matter and seek a solution taking into account the following possibilities discussed at this Conference:

- a) widening of the range of classes of contributions chosen by each Member while maintaining freedom of choice;
- b) application of a system for calculating contributions based on regularly updated official data, for example, the United Nations scale, a percentage based on such factors as the international telephone traffic of each Member country, number of telephones, gross national product;

2. to submit the results of this study to all Members at least one year before the next Plenipotentiary Conference is held.

RESOLUTION NN

TELECOMMUNICATIONS DOCUMENTATION CENTRE  
AT I.T.U. HEADQUARTERS

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International  
Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

considering

the stipulation in 25 of the International Tele-  
communication Convention (Montreux, 1965) that the Union  
shall "collect and publish information concerning tele-  
communication matters for the benefit of all Members";

bearing in mind

- a) Resolution No. 32 of the Plenipotentiary Conference  
(Montreux, 1965), C.C.I.R. Resolution No. 36 (1966), and
- b) the studies already made by the Secretary-General;

recognizing

that documentation services are a basic means of  
acquiring information on the latest advances in tele-  
communications, particularly for the developing countries;

instructs the Secretary-General

1. to pursue, with the assistance of the other permanent  
organs of the Union, studies with a view to the creation of a  
documentation and bibliographical reference centre for tele-  
communications to be responsible for:

- 1.1 facilitating the use of the documentation published by the Union;
  - 1.2 collaborating with other international or national documentation centres in the exchange of bibliographical references in order to avoid duplication of work, reduce expenses and, at the same time, centralize world information on telecommunications;
  - 1.3 placing this information at the disposal of Members and the officials and experts of the Union;
2. to report to the Administrative Council so that the next Plenipotentiary Conference may take a decision on the matter;

invites the Administrative Council

to take the necessary steps, within the limit of available resources, to enable these studies to be made.

RESOLUTION 00

WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE FOR  
THE PLANNING OF THE BROADCASTING-SATELLITE SERVICE  
IN THE FREQUENCY BAND 11.7-12.2 GHz (12.5 GHz in REGION 1)

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International  
Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

considering

- a) that there is an urgent need in certain parts of the world to bring into use frequencies within the band 11.7-12.2 GHz (12.5 GHz in Region 1) for terrestrial services to which the band is also allocated;
- b) that it is highly desirable that this should be done on the basis of a world-wide plan for the broadcasting-satellite service;
- c) that the C.C.I.R. expects to produce sufficient technical data for planning purposes at its XIIIth Plenary Assembly;

resolves

that a World Administrative Radio Conference for the Planning of the Broadcasting-Satellite Service in the frequency band 11.7-12.2 GHz (12.5 GHz in Region 1) shall be convened not later than April 1977;

instructs the Administrative Council

to make preparations for convening that Conference.



RESOLUTION PP

WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE  
FOR THE GENERAL REVISION OF THE  
RADIO REGULATIONS

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International  
Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

considering

- a) that, since 1959, various World Administrative Radio Conferences have amended the Radio Regulations and Additional Radio Regulations on specific points without having been able to harmonize the decisions taken because of the limited nature of their agenda;
- b) that, as a result of technical advances, some of the provisions in these Regulations should be reconsidered, particularly with regard to certain services which are developing rapidly;
- c) that, for these reasons, a general revision of the Radio Regulations and of the Additional Radio Regulations should be undertaken;

resolves

that a World Administrative Radio Conference to revise, as necessary, the Radio Regulations and the Additional Radio Regulations shall be convened in 1979;

instructs the Administrative Council

to make preparations for convening that Conference.

RESOLUTION QQ

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES AND WORKING LANGUAGES OF THE UNION

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

desirous

of establishing the most equitable and efficient system of official and working languages in the Union;

noting

- a) that proposals to introduce the use of new languages as official languages of the Union were submitted to this Conference;
- b) that an increase in the number of official or working languages has technical, staffing, administrative and financial implications;
- c) that the use of an ever-increasing number of official or working languages brings not only financial burdens but great practical disadvantages for those countries whose languages have not been adopted as such;

considering

that it might be advisable to use other systems in future for financing and apportioning the cost of the language services among the Members of the Union;

instructs the Administrative Council :

1. to make a detailed study of :
  - 1.1 the present list and a possible future list of the official languages of the Union;
  - 1.2 similar lists of the working languages of the Union;
  - 1.3 other possible provisions concerning the use by Members of the languages that suit them at conferences and meetings of the Union;
  - 1.4 the long-term technical, staffing, administrative and financial consequences of any later changes in the languages system of the Union, bearing in mind the decisions and action taken in the matter by the United Nations and the specialized agencies;
  - 1.5 the requests, discussions and decisions and the views expressed on the subject at this Conference, with particular reference to Document No. 190 on the use of German;
  - 1.6 the needs of the Union and its Members in this respect and the resources it would have to devote to meeting them;
  - 1.7 any other relevant questions or considerations;
2. to submit for consideration by the next Plenipotentiary Conference a detailed report together with recommendations on the measures required to establish and maintain an equitable and efficient system of official and working languages in the Union.

RESOLUTION RR

JOINT INSPECTION UNIT

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International  
Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

having noted

- a) the Report of the Administrative Council (Part II,  
section 2.5.3);
- b) United Nations General Assembly Resolutions 2150 (XXI),  
2360 (XXII) and 2924 (XXVII);

considering

the useful role played by the Joint Inspection Unit  
as an independent service of the United Nations;

instructs the Secretary-General

to continue to cooperate with the Joint Inspection  
Unit and to submit the appropriate reports to the Administrative  
Council;

instructs the Administrative Council

to study the reports submitted by the Secretary-  
General and to take any necessary action.

RESOLUTION SS

WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DAY

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

having seen

the Report of the Administrative Council to the Plenipotentiary Conference (section 2.5.14);

considering

the interest shown by Members in celebrating World Telecommunication Day;

decides

that 17 May, the anniversary of the foundation of the Union, shall henceforth be "World Telecommunication Day";

invites Administrations of Members

1. to celebrate the day annually;
2. to take advantage of the occasion to make the public aware of the importance of telecommunications for economic, social and cultural development; to foster interest in telecommunications in universities and other educational establishments with a view to attracting new and young talent into the profession; and to disseminate information on a large scale concerning Union activities related to international cooperation;

instructs the Secretary-General

to provide telecommunication administrations with the information and assistance they need to coordinate preparations for holding World Telecommunication Day in Member countries of the Union;

invites the Administrative Council

to propose to Members a specific topic for each World Telecommunication Day.

RECOMMENDATION B

UNRESTRICTED TRANSMISSION OF NEWS

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

in view of

- a) the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 10 December 1948;
- b) Articles 31, 32 and 33 of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965);

conscious of

the noble principle that news should be freely transmitted;

recommends

that Members of the Union facilitate the unrestricted transmission of news by telecommunication services.

RECOMMENDATION C

USE OF RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS FOR ANNOUNCING AND IDENTIFYING  
HOSPITAL SHIPS AND MEDICAL AIRCRAFT PROTECTED  
UNDER THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 1949

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International  
Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

considering

- a) that it is essential to be able to identify and determine the position of hospital ships and medical aircraft during armed conflict so that they may be spared by the armed forces of the parties to the conflict;
- b) that the use of radiocommunications is necessary, along with other established and recognized methods, for identifying and determining the position of hospital ships at sea and medical aircraft in flight during armed conflict;

recommends

that the World Administrative Conferences on Maritime and on Aeronautical Radiocommunications consider the technical aspects of the use of certain international frequencies for the radiocommunications and identification of hospital ships and medical aircraft protected under the Geneva Conventions of 1949.

OPINION No. 1

Members of the Union recognize the desirability of avoiding the imposition of fiscal taxes on any international telecommunications.



OPINION No. 2

FAVOURABLE TREATMENT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

in view of

- a) the purpose of the Union, which is to maintain and extend international cooperation for the improvement and rational use of telecommunications of all kinds;
- b) the ever-widening gap between the economic growth and technological progress of the developed and the developing countries;
- c) the fact that the economic power of developed countries is founded on, or linked with, the high level of their technology, which is reflected in extensive and growing international markets, whereas the economies of developing countries are relatively weak and often in deficit because they are in the process of assimilating or acquiring technology,

is of the opinion

that developed countries should take into account the requests for favourable treatment made by developing countries in service, commercial or other relations in telecommunications, thus helping to achieve the desired economic equilibrium conducive to a relaxation of present world tensions.

The classification of countries in one or the other of these economic categories can be based on the criteria of per capita income, gross national income, national telephone development or any other mutually agreed parameters selected from those internationally recognized by the specialized information sources of the United Nations.

OPINION No. 3

TELECOMMUNICATION EXHIBITIONS

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International  
Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

recognizing

that the telecommunication exhibitions are of  
considerable assistance in keeping the Members of the Union  
informed of the latest advances in telecommunication techniques  
and in publicizing the possibilities of applying telecommunication  
science and technology for the benefit of the developing countries;

is of the opinion

that such exhibitions should in future be organized  
under the auspices of the Union in collaboration with its Members  
provided that this involves for the Union no charge on its budget  
and no commercial interest.

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Memorandum by the Secretary-General

PROXY FOR NICARAGUA

I have the honour to transmit to the Conference the text of a **letter** from the Delegation of Nicaragua.

M. MILI  
Secretary-General

Annex : 1



A N N E X  
(translation)

Torremolinos  
22 October 1973

The Chairman of the  
Plenipotentiary Conference  
of the I.T.U.

Mr. Chairman,

Since I have to be absent from the Conference, I have delegated to the Honourable Delegation of the Republic of El Salvador the right to vote on behalf of the Delegation of Nicaragua, and I am informing you accordingly.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest esteem.

(signed) Manuel Castillo Sarquin  
Delegate of Nicaragua

PLENARY MEETING

DRAFT RESOLUTION

SUBMITTED BY THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP  
SET UP BY THE PLENARY MEETING  
OF 21 OCTOBER 1973

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International  
Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

considering

- a) the Report of the Administrative Council,  
section 2.5.5.5 and Document No. 32 of the Plenipotentiary  
Conference;
- b) Document No. 224 submitted by a number of Member  
countries and proposing the application of the United Nations  
contributions scale;

aware

of the complexity of the problem and of the need to  
find a just solution for it;

instructs the Administrative Council

- 1. to continue studying this question which should be  
settled and to seek a solution having due regard to the various  
opinions discussed at this Conference, as follows :
  - a) widening of the range of classes of contribution  
chosen by each Member country while maintaining  
freedom of choice;
  - b) application of a system for calculating contributions  
based on regularly updated official data, for  
example, the United Nations scale, a percentage  
based on the international telephone traffic of each  
Member country, number of telephones, gross national  
product, etc.;
- 2. to submit the result of these studies to all Members  
at least one year before the next Plenipotentiary Conference  
is held.

PLENARY MEETING

Final Protocol

FOR THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The Delegation of the Republic of Korea, on behalf of its Government, hereby :

1. declares that any reservation made in connection with, or any declaration made against the validity of its representation of the Republic of Korea in I.T.U. or this Plenipotentiary Conference is without foundation and without legal effect; and
2. reserves the right of its Government to take such action as it may consider necessary to safeguard its interests should certain Members not share in defraying the expenses of the Union, or should any Members fail in any other way to comply with the requirements of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) or its Annexes or the Protocols attached thereto, or should reservations by other countries jeopardize its telecommunication services.

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Final Protocol

FOR BELGIUM

The delegation of the Kingdom of Belgium reserves for its Government the right to take such action as it may deem necessary to safeguard its interests, should certain Members not share in defraying the expenses of the Union, or should they fail in any other way to comply with the provisions of this Convention, or its annexes or the protocols attached thereto, or should reservations by other countries be likely to increase its share in defraying the expenses of the Union or jeopardize its telecommunications services.

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FOR THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC

The Delegation of the Libyan Arab Republic reserves for its Government the right to accept or refuse to accept the consequences of any reservations made by other countries which might lead to an increase in its contributory share in defraying the Union expenses, and to take any measure it deems necessary to protect its interests if any Member or associate Member fail in any way to observe the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) or of its related regulations.

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FOR THE GABON REPUBLIC

In signing the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973), the Delegation of the Gabon Republic reserves for its Government the right to take such action as it may consider necessary to safeguard its interests, should reservations by other Governments lead to an increase in its contributory share in defraying the expenses of the Union, or jeopardize its telecommunication services.

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FOR THE REPUBLIC OF UPPER VOLTA

The Delegation of the Republic of Upper Volta to the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) reserves for its Government the right to refuse any financial measure likely to increase its contributory share in defraying the expenses of the Union and to take any action considered necessary to safeguard its interests, should other Members fail to comply with the requirements of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) or its Annexes or the Regulations included.

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## PLENARY MEETING

### Final Protocol

#### FOR THE REPUBLIC OF MALI

The Delegation of the Republic of Mali to the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union declares that it cannot accept any increase in its contributory share in the budget of the Union due to the failure of any other Member to pay its contributions and other related charges.

It also reserves for its Government the right to take all necessary action to safeguard its telecommunication interests should any Member of the Union fail to observe the provisions of the Convention of Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973.

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PLENARY MEETING

Final Protocol

FOR NEPAL

The Delegation of Nepal reserves for its Government the right to take such action as it may deem appropriate for safeguarding its interest should its annual contributory share amount increase due to any reason whatsoever.

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COMMITTEE 4

SUMMARY RECORD

OF THE

TENTH MEETING OF COMMITTEE 4

(FINANCES)

Friday, 10 October 1973, at 1530 hrs

Chairman : R. RÜTSCHI (Switzerland)

Vice-Chairman : Z. AHMAD (Pakistan)

Subjects discussed

Draft Resolutions prepared by the Working  
Party

Document No.

DT/56



Draft Resolutions prepared by the Working Party  
(Document No. DT/56)

1.1 The delegate of Lebanon introduced the draft Resolutions which had been unanimously approved by the Working Party. He pointed out that the Working Party had endeavoured to explain the financial consequences of the proposals as clearly as possible for the benefit of the Governments of Member States. He also drew the Committee's attention to the details and figures given in paragraphs 4 and 5 on page 5. He wished to pay tribute to, and express his appreciation for, the spirit of collaboration which had prevailed within the Working Party.

1.2 After a brief exchange of views between the delegates of Canada, the United Kingdom and the Chairman, the Committee approved the text of the first paragraph of point 5 (top of page 2 in Document No. DT/56).

1.3 Following a remark by the delegate of Tanzania and at the proposal of the delegate of the United States, it was decided to add the following words at the end of paragraph 6 (page 2) : "in connection with the nine countries listed in Document No. 33 (Rev.)".

1.4 The delegate of Mexico said that, as he had not been able to take part in the meetings of the Working Party having himself been Chairman of a Working Party of Committee 6, he would revert to certain questions of substance dealt with in the draft resolutions in Document No. DT/56 during the Plenary meetings.

1.5 The delegate of Yugoslavia, supported by the delegate of the U.S.S.R., said that the draft Resolution in Annex 6 did not follow on logically from the first paragraph of page 3 of Document No. DT/56.

1.6 The delegate of the U.S.S.R. said that words should be added after the paragraph in question to indicate that, in the opinion of the Committee, it was necessary to adopt certain measures to eliminate the temporary difficulties caused by the present financial situation of the Union. He also suggested that paragraph 4 on page 2 should end with the words : "the terms under which their debts would be repaid".

1.7 The Chairman said that account would be taken of the remarks that had been made.

1.8 The delegate of Ireland asked for clarification of paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 on page 2 and it was agreed that, with the help of the Chairman, the Head of the Finance Department and the delegates concerned, the Chairman of the Working Party would prepare a more explicit text during the break which would be submitted to the Committee during the latter half of the meeting.

1.9 The delegate of Cuba said that he reserved the right to revert to the texts included in Document No. DT/56 during the plenary meeting drawing attention to the provisions of 218 of the Convention.

1.10 The delegate of Venezuela commented on the contents of Document No. DT/56 and the delegate of Australia commented on the summary record of the fourth meeting of Committee 4 (Document No. 192), and it was agreed that the points raised would be elucidated during the break and a decision would be taken later on during the meeting.

Draft Resolution in Annex 5 to Document No. DT/56

1.11 In reply to questions raised by the delegates of Ireland and Canada in connection with paragraph 3 of the draft Resolution, the Chairman explained that responsibility for the interest on arrears, which amounted to some 3 million Swiss francs, would be assumed by all Members of the I.T.U. and that the balance of the accounts in arrear, i.e. 6,302,918.23 Swiss francs, would be transferred to a special account and repaid by the debtor countries on terms to be agreed with the Secretary-General.

1.12 Following a remark by the Head of the Finance Department, it was decided to delete the words "written off the debtors' account and" in the fifth line of paragraph 3 of the draft Resolution.

1.13 To take account of a remark made by the delegate of Cuba, it was decided that the Spanish text of paragraph 2 would be aligned on the French version.

1.14 The delegate of Yugoslavia, supported by the delegate of Rwanda, said that the text of paragraph 2 did not make it clear enough that the sum of the interest on arrears would be paid by all the Members of the Union.

1.15 The delegate of Rwanda said it was not normal that Members who paid their contributions regularly should be made responsible for the payment of sums due from debtor countries. Rwanda was a developing country which was not in a position to bear, together with the other Members of the I.T.U., the extra burden of helping to pay off the interest on arrears due from the nine debtor countries. The proposed solution would only create new difficulties for those nations which were financially less favourably placed than others.

1.16 The delegate of Indonesia said that he did not entirely agree with the views set forth in the draft Resolution.

1.17 The Chairman said that the Committee had adopted a compromise solution but that delegates who so desired could revert to the points with which they were in disagreement, during the Plenary Meeting.

1.18 At the proposal of the delegate of Morocco, it was agreed to add in Annex 5 a paragraph specifying that the interest on arrears due from debtor countries would be paid by the Members of the Union as a whole under the conditions set forth in paragraph 5 of the draft Resolution.

1.19 At the invitation of the delegate of Canada, it was decided that the sub-paragraph on page 5 beginning with the words "For 1974 the loss of income..." would be amended and the verb placed in the conditional.

1.20 The delegate of Italy suggested that the following words be added at the end of the last sub-paragraph of paragraph 4 (page 5) : "after careful consideration of all possibilities for reducing Union expenditure".

1.21 The delegate of the United States said that the proposal was an extremely pertinent one particularly in view of the statements made by the delegates of Rwanda and Indonesia. He was convinced that the I.T.U. should do everything possible to effect savings and to avoid making all Members bear the responsibility for the debts of a few.

1.22 The suggestion of the delegate of Italy having also been supported by the delegate of Cuba, it was adopted.

1.23 The delegate of the People's Republic of Poland said that the names of the various debtor countries together with the sums due from each of them should be specified in the draft Resolution.

1.24 The delegates of Bolivia, Chile, Venezuela, Brazil and Uganda disagreed. The debtor countries were perfectly aware of their debts and it would be an unnecessary embarrassment and moral prejudice to restate the amount of the sums due to the Union in the text of a resolution.



1.25 The delegates of Yugoslavia, Cuba and Rwanda supported the views of the delegate of Poland.

1.26 The delegate of Cuba said that the question of arrears should not be dealt with in a general way. Certain Members would make rapid efforts to settle their debts with the Union and it would be seen subsequently what proportion of their debt had been paid off.

1.27 The delegate of Morocco said that one solution might be to insert in paragraph 1 of the operative part of the draft Resolution after the words "on the accounts in arrear" the words "of the debtor countries as specified in Document No. 33(Rev.) of the Plenipotentiary Conference".

1.28 The delegate of Brazil said that the situation of Members vis-à-vis the Union was published quarterly in the Notifications issued by the General Secretariat. That was a perfectly satisfactory arrangement for keeping everyone regularly informed of the state of accounts in arrear.

1.29 After a recess, the Head of the Finance Department read out the corrections to be made in pages 2 et seq of Document No. DT/56.

1.30 The first sentence on page 2 should be amended to read : "the Finance Committee devoted five meetings to a thorough examination of the question of accounts in arrear, as described in Tables 1 and 2 attached".

1.31 The first sentence of paragraph 2 should be amended to read : "The interest on arrears due from these nine countries as at 31 December 1972, i.e. 2,989,883.18 Swiss francs, should be transferred to a special interest on arrears account".

1.32 After the words "paragraph 2 above" in paragraph 3, the words "i.e. 6,302,918.23 Swiss francs" should be inserted. Delete paragraph 4, and amend the text to read : "The Secretary-General would be instructed to negotiate with the nine countries in question the terms of a staggered payment of their contributions in arrear".

1.33 Correct the following paragraph numbering accordingly, substituting "4" for "5" and "5" for "6". Add the words "to the nine countries in question. The sums involved are 259,703.70 Swiss francs for publications and 84,515.45 Swiss francs for interest on arrears." to the end of the new paragraph 5.

1.34 Add a new paragraph 6 : "The Committee also considers that the statements of debtors' accounts published quarterly in the Notifications should refer to these arrears".

1.35 After the first paragraph on page 3, add the following sentence : "However, the Committee considered it useful to take steps to overcome the Union's financial difficulties".

1.36 It was decided that the text of the Committee's first report, thus amended, should be submitted to the Plenary Meeting. The text would include two annexes taken from Document No. DT/25 relating to contributions in arrear and amounts due for supply of publications respectively.

1.37 Paragraph 2 of the operative part of the draft Resolution in Annex 5, page 4, should be amended to read as follows : "that the interest on the arrears due from these countries as at 31 December 1972, i.e. 3,074,398.63 Swiss francs, shall be transferred to a special interest on arrears account and paid by all the Members of the Union in the manner described in paragraph 5 below".

1.38 In paragraph 3 of the operative part, replace the last two lines by the following : "...Swiss francs in all, shall be transferred to a special account bearing no interest. However, this measure shall not release these nine countries from their contributions or the amount in arrears due for the supply of publications."

1.39 On page 5, paragraph 4 of the operative part, the second and third sub-paragraphs should be amended to read as follows :

1.40 "For 1973 this loss of income might be partly offset by savings on the budgetary credits allocated or by a withdrawal from the I.T.U. Reserve Account."

1.41 "For 1974 this loss of income will be offset by an increase in the definitive contributory unit, which will be fixed by the Administrative Council after careful consideration of all possibilities for reducing Union expenditure."

1.42 In paragraph 1 on page 6, delete the words : "of the balance" after the words "staggered payment".

1.43 It was decided to submit the text of the draft Resolution, thus amended, to the Plenary Meeting.

1.44 The delegate of Malaysia stated that his country could not unfortunately endorse paragraph 2 of the operative part of the draft Resolution concerning the payment of the interest on arrears by all the Members of the Union.

1.45 The delegate of Rwanda in turn requested that, in view of its difficult situation, his country should be exempted from the financial obligations arising from paragraph 2 of the operative part of the draft Resolution which had just been approved.

1.46 The delegate of Venezuela said that the contributory share due from each Member country for the amortization of the special interest on arrears account accumulated before 1973 should not in principle be subject to any further interest on arrears, according to the decisions already adopted on that matter. However, if no distinction was drawn between the actual contribution and the additional amount coming under the head of amortization, that amount would be subject to a further interest on arrears in the event of any delay in the payment of contributions.

1.47 In the course of the ensuing discussion, the delegate of Cuba said that that standpoint was perfectly justified. The delegate of Morocco, on the other hand, pointed out that, in the event of any delay in the payment of contributions, the interest on the contributory share due for the amortization of the special account would only be minor in comparison with the amount of the interest on arrears due on the actual contribution.

1.48 In a spirit of compromise, it was agreed not to insist upon the question of principle and it was agreed that the report and the draft Resolution contained in Annex 5, as amended, would be submitted to the Plenary Meeting, in accordance with the decision just adopted.

1.49 Page 7, Annex 6 - The delegate of Canada said that the text of the draft Resolution should contain additional details of the annual adjustment of the level of the Reserve Account.

1.50 During a discussion in which the delegates of the U.S.S.R., Morocco and Rwanda took part, the delegate of Yugoslavia said that it would be most unwise to sign a blank cheque for the adjustment of the level of the Reserve Account.

1.51 Finally, in view of the explanations given during the discussions and on the understanding that the Administrative Council would give the matter its full attention, the Committee approved the draft Resolution as contained in Annex 6 and decided to submit it in that form to the Plenary Meeting.

1.52 The consideration of Document No. DT/56 was concluded.

1.53 In conclusion, the Chairman cordially thanked the delegate of Lebanon and the members of his Working Party for the skilful manner in which they had dealt with their difficult task and thus saving some of the limited time at the Committee's disposal.

The meeting rose at 6.55 p.m.

Secretary :  
R. PRELAZ

Chairman :  
R. RÜTSCHI

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COMMITTEE 6

SUMMARY RECORD

OF THE

ELEVENTH MEETING OF COMMITTEE 6

Friday, 12 October 1973, at 1130 hrs

Chairman : Mr. M. BENABDELLAH (Morocco)

Vice-Chairman : Mr. L. DVOŘÁČEK (Czechoslovakia)

Subject discussed

1. Training standards (cont.)

Document No.

DT/46



1. Training Standards (Document No. DT/46) (continued)

1.1 The delegate of Mexico, expressing his deep disappointment with the turn the discussions on Documents Nos. DT/45 and DT/46 had taken at the previous meeting of the Committee, repeated the conviction he had expressed at that meeting that the views presented there showed a lack of confidence of the Committee in his work as Chairman of the Working Party and the worth of his long experience in the field of technical assistance. He therefore withdrew from any further participation in the discussion.

1.2 The delegate of Chile expressed his delegation's appreciation of the excellent work accomplished by the delegate of Mexico as Chairman of the Working Party.

1.3 The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, expressed his great regret at the delegate of Mexico's withdrawal. He felt that the delegate of Mexico had mistaken the attitude of the Committee, which had full confidence in him and had benefitted greatly from his wide knowledge of technical assistance matters. With a gathering of so many different countries with widely differing aims and backgrounds, the objective could only be to get a compromise solution satisfactory to the majority.

1.4 The Committee then began detailed discussion of Document No. DT/46.

1.5 The text of the document down to the end of paragraph (d) on the first page was adopted without comment.

1.6 A discussion arose on the paragraphs under "considering" on the first page, in which the delegates of Italy, Australia, Lebanon, France, Iraq, Congo, Roumania, Ireland, Tanzania and Malawi took part. The general feeling was that the text was not entirely satisfactory as it stood as the wording seemed to imply that standardization of techniques and language training were also a concern of the Resolution. A number of amendments were proposed to improve the drafting of the paragraphs. Finally, an amended text, proposed by the delegate of France with small modifications by the delegates of Roumania and Ireland, was adopted and appears in the Annex to the present record.

1.7 With regard to the paragraph under "recognizing" on page 2, Australia felt that some indication that progress had been made in the past was necessary and proposed an appropriate amendment.

1.8 Doubts were expressed by the delegates of Australia, Venezuela, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom, Iraq and the United States of America on the validity of the word "urging" which in the English text implied erroneously that the following clause had been part of Resolution No. 31. It was pointed out that the expression "qu'il est urgent" as used in the French version of the text was more correct.

1.9 The delegate of France proposed an amendment to meet that objection.

1.10 The delegate of Australia felt that it would be asking the impossible to match training standards to the increase in circuits in view of the tremendous and continuing expansion in that field.

1.11 The delegate of Italy proposed an amendment to meet that objection.

1.12 The delegate of Niger felt that a more appropriate heading for the paragraph would be "noting" rather than "recognizing".

1.13 The delegate of Malawi, supported by the delegate of Lebanon, thought that the first half of the paragraph, as amended by Australia, should go in as a last paragraph under "noting" on the first page and the last part of the sentence remain under the heading "recognizing".

1.14 A text amended on the lines discussed was adopted, on the understanding that Committee 9 would deal with any editorial details, and appears in the Annex.

1.15 The delegate of the U.S.S.R. proposed an amendment to the first paragraph under "instructs the Secretary-General" on page 2. That amendment was adopted and appears in the Annex.

1.16 The delegate of Lebanon, supported by the delegate of Niger, considered that paragraphs 1 and 2 were superfluous and proposed their deletion.

1.17 The delegate of the U.S.S.R., supported by the delegate of Lesotho said such information was found in other Resolutions of Plenipotentiary Conferences. Provision had to be made for the Union to keep its information on the field concerned up to date.

1.18 The Lebanese proposal was put to the vote and rejected by 9 votes for, 39 against and 6 abstentions.

1.19 Paragraphs a) to d) on page 2 were adopted without comment.

1.20 With regard to paragraph e) on page 3, the delegate of the U.S.S.R. proposed deletion as an information centre was unnecessary.

1.21 The delegate of the Federal Republic of Germany, supported by the delegate of Poland, felt there was no need to delete the whole paragraph. It would be sufficient to remove the reference to the information centre. However, if that were done, paragraph f) ought to be deleted.

1.22 Further discussion of the text from paragraph e) onwards was postponed to the following meeting of Committee 6.

The meeting rose at 1245 hrs.

The Secretary :  
H. RUUD

The Chairman :  
M. BENABDELLAH

Annex : 1



A N N E X

Text of Document No. DT/46 as amended by C6/11

The text down to the end of paragraph d) remains unchanged. From there it reads as follows :

"e) that, although some progress has been made, the objectives laid down in Resolution No. 31 adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Montreux, 1965) have not yet been fully achieved;

considering

that the rapid and effective establishment of a communication and the maintenance of the circuit require:

- i) compatible equipment at both ends and, if applicable, at the transit offices, and
- ii) an equivalent technical standard for maintenance personnel and an appropriate linguistic fluency;

recognizing

that it is necessary that technical training should match the rate of technical advance and the increase in the number of telecommunication circuits and their interconnection;

instructs the Secretary-General

for the purpose of attaining the objective of a satisfactory preparation on the various levels as indicated in the considerations i) and ii) :".

The remainder of the text down to the end of paragraph d) on page 2 remains unchanged.

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COMMITTEE 6

SUMMARY RECORD

OF THE

TWELFTH MEETING OF COMMITTEE 6

(TECHNICAL COOPERATION)

Monday, 15 October 1973, at 0930 hrs

Chairman : Mr. BENABDELLAH (Morocco)

Vice-Chairman : Mr. L. DVOŘÁČEK (Czechoslovakia)

Subjects discussed

Document No.

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| 1. Summary Record of the 7th Meeting   | 213           |
| 2. Training standards  | DT/46         |
| 3. Regional offices  | DT/54         |
| 4. Application of telecommunication science<br>and technology in the interest of the<br>developing countries | DT/60 and 200 |

1. Summary Record of the 7th Meeting (Document No. 213)

1.1 Approved (subject to amendments submitted by the delegates of Tanzania and Sri Lanka).

2. Training standards (Document No. DT/46) (continued)

2.1 The Chairman recalled the proposal at the previous meeting to delete paragraph 2 (f) of the instructions to the Secretary-General.

2.2 The delegate of Iraq said that the information referred to in the paragraph would be valuable and he was in favour of retaining the provision.

2.3 The U.S.S.R. delegate agreed that it would be more useful to have information issued periodically in some form rather than for the Secretariat to be obliged to reply individually to requests for information. He would be glad to hear the views of the Secretary of the Committee on that point.

2.4 The Secretary said that there was considerable merit in that proposal provided that the information was to be publicized as appropriate and not at regular intervals.

2.5 The delegate of Mauritius recalled that, at its previous meeting, the Committee had agreed to replace the word "consulted" in paragraph (e) by the word "requested". It would be better for countries to be left to ask for any information they required than automatically to be sent information which might not be useful to them.

2.6 The Chairman suggested that, if the delegate of Mauritius would agree not to press that point, paragraph (f) should read :

"to disseminate this accumulated information by means of publications at appropriate intervals".

2.7 It was so agreed.

2.8 The delegate of Japan, referring to paragraph 3, said that it appeared that the proposal most likely to be made by the Secretary-General in that regard would be for the continuation of the existing Training Division in the Technical Cooperation Department. His delegation doubted whether the

Training Division as at present constituted would be the most appropriate body for the purpose. Its achievements during the four years of its existence had fallen far short of expectations, although the Technical Cooperation Department as a whole had operated successfully. The Training Division's shortcomings lay rather in a lack of leadership in devising the training programme than in staff shortages. In making his proposals to the Administrative Council on organizational and staffing arrangements, the Secretary-General should give particular consideration to the need for effective leadership in the Training Division. He was not proposing a specific amendment but would like those views to be placed on record.

2.9 The U.S.S.R. representative said that the point raised by the Japanese representative was one for consideration by the Administrative Council rather than by the Plenipotentiary Conference.

2.10 The Chairman said that the Japanese and Soviet Union representatives' views would be reflected in the Summary Record and would be borne in mind by the Secretary-General and the Administrative Council.

2.11 Paragraph 3 was adopted on that understanding.

2.12 In response to a point raised by the U.S.S.R. delegate on paragraph 1 of the instructions to the Administrative Council, the United States delegate, supported by the United Kingdom delegate, suggested that the word "establish" should be replaced by the word "collect".

2.13 It was so agreed.

2.14 The Australian delegate, reverting to the decision taken at the previous meeting on paragraph 2 (d) of the instructions to the Secretary-General, asked how the expenses of the experts on short-term missions would be met.

2.15 The Secretary said that the idea of the paragraph was that the Secretary-General should, by all the means at his disposal, help any new or developing countries which so desired to obtain the services of short-term experts who were qualified to advise on the planning and development of training activities. No special budgetary allocation appeared to be foreseen in that connection beyond the funds available for other technical cooperation activities.

2.16 The draft resolution, as amended, was adopted.

3. Regional offices (Document No. DT/54) (continued)

3.1 The Chairman pointed out that the draft resolution before the Committee had been prepared in accordance with the Committee's own decisions. The words "(prepared by the Secretariat)" should accordingly be deleted.

3.2 The Japanese delegate said that the number of pilot offices it was proposed to establish should be indicated in the instructions to the Administrative Council. He accordingly suggested that the words "one or two" should be inserted before the words "pilot offices".

3.3 The Chairman pointed out that a vote had been taken at the previous meeting merely on a question of principle, leaving the Administrative Council free, in the light of the financial implications, to take its own decision with regard to the number and location of pilot offices.

3.4 On a proposal by the Polish delegate, supported by the Chairman, it was agreed that it should be made clear both in the heading and in the body of the draft resolution that the regional offices referred to were those dealing with technical cooperation, and not regional offices in general.

3.5 The delegate of the Federal Republic of Germany observed that the instruction to the Administrative Council to report on the efficiency of the pilot offices did not follow logically upon the first part of the paragraph, which instructed the Administrative Council merely to consider their establishment. He accordingly proposed that the second part of the paragraph should be redrafted to read :

"... and to report to the next Plenipotentiary Conference on the advisability of putting the scheme into effect on a full scale and eventually on the efficiency of the pilot offices."

3.6 The Chairman, supported by the Italian delegate, suggested that the paragraph should end with the words "and to report to the next Plenipotentiary Conference".

3.7 The Mexican delegate, supported by the delegates of Algeria, Chile, Iraq and Nigeria agreed that there was some inconsistency in the paragraph. The first part should refer specifically to the establishment of one or two pilot offices. He suggested that it should be redrafted to read :

"to consider the Secretary-General's report and, with the minimum expenditure, to set up pilot offices designed to ....".

3.8 The delegate of the Federal Republic of Germany said that, in view of the possible financial implications, he would prefer to see the paragraph drafted in a less mandatory way.

3.9 The French delegate, also agreeing that the paragraph was somewhat illogical, shared the Japanese delegate's view that the number of pilot offices should be stipulated. He suggested that the words "setting up pilot offices" should be replaced by the words "setting up a pilot office" and that the paragraph should end at the words "and to report to the next Plenipotentiary Conference".

3.10 The delegate of the U.S.S.R. supported that proposal.

3.11 The delegate of Paraguay, supporting the Mexican delegate's proposal, said that the French proposal had not removed the inconsistencies of the paragraph.

3.12 The Venezuelan delegate, also supporting the Mexican proposal, said that it was necessary for the pilot offices to be put into operation before any cost/benefit analysis could be made. A single pilot office would be insufficient for the purpose since its results might not be universally applicable. The Administrative Council should be free to establish one or two such offices in the regions it considered most appropriate.

3.13 The delegate of Congo said that if the Administrative Council was merely asked to consider and report, the likely result would be that time would be wasted in repeating statements already made. He therefore supported the Mexican proposal.

3.14 The delegate of Malawi recalled that it had earlier been agreed by secret ballot that it would be pointless to suggest that the offices should be established without considering the financial implications. He suggested as a

compromise that a single pilot office should be established. If delegates were in any doubt about what had been stated earlier concerning the financial implications it might be useful to defer further discussion until the summary record of the eighth meeting was available.

3.15 The United Kingdom delegate recalled that the earlier meeting had been fairly evenly divided on the question of establishing regional offices. The point had been made that, in addition to the considerable financial problem, there were organizational problems which called for further study. In his view the draft resolution now before the Committee, with the French amendment, which he supported, went as far as it was possible to do at the present stage, and a step further than the corresponding resolution adopted by the Montreux Conference.

3.16 The Lebanese delegate said that a single pilot office would be insufficient to give significant results applicable to other regions. The last part of the paragraph, which explained the use it was intended to make of the experience obtained from the pilot offices, should be retained. He supported the Mexican proposal.

3.17 The delegate of Ethiopia said that the Administrative Council's report on the matter had been somewhat inconclusive and some additional cost/benefit analysis was required. The only two real proposals made in the draft resolution concerned the principle of establishing pilot offices, and the continuation of studies, between the present and the next Plenipotentiary Conference. To decide to make further studies would be merely to repeat what had been decided in Resolution No. 40 of the Montreux Conference, which had not given satisfaction. He accordingly supported the Mexican proposal.

3.18 The Japanese delegate said that provision for the establishment of one or two pilot offices would give the Administrative Council some latitude to proceed as it might find desirable.

3.19 The Algerian delegate pointed out that the mere insertion of the words "one or two" into the existing text would leave the provision inconclusive.

3.20 The United States delegate said that the Secretary-General's explanation to the Committee at its earlier meeting on the subject had made it clear that the Administrative Council had so far been unable to reach any conclusion on the matter. Committee 6 had adopted a principle in support of the possible benefits of establishing regional offices. The principle had not enjoyed overwhelming support and any decision to bind the Administrative Council to the establishment of a predetermined number of pilot offices might go beyond the intention reflected in the voting on that occasion. He therefore strongly supported the French delegate's proposal.

3.21 The Australian delegate said that no proper study on the efficiency of regional offices had been made. There had merely been a mass of material having nothing to do with cost/benefit analysis. It was essential to have such an analysis before launching into the establishment of regional offices. Such establishment would prove extremely costly and could be undertaken only at the expense of technical assistance in such forms as the services of technicians or experts. He accordingly supported the French delegate's proposal.

3.22 The U.S.S.R. delegate suggested that the Mexican delegate might consider accepting the French delegate's proposal, with the words "a pilot office" replaced by the words "one or two pilot offices".

3.23 The Mexican delegate said that he was unable to accept that proposal, which failed to provide for the functioning of the pilot offices before the next Plenipotentiary Conference.

3.24 The French delegate said that, although it had been accepted in principle that regional offices could do effective work, such acceptance was a matter of faith and no Conference decision could be based on faith alone. The cost element had to be borne in mind. His delegation was in favour of the establishment of a pilot office, or would even agree to the idea of one or two such offices, but they could only be established after a detailed financial study had been made. The Committee should consider what the implications would be if technical cooperation funds at present being used for other purposes in the developing countries had to be sacrificed.

3.25 On the basis of certain small studies it appeared that the regional offices would cost some \$ 300,000 annually. If the Administrative Council considered that \$ 600,000 of the



Union's budget could be made available for the purpose it might set up two pilot offices on the basis of whose work the next Plenipotentiary Conference could decide whether or not to establish regional offices on a wider scale.

3.26 The delegate of Upper Volta fully supported the amendment proposed by the delegate of Mexico.

3.27 The delegate of Japan considered that two separate votes should be taken on the paragraph under discussion, one on the question of whether the phrase "to explore the possibilities of setting up" should be deleted, and the other on the question of whether the number of pilot offices should be specified. In the view of his delegation, the number of such offices should be limited to two at the most.

3.28 Replying to a question by the Chairman, the delegate of Mexico said that he could not agree to insertion of the words "one or two" before "pilot offices" in the text he had proposed.

3.29 The delegate of Peru supported the Mexican amendment.

3.30 The Mexican amendment was approved by 43 votes to 35, with 2 abstentions.

3.31 The delegate of Venezuela, supported by the delegate of Mexico, proposed that the phrase "advantage for the Union" in the first preambular paragraph should be replaced by "importance for the Members of the Union".

3.32 That proposal was rejected by 30 votes to 34, with 12 abstentions.

3.33 The Chairman drew attention to the proposal by the delegate of the Netherlands that the word "probable" should be inserted before "advantage" in the first preambular paragraph.

3.34 That proposal was adopted.

3.35 The draft resolution, as amended, was approved.

3.36 The delegate of the United Kingdom said that his delegation reserved its position on the action proposed in the draft resolution just approved by the Committee, because it was impossible at the present stage to know what the financial implications would be.

3.37 The delegate of the U.S.S.R., explaining his vote, said that the Committee's decision was overhasty and premature. The statements made by the Secretary-General had convinced his delegation that the question needed further study. At the present stage, there was no certainty that the level or efficiency of the Union's activities would be improved by the establishment of regional offices. While he understood the reasons for which the developing countries had voted in favour of the draft resolution and while he considered it probable that such offices could perform useful work, many questions still remained unanswered. As a member of the Administrative Council, the U.S.S.R. would continue to study the draft resolution assiduously; however, if it reached the conclusion that the offices in question would not be useful or expedient, it would be obliged to oppose their establishment.

3.38 The delegate of the Federal Republic of Germany said that his country had a special budget for telecommunications. Assistance for technical cooperation could not be financed through that budget, but was provided for in the regular national budget and channelled mainly through U.N.D.P. His delegation therefore reserved the right to study the implications of the draft resolution just approved by the Committee.

3.39 The delegate of the United States of America noted that the opposing views of his Government had been set forth during the course of the debate on the draft resolution concerning regional offices for technical cooperation. For that reason, it was not necessary to revert to those views. However, given the circumstances, the United States must reserve its position on the draft resolution as adopted in Committee 6 and must maintain its freedom of action in its implementation. This reservation was necessary especially in view of the desirability of retaining complete flexibility for the Administrative Council in its consideration of how to deal with the principle favouring establishment of regional offices without violating the soundly based general policy of reliance upon the U.N.D.P. as the sole source of technical assistance funds.

3.40 The delegate of Australia also reserved his delegation's position with regard to the draft resolution, which had not been developed on a sound basis and which would need to be given very careful consideration by the Administrative Council.

3.41 The delegate of Belgium associated himself with the remarks made by the delegate of the Federal Republic of Germany, and expressed reservations concerning the draft resolution.

3.42 The delegate of Poland said that his delegation had opposed the draft resolution because it was not convinced that regional offices for technical cooperation would be the best instrument for achieving the desired goals or that they would benefit the developing countries. He stressed that the question needed further study.

3.43 The delegates of New Zealand, France and Italy also reserved their delegations' position on the draft resolution.

3.44 The delegate of Ireland said that the Committee was not empowered to take a final decision on any question; as the draft resolution would be submitted to the Plenary Meeting for consideration, it was not necessary for him to reserve his position at the present time.

4. Application of telecommunication science and technology in the interest of the developing countries (Documents Nos. DT/60 and 200)

4.1 The Chairman invited comments on the draft resolution contained in Document No. DT/60.

4.2 The delegate of France proposed that the word "technology" in the title should be replaced by "techniques".

4.3 It was so agreed.

4.4 The delegate of Lebanon considered that Committee 9 should be requested to alter the wording of the first preambular paragraph so as to make it quite clear that the Economic and Social Council referred to was the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

4.5 The Chairman said that the previous speaker's remarks would be brought to the attention of Committee 9.

4.6 The delegate of Malawi introduced Document No. 200 and its annex, which contained a paragraph proposed for inclusion in the draft resolution under discussion.

4.7 The delegate of Nepal associated himself with the views expressed in Document No. 200 and supported the proposal by Malawi that the text appearing in the annex should be incorporated in the draft resolution.

4.8 The delegate of Tanzania made the following statement :

"Thank you Mr. Chairman,

The idea of introducing small antenna earth stations has some merit although we do not believe that it would in the majority of cases provide the best alternative in meeting small countries' requirements for broadband facilities.

It is necessary for each country to study its own needs as well as available alternatives and adopt such system as may be most suitable and economical.

A number of countries in Africa already have earth stations and new ones are planned. With the completion of the Pan African Telecommunications Project, some of those countries which do not have earth stations will be able to obtain transit facilities via conventional earth stations in neighbouring countries. This will obviate the need for small antenna stations. A case in point is Malawi which could use Zambia or East Africa.

In discussing this matter it is important to bear in mind the need for a regional approach. This is particularly so for the developing countries as it would ensure pooling of resources.

In so far as Uganda and Tanzania are concerned, we have already stated at this conference that telecommunications services for the three partner states (including Kenya) are operated jointly and East Africa already owns an earth station. It is not our intention therefore to participate in a scheme such as the one being advocated and I would request that Uganda and Tanzania be deleted from the text and the first paragraph be suitably amended.

Thank you Mr. Chairman".

4.9        The Chairman asked whether there was any objection to the insertion of the text appearing in the annex to Document No. 200 between the second preambular and the first operative paragraph of the draft resolution contained in Document No. DT/60.

4.10        There was no objection.

4.11        The draft resolution, as amended, was approved.

The meeting rose at 1250 hrs.

The Secretary :  
H. RUUD

The Chairman :  
M. BENABDELLAH

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Paragraph 3.6, last sub-paragraph, page 10 :

The sixth line should read :

"delegations here present to support the draft resolution  
proposed by"

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SUMMARY RECORD  
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(TECHNICAL COOPERATION)

Tuesday, 16 October 1973, at 0940 hrs

Chairman : Mr. M. BENABDELLAH (Morocco)

Vice-Chairman : Mr. L. DVOŘÁČEK (Czechoslovakia)

Subjects discussed

Document No.

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participation of new or developing  
countries in C.C.I. Study Group  
meetings

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2. Seminars

DT/45 (Rev.)

3. Additional resources for technical  
cooperation activities

7, 82 89 and 103 (Rev.)

1. Measures to facilitate participation of new or developing countries in C.C.I. Study Group meetings (Document No. 199)

1.1 The delegate of Mexico introduced his delegation's draft proposal (Document No. 199).

1.2 The Director of the C.C.I.T.T. shared the view expressed in the Mexican proposal that participation in C.C.I. Study Group meetings should be encouraged by every possible means. It was with that end in view that the Vth Plenary Assembly of the C.C.I.T.T. had recommended that such meetings should be grouped, and the calendar of meetings for 1974 had, as far as possible, been drawn up in conformity with that recommendation. Invitations to hold meetings outside Geneva were welcomed by the Director of the C.C.I.T.T. but could only be accepted if certain financial requirements were met. The problem was essentially a financial one, and a compromise solution must be found taking account of both the need to find the required credits and the need to involve the greatest possible number of Members in Study Group meetings.

1.3 The Director of the C.C.I.R. said he had little to add to what had been said by the Director of the C.C.I.T.T., since the methods of work of the two C.C.I.s were very similar. The C.C.I.R. Study Group meetings were also grouped together as far as possible. Two groups of meetings had been held outside Geneva since the last Plenipotentiary Conference; however, the financial considerations involved often made it difficult for countries to issue invitations for such meetings. The idea of dispersing the work of the Study Groups throughout the world was an excellent one, if the related financial problems could be overcome.

1.4 The delegate of the United States of America said that he was not in a position at the present stage either to support or oppose the Mexican proposal. He remarked that wherever a meeting was organized it would always be difficult for some countries to participate. Referring to paragraph 3 of Document No. 199, he said that in his country there was little or no relationship between the operating agencies that participated in such meetings and the entities engaged in the design and sale of equipment.



1.5 Turning to the draft Resolution contained in the annex to the document, he considered that the words "host government" in the last two operative paragraphs should be replaced by a term such as "host administration" or "host", since invitations were sometimes issued by recognized private operating agencies.

1.6 The delegate of the U.S.S.R. said that he could not commit himself to the Mexican proposal at the present stage, since its financial implications were not known. In his view, the proposal should be referred either to Committee 4 or directly to the Plenary Meeting for consideration.

1.7 The delegate of Indonesia supported the Mexican proposal.

1.8 The Chairman said that the Mexican proposal appeared to differ from the provisions of Montreux Resolution No. 19 only in that it stipulated that the host government should defray all additional expenditure involved in world conferences and Plenary Assemblies held outside Geneva. The Mexican proposal was more economical financially than Resolution No. 19. Consequently, he saw no reason why the Committee should not accept the Mexican proposal and then refer it to Committee 4 for consideration of its financial implications.

1.9 The delegate of Australia said that he would not oppose the Mexican proposal, although he would prefer the reference to regional meetings contained in Resolution No. 19 to be retained. However, he considered that Committee 4 should be consulted about the financial implications before the Committee took its decision.

1.10 The delegate of Kenya said that he could not support the Mexican proposal since the aim of the Plenipotentiary Conference should be to encourage the holding of more meetings away from Headquarters, and adoption of the proposal would impose a heavier financial burden on countries wishing to host world conferences.

1.11 The delegate of Mexico said that paragraph 1 of the "Resolves" section of the draft Resolution annexed to Document No. 199 merely spelt out in writing the practice which was actually followed in respect of world conferences such as the present Conference. He agreed with the Chairman's remarks, and also said that he would have no objection to referring the proposal either to Committee 4 or directly to the Plenary Meeting. Turning to the remarks by the United States delegate, he agreed that difficulties would always arise for some countries whatever venue was chosen for a meeting; however, it was not equitable that the same countries should always suffer, as was the case at present.

1.12 The delegate of Malawi agreed with the delegates of the U.S.S.R. and Australia that the proposal involved unknown costs. When all the necessary data had been made available, his delegation would support the most economical method of holding conferences and meetings.

1.13 The Chairman said that there seemed to be agreement that the Mexican proposal did not differ significantly from the existing provisions. He suggested that the Committee should express a favourable opinion on the proposal and refer it to Committee 4, requesting the latter to consider it in a sympathetic light.

1.14 It was so decided.

## 2. Seminars (Document No. DT/45 (Rev.))

2.1 The delegate of France, speaking as Chairman of the Special Working Party set up by the Committee on 11 October 1973, introduced the draft Resolution contained in Document No. DT/45 (Rev.). The Special Working Party had attempted to reach a compromise between the draft contained in Document No. DT/45, Montreux Resolution No. 34 and the views expressed during the Committee's discussion.

2.2 He said that the square brackets in paragraph a) of the first preambular part of the draft Resolution should be deleted.

2.3 The delegate of Lesotho, referring to the paragraph headed "urges administrations", said that his delegation preferred the wording used in the corresponding part of the previous draft (Document No. DT/45).

2.4 The delegate of Iraq shared that view.

2.5 After an exchange of views in which the delegates of France, Lesotho and the United Kingdom participated, the delegate of Lesotho said that Committee 9 should adjust the wording of the phrase concerning the provision of qualified lecturers and discussion leaders in the paragraph headed "thanks administrations" in order to take account of the future as well as referring to the past.

2.6 The Chairman said that the remarks of the delegate of Lesotho would be brought to the attention of Committee 9.

2.7 The delegate of the U.S.S.R. proposed that the word "himself" should be deleted from paragraph 3.

2.8 It was so agreed.

2.9 The delegate of the United Kingdom, referring to the English version of paragraph 6, proposed that the square brackets should be deleted and that the word "by" at the end of the penultimate line should be replaced by "at".

2.10 It was so agreed.

2.11 The delegate of the Federal Republic of Germany, referring to the last paragraph, remarked that seminars could be financed through the regular budget of the Union, through U.N.D.P., or from other sources. In his view, the wording of that paragraph might usefully be amended to refer more specifically to all the possible sources of financing.

2.12 Following a discussion in which the delegates of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Congo and France participated, the delegate of the United Kingdom suggested the insertion of the word "appropriate" before "credits" in the last paragraph.

2.13 It was so agreed.

2.14 The draft Resolution, as amended, was approved.

3. Additional resources for technical cooperation activities  
(Documents Nos. 7, 82, 89 and 103 (Rev.))

3.1 The Secretary, introducing Document No. 82, said that UNESCO considered that I.T.U.'s participation in its investigation missions had, in the past, been hampered by a lack of sufficient financial flexibility in I.T.U., which, it felt, could participate more effectively in interdisciplinary teams if funds were made available for the purpose in the Union budget.

3.2 The delegate of Nepal, introducing Document No. 89, said that the intention was to finance the proposed emergency fund for technical cooperation from voluntary contributions. The fund, which would be administered by the Secretary-General in accordance with approved regulations, was not a novel idea, other international organizations already having established voluntary funds to give speedy assistance which might not be available through U.N.D.P. Developing countries frequently required emergency assistance to provide expert advice in completing urgent projects, for which I.T.U. had no present resources.

3.3 The delegate of the Sultanate of Oman, introducing Document No. 103 (Rev.), said that his delegation was convinced that the activities of the Technical Cooperation Department were among the most important of the Union's activities. The provision of the necessary funds through U.N.D.P. was not speedy enough to meet emergency assistance requirements. The idea of his delegation's proposal was to enable technical cooperation to play its important role by allocating a greater share of the Union's regular budget to the Technical Cooperation Department so that urgent assistance requirements could be met without having to await the outcome of the long procedures necessary for obtaining U.N.D.P. funds. A combination of voluntary contributions, U.N.D.P. funds and a reasonable part of the resources from the regular budget would make possible an expansion and improvement of the Union's technical cooperation activities. His delegation hoped that the Conference would adopt its proposal, or one in similar terms.

3.4        The Secretary-General said that long-drawn-out procedures were necessary for obtaining U.N.D.P. funds : the project had first to be approved by the country concerned, then accorded a certain priority and finally referred to I.T.U. for execution. Any immediately available funds were usually allocated by countries to other sectors, leaving few, if any, funds available for urgent telecommunications projects. Emergency assistance was frequently requested to provide additional fellowships or mission staff. Regular I.T.U. staff or C.C.I.T.T. or I.F.R.B. experts were sometimes seconded for short missions but the requirements of their regular work did not permit such secondment for more than a few days. The urgent services of experts were also requested in some cases to advise on tenders received for the execution of projects or to make administrative or financial studies.

3.5        There were no funds in the regular budget to meet such urgent activities not financed by U.N.D.P. and any increase would, of course, entail an increased level of contribution. The alternative would be to establish a special emergency fund in I.T.U. financed from voluntary contributions, either in cash or in kind, which would be preferable to direct bilateral assistance.

3.6        The delegate of Tanzania made the following statement :

"Mr. Chairman,

The Tanzanian Delegation would like to record our deep appreciation of the Technical Assistance given to the East African Community by the U.N.D.P. through the I.T.U. Technical Cooperation Programme.

We should also like to thank very sincerely those individual member countries of the I.T.U. which have so generously given us aid in one form or another, through bilateral arrangements. Our thanks are also due to the World Bank for having made available to us the bulk of our development finance in the form of loans. This loan finance together with the various forms of technical assistance have greatly contributed to the rapid expansion, improvement and modernization of our national networks as well as our international links. Training of staff at all levels has also benefitted from such assistance.

Mr. Chairman, despite those encouraging developments much more remains to be done in trying to satisfy the ever growing demand for telephone services in the urban areas and also in extending telecommunication services to the rural areas where about 95% of our people live.

Needless to say, Mr. Chairman, such great expansion of the telephone network inevitably calls for a corresponding growth in the number of technically qualified personnel not only to connect more subscribers but also to maintain plant and equipment in an efficient manner in order to provide and maintain an acceptable quality of service.

I am pleased to say, Mr. Chairman, that our current seven year development programme which began this year caters just for all these requirements.

In the field of training, plans have reached an advanced stage for the expansion and upgrading of our three national training schools. The Central Training School is to be upgraded to a multinational training institution to cater for the higher training requirements not only of the Community but also other neighbouring English-speaking countries.

Mr. Chairman, this venture would not have been possible but for the assistance given by the U.N.D.P. through the I.T.U. and the U.P.U. At this juncture I would like to express our gratitude to the Secretary-General of the I.T.U. for having so kindly agreed to release the former head of the African Section of his Technical Assistance Department - Mr. Alan Brooks - a well-known personality in I.T.U. circles - in order to take up the post of Project Manager in East Africa.

We have a great admiration and respect for Mr. Brooks who has already submitted his final draft report on the project for consideration and approval by the competent authorities before the project is implemented, and we hope soon.

In the international sphere pre-investment surveys of the Eastern Africa sector of the Pan African Telecommunication Network have been completed and as you are no doubt aware, Mr. Chairman, a meeting on the implementation of the project was held in Addis Ababa during October/November 1972. Certain decisions were taken and resolutions passed for the speedy implementation of the project. So far as the East African Community is concerned, finance for two phases of our section of the route has been obtained and their implementation will be effected during our current plan period.

Efforts will continue to be made to obtain additional finance so that the remaining sections of the route can also be implemented within the current plan period.

Mr. Chairman, I have made these few remarks in order to illustrate two major projects currently being carried out in our administration financed through the I.T.U. Technical Cooperation Programme and also to stress the importance we in the East African Community attach to technical cooperation for the development of our telecommunications including staff training.

But we believe that Technical Assistance must be geared to the training of nationals of the recipient countries so that, ultimately, they can run their telecommunications themselves without depending on expatriates. The aim of technical assistance should be to make developing countries self-sufficient in skilled manpower and aid should be given in a spirit of fostering equality and creating harmony among nations. The noble objectives of Technical Cooperation and the purposes of the I.T.U. would not have been fully achieved if developing countries were to depend indefinitely on foreign expertise. We have an obligation, therefore, all of us, particularly the more developed countries, as members of the I.T.U. and the World Community to use every reasonable means at our disposal in order to facilitate the speedy attainment of these objectives and purposes.

Turning now to the substance of the issue under discussion, namely, Additional Resources for Technical Cooperation Activities, there is no doubt that, if Technical Cooperation is to continue playing its useful role and in a much greater scope, additional resources for the expansion of its activities must be found. Experience has shown that we cannot get too far by depending solely on funds made available by the U.N.D.P. since governments generally are known to be placing higher priorities on projects other than telecommunications.

It is the view of my delegation therefore that the I.T.U. should establish its own special fund through voluntary contributions by its members in order to finance its technical assistance programme, in addition of course to the finances provided by the U.N.D.P.

For this reason, my delegation would support the draft Resolution by Nepal and Sri Lanka contained in Document No. 89.

The U.P.U. have been able to create a Voluntary Fund and we see no reason why we in the I.T.U. could not do so. It is in the spirit of international cooperation and understanding and also in the interest of efficient world-wide telecommunications that my delegation appeals to all other delegations here present to support the resolutions prepared by Nepal and Sri Lanka seeking the creation of a Special Fund through voluntary contributions.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

3.7 The Mexican delegate said that, in his view, none of the three possibilities mentioned was capable on its own of solving the problem. There were many calls on the increasingly limited resources of U.N.D.P. Although I.T.U. offered some technical assistance of its own, it had no separate technical assistance programme and more provision in the regular budget would mean a higher scale of contributions. The idea of using voluntary funds was a good one provided such funds could be properly channeled. It might be useful to establish a working group with a view to drawing up a further draft resolution combining the proposals in Documents Nos. 82, 89 and 103, taking into consideration the requirements of the developing countries in all fields and the need for rational use of funds.

3.8 The delegate of Morocco supported the proposal for establishing a special fund financed from voluntary contributions similar to the one established in U.P.U. A resolution on the lines of that in Document No. 89 would serve the Union's interests in the technical cooperation field.

3.9 The delegate of the Netherlands said that his country, which was giving development assistance through United Nations channels as well as certain bilateral assistance, would have some difficulty with the idea of a special fund. The P.T.T. Administration, which was responsible for paying the contribution to the I.T.U. regular budget, was intended to operate on a non-profit basis and therefore had no funds available for other assistance. It would be necessary for his delegation to discuss the matter on its return to the Netherlands.



3.10 The delegate of Lesotho, associating his delegation with the appreciation expressed by the Tanzanian delegate to I.T.U. and U.N.D.P., also thanked the Governments of Sweden and the United Kingdom for their assistance in the development of telecommunications. As a relatively newly-independent country, Lesotho required additional resources, particularly in the form of training, short-term missions, experts and training equipment. Resources additional to those provided by U.N.D.P. were essential and his delegation accordingly supported the proposal for the establishment of a special fund as well as that for the allocation of part of the regular budget to technical cooperation activities.

He proposed that a further draft resolution should be drawn up to provide for special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries.

3.11 The Chairman said that the Committee should confine its present discussion to the item under consideration. A draft resolution on the subject just mentioned could, if so desired, be submitted at a later stage.

3.12 The delegate of the Federal Republic of Germany said that, to make their utilization as effective as possible and to avoid the establishment of new administrative services, the financial resources made available by the United Nations and the specialized agencies for technical cooperation should be concentrated in U.N.D.P. His country's contribution to U.N.D.P. during the current year had reached \$20 million. It was the responsibility of recipient countries to decide on a balanced share of telecommunication projects in their U.N.D.P. development plans.

3.13 In recognition of the fact that unforeseen situations might call for urgent assistance, however, his Government would be prepared to make available financial resources for financing particularly deserving projects such as an urgent need for the services of experts or for a contribution to the Pan African telecommunication project. It had been participating in similar funding for some time in cooperation with other specialized agencies such as UNESCO and the I.L.O. and would be prepared to sign a general agreement with I.T.U. on the lines of the proposal of Nepal and Sri Lanka (Document No. 89).

The meeting rose at 1245 hours.

The Secretary :

H. RUUD

The Chairman :

M. BENABDELLAH

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Amend paragraph 1.4 as follows :

- 1) Line 3 onwards should read :

"... under a single budget administered by a separate Government department. It was United Kingdom policy to channel multilateral aid through U.N.D.P. so that the governments of the recipient countries could themselves decide the sectors of the economy ...."

- 2) Line 10, replace "up to" by "necessary for".
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OF THE  
14th MEETING OF COMMITTEE 6  
(TECHNICAL COOPERATION)

Tuesday, 16 October 1973, at 1530 hrs

Chairman : Mr. M. BENABDELLAH (Morocco)

Vice-Chairman : Mr. L. DVORACEK (Czechoslovakia)

Subject discussed :

Additional resources for technical  
cooperation activities

Document No.

7, 89, 103 (Rev.)



Additional resources for technical cooperation activities  
(Documents Nos. 7, 89, 103(Rev.))

1.1 The Chairman reminded the Committee that, at its previous meeting, it had started to discuss the possible establishment of a special fund for technical assistance requirements.

1.2 The delegate of the Hungarian People's Republic said that his country contributed to U.N.D.P., which drew up its assistance programmes in accordance with the requirements and wishes of the countries concerned. Hungary therefore considered it preferable to use for technical assistance purposes only the funds made available by the United Nations which U.N.D.P. undertook to distribute in the best possible way.

1.3 The delegate of Lebanon was in favour of the establishment of a special fund and of the suggestion made by the delegate of Mexico at the previous meeting concerning the combination of the proposals submitted by Nepal and Sri Lanka (Document No. 89) and by the Sultanate of Oman (Document No. 103(Rev.)), which would make available a fund financed by both voluntary contributions and part of the I.T.U. budget. Members possessed of sufficient resources could make an effort to assist the developing countries, whose telecommunication facilities needed both expansion and improvement. The fund could be financed by various means, for example :

- a) 2% increase in the contributory shares of the Members of the Union;
- b) special contribution amounting to 1% of the multilateral aid provided by U.N.D.P.;
- c) voluntary contributions from countries and other organizations or firms which might be interested;
- d) possible savings made by the I.T.U. under various heads;
- e) any other contributions to the fund.

The countries could also be left free to allocate funds to a particular region. Moreover, it would be desirable to publish, for the benefit of the Member countries, an annual statement on the working of the fund, its management, the contributions of the donor countries and the allocations to recipient countries. It would be extremely useful to have a number of sources of finance in addition to the funds allocated by U.N.D.P.

1.4 The delegate of the United Kingdom emphasized that the funds supplied by the British Government for technical assistance came under a single budget administered by a Government department, and that they were subsequently allocated by U.N.D.P. to the recipient countries, which themselves decided the sectors of the economy to which priority should be given. The United Kingdom could not undertake to share in an additional fund financed from voluntary contributions, whose administration was bound to entail additional costs. In any case, if such a fund were to be established, it would be up to the Administrative Council to consider all its implications and to draw up the appropriate administrative regulations to ensure that the countries in most need of assistance derived the greatest advantage from it.

1.5 The delegate of Japan supported the views expressed by the delegates of Hungary and the United Kingdom. The financing of technical cooperation activities should be considered within the framework of the multilateral assistance provided by U.N.D.P. He quoted the Jackson Report, which had criticized the independent policy followed by various specialized agencies, and said that a special fund would clash with the U.N.D.P. system.

1.6 The Secretary-General explained that it was precisely the Jackson Report which U.N.D.P. had taken as a basis for its new technical cooperation policy. Any dispersion of the effort to provide the developing countries with the assistance which they needed was to be prevented. The proposal by the delegate of Lebanon concerning the various sources of finance would appear to conflict with the general directives adopted by U.N.D.P. and laid down by the countries concerned themselves. However, it might still be possible, while observing those directives, to make available to the Union an additional fund, managed by the Secretary-General under the supervision of the Administrative Council, designed to meet emergency requirements of a limited nature, such as the granting of fellowships, the provision of short-term experts' services, etc.

- 1.7 In the course of a long discussion on the possibility of establishing a special or emergency fund financed either from voluntary contributions of the Member countries, or by part of the I.T.U. budget, or even by a combination of both, the delegates of Iraq, Somalia, Algeria, Kuwait, Iran, Nigeria, Mauritius, Ethiopia and Upper Volta argued that such an additional source of financing could not fail to be beneficial and supported the suggestion made by the delegates of Mexico and Lebanon.
- 1.8 The delegate of the Ivory Coast endorsed the views expressed by the Sultanate of Oman in Document No. 103(Rev.).
- 1.9 The delegates of Australia, Canada and the Federal Republic of Germany supported the proposal made by the Hungarian People's Republic in Document No. 7.
- 1.10 In reply to a request from the delegate of France, who said that he shared the views of the delegates of Australia and the United Kingdom and that, while accepting the validity of the Secretary-General's explanation concerning cases in which assistance had to be provided on an emergency basis, he would like to have further details on the operation and mode of use of the emergency fund envisaged, the Secretary-General explained that it would not be possible for him to produce a detailed document on the subject within the next few days. The management of the fund would, however, be decided by the Administrative Council on the basis of the document submitted to it by the Secretary-General. He thought that such a fund should be completely independent of and dissociated from the Union's regular budget.
- 1.11 The delegate of the United States of America endorsed the views expressed by the delegates of the United Kingdom and Japan and said that it was the business of U.N.D.P. to distribute funds contributed for technical assistance purposes. For that reason, the United States Government opposed the establishment of additional technical assistance funds outside the U.N.D.P. and accordingly could not support the establishment of a new voluntary fund in the I.T.U. If such a fund were to be created, the United States would not be able to contribute to it. Furthermore, the allocation of part of the I.T.U. budget for technical cooperation activities would raise very serious problems for his country's administration.

1.12 The delegate of Sri Lanka said that the funds provided to I.T.U. by U.N.D.P. were inadequate to meet all the existing technical cooperation requirements and that it would be extremely useful for the Union to have special resources to draw upon in emergency situations. It was essential to promote the development of telecommunication networks as a whole and to improve the infrastructure and the economic situation of the countries concerned. The important point was that the new fund would make it possible to take immediate action on certain urgent requests received from developing countries and to improve telecommunication facilities, to which the governments in question did not always attach the importance they deserved.

1.13 The delegate of the U.S.S.R. stated that his country already supplied bilateral and multilateral aid and attached the greatest importance to technical assistance projects aimed at securing the political and economic independence which the countries concerned had a right to expect. The U.S.S.R. had even proposed to the United Nations General Assembly an agreement designed to cut down the military budgets of the Members of the Security Council and channel the funds thus obtained to technical assistance programmes. It had constantly drawn attention to the need to keep the administrative costs of such programmes as low as possible. He fully endorsed the views expressed by the delegate of Hungary and said that it was essential for all technical assistance resources to be centralized in a single organization, namely U.N.D.P.

1.14 The delegate of Botswana made the following statement :

"Mr. Chairman,

Our delegation has listened carefully to the discussions on the subject of increasing the flexibility of funds available to the Union, whether in the form of a special account or an emergency fund. Although we may be sympathetic to the proposal that a voluntary contributory fund be established for emergency cases, we must express our concern at any suggestion to the effect that ever-increasing contributory units are a panacea.

Botswana is a new, developing country and many demands are made upon its national financial resources. It also has to contend with unforeseen physical factors such as drought, which has been particularly severe this year.

We must reiterate our reservation concerning any suggestion for a further increase in the contributory unit, since that might prove to be a very serious matter for us."

1.15 The delegate of Argentina expressed his full support with the views expressed by the delegate of Sri Lanka and announced that 27 delegations would be submitting to the Plenary Meeting a document relating to the contributory unit and the establishment of a special technical cooperation fund.

1.16 The delegate of Ireland endorsed the views expressed by the delegates of Japan and Hungary, as well as by the Secretary-General, who had pointed to the need to continue to comply with the U.N.D.P.'s technical cooperation policy, under which the countries concerned were allowed to select the priorities within their own economies. Further, he was opposed to drawing on the Union budget for sums to be allocated to a special technical cooperation fund.

1.17 The delegate of Rwanda made the following statement :

"The delegation of the Republic of Rwanda craves your indulgence for speaking at this juncture to state that it is among the poorest countries in the world. Rwanda is still lacking too much to be counted among those countries which are not suffering underdevelopment at the present time. The handicap of underdevelopment places Rwanda in a situation such that it wishes that the more prosperous countries would make a benevolent gesture to benefit the poor countries by setting up a special voluntary fund aimed at activating technical cooperation in emergency cases. However, since all the delegates of the most developed countries are opposed to such a voluntary measure for well-known reasons, the Rwanda delegation wonders how this special account, designed to assist the poorest countries in emergency situations, might be financed. Would it be financed by countries receiving assistance



or would we ultimately be writing into the Convention merely resolutions having no practical application in reality? In view of the attitude of the countries which would be in a position to finance such a fund, the Rwanda delegation cannot support a draft resolution which would not be put into effect".

1.18 Summing up the debate, the Chairman said that the opinions of the Members of the Committee were divided between those who wished for the establishment of an emergency fund financed both by voluntary contributions and by part of the Union's regular budget, those who wished all technical assistance resources to be administered and distributed by U.N.D.P., those who favoured a compromise solution involving the establishment of an emergency fund financed from voluntary contributions alone, and, finally, those who were not opposed to such a fund as a matter of principle, but reserved the right to refrain from any participation.

1.19 After a further exchange of views between the Chairman and the delegates of Mali, Peru and the U.S.S.R., it was agreed that the Committee would revert to the subject at its following meeting with a view to reaching a decision on the establishment of an emergency fund for technical cooperation purposes.

The meeting rose at 1745 hours.

Secretary :

H. RUUD

Chairman :

M. BENABDELLAH

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COMMITTEE 7

SUMMARY RECORD  
OF THE  
SIXTEENTH MEETING OF COMMITTEE 7  
(STRUCTURE OF THE UNION)

Friday, 12 October 1973, at 0935 hrs

Chairman : Mr. Evan SAWKINS (Australia)

Vice-Chairman : Mr. L. KATONA KIS (Hungarian People's Republic)

Subjects discussed

Document No.

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| 1. Reports of drafting groups                              | DT/59, DT/61, DT/63  |
| 2. Chapter 1 - Plenipotentiary Conference, Nos. 202 to 206 | DT/48  |
| 3. Chapter 2 - Administrative Conferences, Nos. 207 to 227 | 9, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 37, 43, 70                                |
| 4. Chapter 3 - Administrative Council, Nos. 228 to 262     | 7, 8, 12, 15, 21, 24, 29, 37, 41, 43, 44, 47, 64, 70, 160, DT/62 |



1. Reports of drafting groups (Documents Nos. DT/59, DT/61 and DT/63)

1.1 The Chairman invited comments on the proposed revision of provisions relating to succession in case of vacancies in the office of the Secretary-General and/or Deputy Secretary-General submitted by the Working Group under the chairmanship of the United States of America (Document No. DT/59).

1.2 The delegate of the United States of America introduced Document No. DT/59.

1.3 Following a suggestion by the delegate of Australia, the delegate of the United States of America suggested that "the senior most among the directors of the International Consultative Committees" in paragraph 64b should be replaced by a phrase along the following lines : "the Director of the International Consultative Committees who has been in service longest".

1.4 The delegate of Saudi Arabia considered that the text proposed by the Working Group should be left unchanged except for the amendment suggested by the previous speaker.

1.5 The delegate of the Federal Republic of Germany remarked that adoption of the text proposed for No. 257 would entail modification of either No. 235 or No. 236.

1.6 The delegate of the United States of America agreed. If No. 257 was adopted as it stood in the document under discussion, a phrase such as "in order to appoint a successor to the Secretary-General and/or Deputy Secretary-General as provided for in No. 64" would have to be inserted at an appropriate place in No. 236.

1.7 The delegate of Peru expressed the view that three points should be made clear in provisions 64, 64a and 64b : first, that the Secretary-General's duties would automatically be carried out by the Deputy Secretary-General if the Secretary-General's post fell vacant; second, that those duties would automatically be carried out by one of the Directors of the International Consultative Committees if the posts of Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General fell vacant simultaneously; and third, that such an arrangement would be a purely temporary solution pending the appointment by the Plenipotentiary Conference or the Administrative Council of the permanent successor to the post or posts in question.

1.8 The delegate of Madagascar suggested a drafting change in paragraph 64b.

1.9 The delegate of Ireland suggested that the last sentence of paragraph 64 should be replaced by : "He shall be eligible for election to the post of Secretary-General in due course."

1.10 The delegate of Brazil considered that the sentence referred to by the previous speaker should be replaced by : "His right to re-election shall be maintained."

1.11 The Chairman suggested that the Chairman of the Working Group should consult the delegate of India, who had not been present during the discussion, as well as the delegates who had proposed amendments, with a view to issuing a new revised text that would be acceptable to all.

1.12 It was so agreed.

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1.13 The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to the draft resolution on the terms of reference of the International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee contained in Document No. DT/61.

1.14 The Director of the C.C.I.T.T. introduced the draft resolution.

1.15 The delegate of France said that his delegation had submitted a proposal (F/29/29) which differed somewhat from the text under discussion since it instructed both the C.C.I.R. and the C.C.I.T.T., through the Joint Study Group on Vocabulary, to draw up a definition of the term "telegraphy" for use by all organs of the Union.

1.16 The delegate of the German Democratic Republic supported the draft resolution under discussion, and said that the French proposal might be merged with it to form a single draft resolution.

1.17 The delegate of Australia agreed with the view that the matter should be dealt with by the Joint Study Group on Vocabulary.

1.18 The delegate of Italy said that the French delegation's very pertinent proposal could be taken into account by amending the beginning of the operative part of the draft resolution to read : "instructs the C.C.I.T.T. and the C.C.I.R.", and by inserting "in the Joint Study Group on Vocabulary" after "consider" in operative paragraph 1.

1.19 The delegate of Lebanon associated himself with the remarks made by the delegates of France and Italy.

1.20 The delegate of Israel supported the draft resolution as amended by the Italian delegate.

1.21 The delegate of the United States of America said that adoption of the Italian amendment, which he supported, would entail amendment of the title of the draft resolution and the reference to the VIth Plenary Assembly of the C.C.I.T.T. Consequently, he proposed that the Committee should approve the substance of the draft resolution as amended by the delegate of Italy, and request the Director of the C.C.I.T.T. to produce a revised text in collaboration with the Director of the C.C.I.R. and the French delegation.

1.22 It was so decided.

1.23 The delegate of France, Chairman of the Drafting Group, introduced the revised texts of Nos. 69, 70 and 71 (Document No. DT/63).

1.24 The delegate of China made the following statement :

"Mr. Chairman,

The Chinese Delegation will make a further study of the provisions concerning the recording of the positions assigned to geostationary satellites as contained in DT/63, and it reserves the right to make comments in future. It is requested that my statement be included in the minutes of this meeting.

Thank you."

1.25 The delegate of Algeria said that his delegation had withdrawn the amendment to No. 70 that it had proposed during the Committee's 14th meeting, in the interests of reaching agreement. Nevertheless, that amendment, which appeared in the relevant Summary Record, should be borne in mind.

- 1.26 The revised texts of Nos. 69, 70 and 71 were approved.
2. Chapter 1 - Plenipotentiary Conference, Nos. 202 to 206  
(Document No. DT/48)
- 2.1 The Chairman drew attention to Document No. DT/48, containing the revised text of Nos. 202 to 206 of the General Regulations.
- 2.2 Document No. DT/48 was approved.
3. Chapter 2 - Administrative Conferences, Nos. 207 to 227  
(Documents Nos. 9, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 37, 43, 70)
- 3.1 The delegate of Spain withdrew proposals E/12/25-29.
- 3.2 The Chairman drew attention to the proposals by the United Kingdom (G/9/4), Czechoslovakia (TCH/10/3) and Canada (CAN/24). He informed the Committee that proposal TCH/10/3 had been withdrawn.
- 3.3 The delegates of the United States of America and Australia supported the United Kingdom proposal.
- 3.4 The delegate of Canada withdrew his delegation's proposal in favour of the United Kingdom proposal.
- 3.5 The United Kingdom proposal (G/9/4) was approved.
- Nos. 211 to 219
- 3.6 The delegate of Spain withdrew proposal E/12/30.
- 3.7 The Chairman drew attention to the proposals by the U.S.S.R. to delete Nos. 212 and 217 (URS/15/13 and 14).
- 3.8 The delegates of Venezuela, Hungary and the Federal Republic of Germany supported the proposals.
- 3.9 The delegates of the Netherlands, France, the United Kingdom, Greece, Australia and Israel opposed the proposals.

3.10 The Chairman of the I.F.R.B., replying to a question by the delegate of Australia, said that the provisions contained in Nos. 212 and 217 enabled an administrative conference to recommend the convening of a further conference on a specific subject. However, such a recommendation did not have the force of a decision; it was submitted to the Administrative Council for consideration in accordance with the provisions of No. 215, and the conference could only be convened if supported by a majority of the Members of the Union.

3.11 The Deputy Secretary-General observed that the problem facing the Committee was perhaps essentially one of terminology. The wording used in No. 211 was rather specific, although in fact a world administrative conference could only be convened under the conditions laid down in Nos. 211 a), 213 or 214. The answer would perhaps be to take Nos. 212 and 217 out of the context of Nos. 216 to 218, and to draw up a general provision enabling a world administrative conference to make a recommendation for the holding of a further conference if it was deemed necessary to do so.

3.12 The Chairman said that a possible solution to the problem might consist in replacing the present wording of Nos. 212 and 217 by a phrase along the following lines : "following consideration of a recommendation by a previous world administrative conference, etc."

3.13 The delegate of France welcomed the Chairman's suggestion, which might also prove valid for Nos. 213, 214, 218 and 219.

3.14 The delegate of the U.S.S.R. said that the intention of his delegation's proposals was not to deprive administrative conferences of the right to make recommendations for further conferences, but merely to avoid creating the impression that such conferences had the same rights as the Administrative Council or the Plenipotentiary Conference. Consequently, he could accept a solution along the lines suggested by the Deputy Secretary-General.

3.15 Following a suggestion by the delegate of the United States of America, it was decided to set up a drafting group, composed of the U.S.S.R. as Chairman, France, Hungary, the Netherlands, the United States of America and Venezuela, to produce a text which took account of the various points raised during the discussion.

3.16 The Chairman drew attention to the Mexican proposal to add a new paragraph to No. 219 (MEX/70/18).

3.17 The delegate of Mexico said that the words "other regions or countries" in proposal MEX/70/18 should be replaced by "the telecommunication systems of other regions or Members".

3.18 The delegates of Australia, Venezuela, Saudi Arabia and China supported the Mexican proposal.

3.19 The delegate of the United States of America observed that the meaning of the words "likely to affect" was not clear. Neither did the proposal spell out what organ would decide whether a regional conference was likely to affect the telecommunication systems of other regions or Members.

3.20 The delegate of Australia agreed that the words "likely to affect" perhaps needed to be spelt out more specifically. That task might be entrusted to a small working group.

3.21 The delegates of the United Kingdom and the Federal Republic of Germany expressed concern at the proposal, adoption of which would make it almost impossible ever to convene a regional conference anywhere.

3.22 The delegate of Nigeria shared that view.

3.23 The delegate of France observed that the Mexican proposal concerned a question that was being considered at present by Committee 8. The Committee should therefore defer its decision until the outcome of Committee 8's discussions were known.

3.24 The Deputy Secretary-General, referring to the relevance of the question under discussion to Article 31, said that Article 31 provided for Members of the Union to make arrangements of a bilateral nature with each other outside the framework of I.T.U. conferences. However, for obvious reasons, such arrangements were subjected to a certain number of constraints in order to ensure that they did not interfere with the Union and its work. The work "systems" used in the Mexican proposal could have implication in transmission and signalling systems as distinct from "harmful interference".



3.25 The delegate of Mexico agreed that the decision on the proposal under discussion should be postponed until Committee 8 had completed its consideration of the question concerned. Such postponement would also give his delegation the opportunity to improve the wording of the proposal, in collaboration with any other delegations interested.

3.26 It was agreed to set up a drafting group, composed of Mexico as Chairman, Australia and France, to reconsider the Mexican proposal having due regard to the relevant conclusions reached by Committee 8.

3.27 The delegate of the United States of America observed that the drafting group just set up should take account of No. 52, which laid down stringent provisions for the agenda of regional administrative conferences.

3.28 The delegate of Nigeria drew the drafting group's attention to Resolutions 671 and 719 of the Administrative Council, in which reference was made to the desirability of interregional coordination.

No. 223

3.29 The delegate of Spain withdrew proposal E/43/65.

No. 227

3.30 The Chairman drew attention to the proposals by Canada (CAN/24), Israel (ISR/30/3), Kuwait (KUW/37/27) and Mexico (MEX/70/18).

3.31 The delegates of Israel and Kuwait withdrew their proposals in favour of the Canadian proposal.

3.32 The delegate of the United States of America supported the substance of the Canadian proposal, but considered that the wording of the last sentence should be made more specific.

3.33 The delegate of the United Kingdom suggested that a phrase such as "the result of which shall be decisive regardless of the number of votes cast" or "the result of which shall be based on the number of votes cast" should be inserted at the end of the last sentence of the Canadian proposal.

3.34 The Canadian proposal was approved, subject to redrafting of the last sentence along the lines suggested by the United Kingdom delegate.

3.35 The Chairman said that in the absence of any further comments he would assume that the Committee had completed consideration of Chapter 2 except for the final decision to be taken on the Mexican proposal concerning No. 219 (MEX/70/18).

4. Chapter 3 - Administrative Council, Nos. 228 to 262 (Documents Nos. 7,8,12,15,21,22,29,37,41,43,44,47,64,70,160, DT/62)

4.1. The delegate of Spain withdrew proposals E/12/31 and 32 and E/43/66 and 67.

No. 245

4.2 The Chairman invited comments on the proposal by Hungary (HNG/77/17).

4.3 The delegate of the United States of America said that his delegation did not oppose the general principle behind the Hungarian proposal but would prefer the words "consider and approve" to be replaced by a word such as "review".

4.4 The delegate of the Federal Republic of Germany supported the Hungarian proposal, which was very similar to a proposal submitted by his delegation. The amendment suggested by the previous speaker was also acceptable to him.

4.5 The delegate of Australia said that he failed to see the utility of the proposal. Furthermore, the Coordination Committee was sometimes called upon to discuss delicate questions, and the summary records of its meetings should not be subject to review by another body.

4.6 The delegate of New Zealand observed that the Secretary-General, as Chairman of the Coordination Committee, referred to the Administrative Council any matter that needed the latter's consideration. There was no need to go any further than that nor, indeed, would it be proper to do so.

4.7 The delegate of Saudi Arabia, supported by the delegate of Nigeria, said that it would not be desirable to add to the heavy workload of the Administrative Council.

4.8 The delegate of Brazil opposed the proposal.

4.9 The delegate of the United Kingdom said that, while he was in sympathy with the idea behind the proposal, he agreed with the remarks of the delegates of Saudi Arabia and New Zealand. What was really needed, perhaps, was a provision calling for the Secretary-General to submit reports to the Administrative Council on the activities of the Coordination Committee.

4.10 The delegate of Canada considered that a provision along the lines mentioned by the previous speaker would have to be couched in very flexible language in order not to be unduly binding upon the Secretary-General.

4.11 The Deputy Secretary-General observed that the Coordination Committee and its sub-committees held some 150 meetings a year. The question arose as to whether the Administrative Council would wish to involve itself in detailed questions of management of I.T.U. headquarters. Chapter 7 of the General Regulations provided for the submission of reports by the Secretary-General to the Administrative Council on matters of an urgent or important nature. The Administrative Council could also, if it wished, give the Coordination Committee directives as to the matters concerning which it wished to receive reports. In his view, therefore, the existing provisions were flexible enough to take care of the point raised by the United Kingdom delegate.

4.12 The delegate of Thailand considered that the Coordination Committee should not be directly responsible to the Administrative Council in any way.

4.13 The delegate of Peru expressed the view that the existing provisions were satisfactory and that it was unnecessary to give the Administrative Council the task of examining documents that were not of direct concern to it.

4.14 The delegate of Hungary withdrew proposal HNG/7/17.

No. 256

4.15 The Chairman drew attention to the proposals by the Federal Republic of Germany (D/21/3), Canada (CAN/24), Australia (AUS/44/6), India (IND/64/27) and Pakistan (PAK/160/1).

4.16 The delegate of the Federal Republic of Germany withdrew proposal D/21/3.

4.17 The Chairman suggested that the authors of the four remaining proposals should meet as a drafting group under the chairmanship of Canada with a view to preparing a consolidated text.

4.18 It was so agreed.

No. 246

4.19 The Chairman drew attention to the proposals by Hungary (HNG/7/18), Australia (AUS/44/5), the Federal Republic of Germany (D/21/22 and 23), the five Nordic countries (DNK/41/13) and Mexico (MEX/70/19).

4.20 The delegate of Hungary withdrew proposal HNG/7/18.

4.21 Following a short exchange of views, the Chairman said that he would consult the delegate of Sweden, chairman of the working group set up to examine certain proposals of a somewhat similar nature, in order to determine whether that working group would accept to extend its work to the proposals relating to No. 246.

The meeting was suspended at 12.35 hours and resumed at 15.30 hours.

No. 228 (Document No. DT/62)

4.22 The Chairman pointed out that the text in Document No. DT/62 reproduced a passage from the Committee's first report to the Plenary.

4.23 The delegate of the United Kingdom observed that the text was not suitably worded for inclusion in the General Regulations.

4.24 The delegate of Australia, supported by the delegates of Saudi Arabia, Nigeria and Cameroon, suggested that the Charter Group's text of No. 228 should be retained and that the new text should appear as an Opinion of the Conference.

4.25 It was so decided.

No. 231 (F/29)

4.26 The delegate of France said that his delegation's amendment was intended to provide for the possibility of the voluntary withdrawal of a Member from the I.T.U.

4.27 The delegate of Australia pointed out that, according to No. 228, a Member which left the Union automatically ceased to be a member of the Council.

4.28 There was no support for the French proposal.  
No. 231 was approved.

No. 232 (E/12, URS/15, I/47)

4.29 The delegates of Spain, the U.S.S.R. and Italy introduced their proposals and said they might be able to amalgamate them.

4.30 The delegate of France said that the words "so far as possible" were unnecessary and should be deleted.

4.31 The delegate of Italy supported that view.

4.32 The delegates of Nigeria, Cameroon, Australia, Saudi Arabia, the United States of America and the United Kingdom said they were in favour of leaving the Charter Group's clear and flexible text unchanged. In particular, it would be undesirable to delete the phrase "so far as possible", since it provided a caveat for countries which either had no telecommunication Administration as such or could not spare highly qualified experts to attend Council sessions.

4.33 The delegates of Peru and Brazil supported the Spanish proposal, but considered that the words "or for" were unnecessary.

4.34 The delegate of Spain said that the phrase contributed to the flexibility of the provision and should be retained, as should the words "so far as possible".

4.35 After some discussion, it was decided to retain the Charter Group's text of No. 232.

Nos. 234 and 236 (KWT/37)

4.36 The delegate of Iraq supported the proposal of Kuwait to replace the words "the seat of the Union" by "Geneva".

4.37 The delegate of the United States of America pointed out that fewer other provisions would have to be changed if the Charter Group's text was retained.

4.38 The delegate of Kuwait withdrew his proposal.

4.39 The delegate of Spain pointed out that the Council would shortly be meeting at Torremolinos.

4.40 The Deputy Secretary-General said that the venue of special sessions of the Council would be covered by the Additional Protocol that would be adopted, inter alia, to authorize the new Council to meet immediately after its election.

4.41 Nos. 234 and 236 were approved.

No. 237 (F/29)

4.42 The delegate of France withdrew his delegation's proposal, on the understanding that its content was covered by the Council's Rules of Procedure.

4.43 The delegate of Brazil said that, from the point of view of the Spanish text, if the elected officials had no right to vote, they could not participate in the Council's deliberations. The word "deliberations" should therefore be changed to "meetings".

4.44 The Chairman and the delegate of the United States of America said that the English text was perfectly satisfactory.

4.45 No. 237 was approved, subject to settlement of the Brazilian delegate's point in Committee 9.

No. 239 (Documents Nos. 8, 12, 24 and 29)

4.46 The Spanish delegate introduced his delegation's amendment (E/12/34), which was proposed by his Administration with a view to enabling the Administrative Council to undertake activities, such as consultation by correspondence, outside its formal sessions. The only action which his delegation believed should not be undertaken except in formal session was the taking of decisions.

4.47 The Chairman referred to the French (F/29/19) and Swiss (SUI/8/2) proposals for deletion of No. 239, and the French delegate confirmed that the aim of those amendments was to provide for the possibility of action by the Administrative Council outside formal sessions.

4.48 The Canadian delegate said that the aim of her delegation's proposal (CAN/24) was to provide for the possibility of decisions by correspondence on urgent matters which could not wait for the next session of the Administrative Council. Such action should, however, be taken only in exceptional circumstances.

4.49 The delegate of Japan supported the deletion of No. 239.

4.50 The delegates of the U.S.S.R., Federal Republic of Germany, United States of America, Byelorussian S.S.R., Ukrainian S.S.R., People's Republic of Hungary and Saudi Arabia opposed deletion of that provision pointing out that in general it was not the function of the Administrative Council to undertake emergency action. If such action was required, it could be taken by the Secretary-General or, if absolutely necessary, a meeting of the Administrative Council might be convened under the provisions of No. 236. The Administrative Council's job, as a regulatory agency, was to deliberate, and satisfactory decisions could only be reached after proper discussion; the procedure of consultation by correspondence would not achieve the same result.

4.51 The United Kingdom delegate said he had been convinced by the arguments against the deletion of No. 239 and favoured its retention in its present form. The legal advice he had received was that the Spanish amendment was unnecessary. The only action which the Administrative Council, as an executive agency, could take was to adopt decisions. Consultation by correspondence which did not culminate in a decision was not action, and was not therefore precluded by the present drafting of No. 239.

4.52 In the course of further discussion it emerged that all delegations were basically in favour of allowing for the possibility of consultation among Council members by correspondence, but felt that decisions should be adopted only when the Council was in session. The difficulty arose because to English and Russian speaking delegations that situation was covered by the word "act", whereas French and Spanish speaking delegations considered "act" restrictive and thought it should be replaced by "take decisions".

4.53 In response to an appeal by the French delegate, it was finally agreed, on the proposal of the Chairman, to adopt the following wording for No. 239 : "The Administrative Council shall make decisions only in session."

4.54 The delegate of the Netherlands pointed out that in Nos. 234, 235, 236, and 239 prior to its amendment, a qualifying word such as "annual", "regular" or "formal" had been attached to "session" and suggested that Committee 9 should be asked to harmonize the terminology.

4.55 The delegate of Spain supported that proposal which he thought would provide an answer to the Italian delegate's question as to the meaning of "formal session".

The meeting rose at 1830 hours.

The Secretary :  
M. BARDOUX

The Chairman :  
Evan J. WILKINS



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FOR THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

The delegation of the United Arab Emirates declares that its Government reserves the right to take such action as it may deem necessary to protect its interests, should a Member fail in any way to observe the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention of Málaga-Torremolinos, 1973, or should the reservations made by such Member jeopardize its telecommunication services or lead to an increase in United Arab Emirates' share in defraying the expenses of the Union.

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FOR THE ORIENTAL REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY

In signing this Convention, the Delegation of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay reserves for its Government the right to take any action it considers necessary to safeguard its interests, should other Members fail to observe the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) or its Annexes or the Protocols attached thereto, or should reservations by other countries jeopardize the telecommunication services of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

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COMMITTEE 4

REPORT OF WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER CERTAIN ASPECTS OF  
ANNEX 1 to DOCUMENT No. DT/88 - FISCAL LIMITS FOR UNION  
EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEARS 1974-79

1. A Working Group consisting of representatives of the U.S.A., U.S.S.R. and U.K. (with the assistance of Head of Personnel Department, Head of Finance Department, the Chairman of the I.F.R.B. and the Directors of the C.C.I.T.T. and C.C.I.R.) was set up to report on the following questions arising out of Annex 1 to Document No. DT/88 :
  1. the justification for the inclusion of the figures under 9.1 and 9.2;
  2. the validity of the figures shown in Item 10.

Item 9

2. Item 9.1 relates to the second group of posts mentioned on page 2/14 of the Report of the Administrative Council to the Plenipotentiary Conference. It was noted that the 28th Session of the Administrative Council had not pronounced on the merits of giving approval for any or all of these posts. It was however concluded that since the 29th Session would not be meeting until mid-1974 it would be virtually impossible for any new posts it approved to become a charge on the 1974 budget. The Group therefore recommends that the sum of 350,000 Swiss francs in the 1974 column in respect of this item be deleted.
3. The Secretariat explained to the Working Group that the proposed 3 percent increase in staff expenditure (Item 9.2) covered two purposes :
  1. to provide a ceiling out of which it would be possible for the Administrative Council to authorize expenditure on new, and, as yet, unforeseen posts;

2. to provide the percentage margin of discretion enabling the Secretary-General to adjust posts within the "G" category.

4. The Group had no way of satisfying itself about the validity of the amounts included for unforeseen new posts under paragraph 3.1 (above) though they were disposed to recommend continuation of the principle of granting the Secretariat the discretion in relation to posts in the "G" category mentioned in paragraph 3.2. Since however the case for all the 8 posts to which item 9.1 related and, in addition, the full amount of expenditure of 3 percent representing the 9.2 figures, had yet to be made out, the Group concluded that the following solutions might be justifiable :

1. delete the whole of 9.1;
2. reduce to 130,000 Swiss francs the figure under 1974 for 9.2 (since the Administrative Council cannot authorize the retroactive creation of posts, the allocation should not exceed the expenditure attributable to six months);
3. increase the 9.2 entry for 1975 by 500,000 Swiss francs to 1,280,000 leaving the figures in the remaining columns unaltered.

The consequent reduction in the ceiling would be :

- for 1974, 490,000 Swiss francs (paragraphs 2 and 4.2 above);
- for 1975, 200,000 Swiss francs;
- for the remaining years, 720,000, 740,000, 760,000 and 780,000 respectively.

This would leave a total 3 percent discretion and would ensure that in 1975 the whole of that discretion was not absorbed by the requirement (if proven) to fill the posts described in the second group of page 2/14 of the Administrative Council's Report.

Item 8

5. In order better to consider Item 9 in its context, the Group decided also to consider the figures in Item 8. The sums proposed for item 8.1 related to posts which the Administrative Council approved in its report to the Plenipotentiary Conference and could, on their own be accepted. The Group noted however that the work covered by these posts, as also by those to which 8.2 relates, was already being done. Because of the limits of the current budgetary ceiling, the cost of 8.1 was, however, being met out of the Conferences and Meetings budgets, and from the Supplementary Publications budget. 8.2 was being met from the Supplementary Publications budget alone. It seemed to follow that proposals to include these posts within the General budget ought to be reflected in reductions elsewhere. The Secretariat provided Document No. DT/93 and explained that the sum of 1,620,000 Swiss francs was made up of the sum of 1,130,000 Swiss francs transferred from the Conferences and Meetings Budget, the remaining 490,000 Swiss francs being charged to the Supplementary Publications Budget and the Building Budget. The Group agreed that the Conferences and Meetings Budget should be reduced by 1,130,000 Swiss francs, but that it would be for the Administrative Council to decide whether the sums allocated at present to the Supplementary Publications Budget ought to be reallocated to another of the Budgets.
6. It was explained by the Secretariat that Item 8.2 related to the posts listed in Document No. DT/93, page 3. These were posts charged to the Supplementary Publications Budget, and not, as yet, considered by the Administrative Council. It seemed clear that some of the posts should remain the responsibility of the Supplementary Publications Budget and therefore the Group decided to recommend the deletion of 8.2. Should the Administrative Council decide that the posts ought to become permanent however it would then follow that they would be charged to the Supplementary Publications Budget.

Item 10

7. As regards Item 10 (In-service Training for the Union Staff) the Secretariat produced the further explanatory information now shown in Document No. DT/91. After considering this the Group concluded that there was no reason to dissent from the figures under this item.
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FOR THE REPUBLIC OF BOLIVIA

In signing this Convention, the Delegation of Bolivia reserves for its Government the right to take such action as it may consider necessary to safeguard its interests, should other Members fail to observe the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973), or its Annexes or the Protocols attached thereto, or should reservations by other countries jeopardize the interests of the Republic of Bolivia, more particularly its telecommunication services.

It also states that its Government reserves the right to make any reservation until the Convention is ratified.



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Memorandum by the Secretary-General

PROXY FOR YEMEN (ADEN)

I hereby transmit to the Conference a letter from  
the Head of the Delegation of Yemen (Aden).

M. MILI  
Secretary-General

Annex : 1



ANNEX

Torremolinos, 22 October 1973

The Chairman,  
I.T.U. Plenipotentiary Conference  
Málaga-Torremolinos

Dear Sir,

PROXY

As the undersigned will not be able to attend this afternoon's meeting, it has been agreed with the Delegation of the Republic of Iraq to vote on our behalf and we should be grateful if this is taken into consideration.

Yours faithfully,

A.A.A. Basahi  
for the delegation of the  
People's Democratic  
Republic of Yemen



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FOR THE REPUBLIC OF THE SENEGAL

The Delegation of the Republic of the Senegal declares, on behalf of its Government, that it accepts no consequences of any reservations made by other governments at the present Conference which might lead to an increase in its share in defraying Union expenditure.

Furthermore, the Republic of the Senegal reserves the right to take any action it deems fit to safeguard its interests if the reservations made by other countries, or failure to respect the Convention, should jeopardize the proper working of its telecommunication services.

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FOR SENEGAL

The Delegation of the Republic of the Senegal declares, on behalf of its Government, that it accepts no consequence of any reservations made by other governments at the present Conference which might lead to an increase in its share in defraying Union expenditure.

Furthermore, the Republic of the Senegal reserves the right to take any action it deems fit to safeguard its interests if the reservations made by other countries, or failure to respect the Convention, should jeopardize the proper working of its telecommunication services.

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FOR THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

The Delegation of the Argentine Republic reserves the right for its Government to enter any reservations which it may consider necessary concerning the texts to be included in the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) which may affect its sovereignty either directly or indirectly.

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FOR THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

The Delegation of the Argentine Republic reserves for its Government the right:

1. to refuse to accept any financial measure which may entail an increase in its contribution;
2. to take such action as it may consider necessary to protect its telecommunication services should Member countries fail to observe the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973).



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**FOR THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA**

The Delegation of the Republic of Guinea reserves for its Government the right to take such action as it may consider necessary to safeguard its interests should Members fail, in any way whatever, to comply with the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973), or should reservations by other countries jeopardize its telecommunication services, the right to accept, or not to accept, the financial consequences that might possibly arise from those reservations.

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PLENARY MEETING

Republic of Guinea

DRAFT RESOLUTION

ADMISSION TO THE I.T.U. AS MEMBERS WITH  
OBSERVER STATUS OF LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS  
RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International  
Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

considering

Article 6 of the Montreux Convention, 1965, vesting  
full powers in the Plenipotentiary Conferences;

Article 39 of that Convention defining the relations  
of the Union with the United Nations;

Article 40 of that Convention defining the relations  
of the Union with the other international organizations;

having regard to

the United Nations General Assembly resolutions  
dealing with the problem of liberation movements, including  
Resolutions 2395, 2396, 2426 and 2465, which call upon  
international organizations to grant liberation movements  
membership with observer status;

decides

that the liberation organizations recognized by the  
United Nations may at any time join the International  
Telecommunication Union as Members with observer status;

instructs the Administrative Council

to take the necessary action with a view to the  
implementation of this Resolution.



PLENARY MEETING

B.17

17th SERIES OF TEXTS SUBMITTED BY THE  
EDITORIAL COMMITTEE TO THE PLENARY MEETING

The following texts are submitted to the Plenary  
Meeting for first reading :

<u>Source</u>	<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Title</u>
C8	DT/68	Annex C
C8	Draft Chapter	Number 587 (Annex B)
C4	DT/84	Additional Protocol D

Albert CHASSIGNOL  
Chairman of  
Committee 9

Annex : Pages  
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A N N E X C

(see Number 5)

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Albania (People's Republic of)	Costa Rica
Algeria (Algerian Democratic and Popular Republic)	Ivory Coast (Republic of the)
Germany (Federal Republic of)	Cuba
Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of)	Dahomey (Republic of)
Argentine Republic	Denmark
Australia	Dominican Republic
Austria	Egypt (Arab Republic of)
Bangladesh (People's Republic of)	El Salvador (Republic of)
Barbados	United Arab Emirates
Belgium	Ecuador
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	Spain
Burma (Union of)	United States of America
Bolivia	Ethiopia
Botswana (Republic of)	Fiji
Brazil (Federative Republic of)	Finland
Bulgaria (People's Republic of)	France
Burundi (Republic of)	Gabon Republic
Cameroon (United Republic of)	Ghana
Canada	Greece
Central African Republic	Guatemala
Chile	Guinea (Republic of)
China (People's Republic of)	Equatorial Guinea (Republic of)
Cyprus (Republic of)	Guyana
Vatican City State	Haiti (Republic of)
Colombia (Republic of)	Upper Volta (Republic of)
Congo (People's Republic of the)	Honduras (Republic of)
	Hungarian People's Republic



India (Republic of)	Mongolian People's Republic
Indonesia (Republic of)	Nauru (Republic of)
Iran	Nepal
Iraq (Republic of)	Nicaragua
Ireland	Niger (Republic of the)
Iceland	Nigeria (Federal Republic of)
Israel (State of)	Norway
Italy	New Zealand
Jamaica	Oman (Sultanate of)
Japan	Uganda (Republic of)
Jordan (Hashemite Kingdom of)	Pakistan
Kenya (Republic of)	Panama
Khmer Republic	Paraguay
Kuwait (State of)	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)
Laos (Kingdom of)	Peru
Lesotho (Kingdom of)	Philippines (Republic of the)
Lebanon	Poland (People's Republic of)
Liberia (Republic of)	Portugal
Libyan Arab Republic	Qatar (State of)
Liechtenstein (Principality of)	Syrian Arab Republic
Luxembourg	German Democratic Republic
Malaysia	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Malawi	Rhodesia
Maldives (Republic of)	Roumania (Socialist Republic of)
Malagasy Republic	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Mali (Republic of)	Rwanda (Republic of)
Malta	Senegal (Republic of the)
Morocco (Kingdom of)	Sierra Leone
Mauritius	Singapore (Republic of)
Mauritania (Islamic Republic of)	
Mexico	
Monaco	

Somali Democratic Republic  
Sudan (Democratic Republic of the)  
Sri Lanka (Ceylon) (Republic of)  
South Africa (Republic of)  
Sweden  
Switzerland (Confederation of)  
Swaziland (Kingdom of)  
Tanzania (United Republic of)  
Chad (Republic of the)  
Czechoslovak Socialist Republic  
Thailand  
Togolese Republic  
Tonga (Kingdom of)  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Tunisia  
Turkey  
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics  
Uruguay (Oriental Republic of)  
Venezuela (Republic of)  
Viet-Nam (Republic of)  
Yemen Arab Republic  
Yemen (People's Democratic Republic of)  
Yugoslavia (Socialist Federal Republic of)  
Zaire (Republic of)  
Zambia (Republic of)

NUMBER 587 (ANNEX B)

MOD 587 Government Telegrams and Government Telephone Calls : Telegrams or telephone calls originating with any of the authorities specified below : 420

- the Head of a State;
- the Head of a government and members of a government;
- Commanders-in-Chief of military forces, land, sea or air;
- diplomatic or consular agents;
- the Secretary-General of the United Nations; Heads of the principal organs of the United Nations;
- the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL D

Expenses of the Union for the period 1974 to 1979

- NOC        1.        The Administrative Council is authorized to draw up the annual budget of the Union in such a way that the annual expenses of
- the Administrative Council,
  - the General Secretariat,
  - the International Frequency Registration Board,
  - the Secretariats of the International Consultative Committees,
  - the Union's laboratories and technical equipment,

do not exceed the following amounts for the years 1974 and onwards until the next Plenipotentiary Conference of the Union :

Swiss francs for the year 1974  
Swiss francs for the year 1975  
Swiss francs for the year 1976  
Swiss francs for the year 1977  
Swiss francs for the year 1978  
Swiss francs for the year 1979

For the years after 1979, the annual budgets shall not exceed the sum specified for the preceding year by more than % per annum.

- ADD        1bis. The Administrative Council is authorized to exceed the limits laid down in paragraph 1 above to cover any expenditure arising from the replacement of members of the I.F.R.B. (see Resolution No. .... of this Conference).

- NOC        2.        Expenditure on conferences and meetings referred to in                      and                      of the Convention may be authorized by the Administrative Council.

MOD        2.1    During the years 1974 to 1979, the budget adopted by the Administrative Council, subject if necessary to the provisions of sub-paragraph 2.2 below, shall not exceed the following amounts :

Swiss francs for the year 1974  
Swiss francs for the year 1975  
Swiss francs for the year 1976  
Swiss francs for the year 1977  
Swiss francs for the year 1978  
Swiss francs for the year 1979.

MOD        2.2    If a) the Plenipotentiary Conference or b) a World Administrative Maritime Radio Conference or c) a World Administrative Radio Conference to draw up plans for satellite broadcasting or d) a World Administrative Radio Conference on the Aeronautical Mobile (R) Service or e) a World Administrative Conference for dealing with general radio questions is not held in the years 1974 to 1979, the total amounts authorized for such years shall be reduced by  
                                Swiss francs for a), 3,124,000 Swiss francs  
for b),                        Swiss francs for c),                        Swiss francs for d) and                        Swiss francs for e).

                                If no Plenipotentiary Conference is held in 1979, the Administrative Council shall authorize for each year after 1979 such sums as they consider appropriate for the purposes of the conferences and meetings referred to in Nos. .... and .... of the Convention.

MOD        2.3    The Administrative Council may authorize expenditure in excess of the annual limits specified in sub-paragraph 2.1 above, if the excess can be compensated by sums within the expenditure limits :

- accrued from a previous year; or
- foreseen in a future year.

NOC        3.     The Council may also exceed the limits established in paragraphs 1 and 2 above to take account of :

3.1 increases in the salary scales, pension contributions or allowances including post adjustments established by the United Nations for application to their staff employed in Geneva;

3.2 fluctuations in the exchange rate between the Swiss franc and the U.S. dollar which would involve additional expenses for the Union.

NOC        4.     The Administrative Council shall be entrusted with the task of effecting every possible economy. To this end, it shall be the duty of the Administrative Council annually to establish the lowest possible authorized level of expenditure commensurate with the needs of the Union, within the limits established by paragraphs 1 and 2 above, taking account of the provisions of paragraph 3, if need be.

NOC        5.     If the credits which may be used by the Council by virtue of paragraphs 1 to 3 above prove insufficient to ensure the efficient operation of the Union, the Council may exceed those credits only with the approval of a 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.

NOC        6.     Before considering proposals which might have financial effects, world administrative conferences and the Plenary Assemblies of the Consultative Committees shall have an estimate of the additional expenses which might result therefrom.

NOC        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 expenses beyond the credits that the Administrative Council may authorize under the terms of paragraphs 1 to 5 above or in the circumstances envisaged in paragraph 7.

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Memorandum by the Secretary-General

I herewith submit to the Conference an exchange of telegrams with H.E. Mr. Francisco Mendes, Chairman of the Council of Commissars, Guinea-Bissau.

M. MILI  
Secretary-General

Annexes: 4



A N N E X 1

TELEGRAM RECEIVED 16 OCTOBER 1973

MR MILI  
SECRETARY-GENERAL  
ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE  
TORREMOLINOS MALAGA SPAIN

1222 FOLLOWING PROCLAMATION ON 24 SEPTEMBER LAST OF SOVEREIGN  
STATE OF GUINEA-BISSAU ALREADY RECOGNIZED BY 62 COUNTRIES IN  
AFRICA ASIA EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA AND BEING FULLY IN  
AGREEMENT WITH PRINCIPLES OF ITU CONVENTION AND RIGHTS AND  
OBLIGATIONS REQUEST YOUR EXCELLENCY TO SUBMIT TO  
PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE APPLICATION OF OUR YOUNG STATE  
TO ACCEDE TO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE 19 STOP  
TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO SEND CONFERENCE AND YOURSELF OUR CORDIAL  
CONGRATULATIONS ON COURAGEOUS RESOLUTION CONDEMNING  
PORTUGUESE COLONIALISTS AND THE DECISION TAKEN BY A LARGE  
MAJORITY OF MEMBERS TO EXCLUDE PORTUGAL WHICH IS PURSUING A  
POLICY OF DOMINATION AGAINST OUR PEOPLES CONTRARY TO  
INTERNATIONAL LAW AND MORALITY OF OUR TIME STOP PURPOSES  
OF ITU BEING TO FOSTER COOPERATION BETWEEN WHOLE OF MANKIND  
THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED IS FAITHFUL TO THE PRINCIPLES OF YOUR  
ORGANIZATION IN THE FACE OF INHUMAN CRIMES COMMITTED DAILY  
BY COLONIAL GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL AGAINST OUR PEOPLE STOP  
PLEASE ACCEPT THE EXPRESSION OF OUR HIGHEST CONSIDERATION STOP  
FRANCISCO MENDES PRESIDENT COUNCIL COMMISSARS  
STATE GUINEA-BISSAU



A N N E X 2

TELEGRAM OF 17 OCTOBER 1973

MINIPOSTEL CONAKRY (GUINEA)

FOR HIS EXCELLENCY FRANCISCO MENDES CHAIRMAN COUNCIL COMMISSARS  
GUINEA-BISSAU STOP ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR TELEGRAM  
RECEIVED YESTERDAY 16 OCTOBER STOP THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND  
WORDS CONCERNING THE CONFERENCE STOP FOR THE CANDIDACY OF  
YOUR COUNTRY AS NEW MEMBER ITU CHAIRMAN AND ALL VICE-CHAIRMEN  
OF CONFERENCE HAVE DIRECTED ME TO REQUEST YOU TO SEND  
IMMEDIATELY YOUR REQUEST BY DULY SIGNED OFFICIAL LETTER STOP  
ACCEPT EXCELLENCY EXPRESSION HIGHEST CONSIDERATION  
MILI SECRETARY-GENERAL ITU +

A N N E X 3

TELEGRAM OF 20 OCTOBER 1973

MILI  
SECRETARY-GENERAL ITU  
PALACIO CONGRESOS  
TORREMOLINOS SPAIN

FOLLOWING YOUR TELEGRAM 17 OCTOBER TO HIS EXCELLENCY FRANCISCO MENDES CHAIRMAN COUNCIL COMMISSARS GUINEA-BISSAU CONCERNING CANDIDACY HIS COUNTRY AS NEW MEMBER ITU HE HAS DEPOSITED AT UNDP OFFICE ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS REPUBLIC OF GUINEA DULY SIGNED OFFICIAL LETTER TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS "EXCELLENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACT OF PROCLAMATION OF OUR REPUBLIC BY THE FIRST PEOPLE'S NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF OUR COUNTRY MET ON 23 AND 24 SEPTEMBER 1973 IN THE BOE REGION AND RESPONDING TO THE WISHES OF THIS INSTANCE THE SUPREME EXPRESSION OF THE WILL OF OUR PEOPLE, THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSARS OF STATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU HAS THE HONOUR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLES I AND XIX OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION CONVENTION TO SUBMIT TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE APPLICATION OF OUR STATE FOR ADMISSION AS A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION STOP THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSARS OF STATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU WOULD BE GLAD IF YOUR EXCELLENCY WOULD SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO THE 33RD SESSION OF THE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE FOR CONSIDERATION STOP ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEND ATTACHED COPIES OF THE 1ST CONSTITUTION OF OUR REPUBLIC AND THE TEXT OF THE ACT OF PROCLAMATION OF OUR STATE STOP ACCEPT SIR EXPRESSION OF OUR HIGHEST CONSIDERATION SIGNED FOR THE MAIN COMMISSAR AND BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSAR RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF STATE JOSE ARAUJO" TELEGRAM PROCEDURE NECESSITATED SINCE THERE IS NO TIME FOR DOCUMENT TO REACH YOU BY POST BEFORE END OF CONFERENCE STOP LETTER FOLLOWS IMMEDIATELY STOP

POLGAR RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE UNDP CONAKRY

A N N E X 4

TELEGRAM OF 22 OCTOBER 1973

MR MILI SECRETARY-GENERAL  
ITU PALACIO CONGRESOS TORREMOLINOS SPAIN

1279 REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM 17 OCTOBER ADDRESSED TO HIS EXCELLENCY FRANCISCO MENDES CHIEF COMMISSAR REPUBLIC GUINEA-BISSAU WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT SINCE A LETTER COULD NOT REACH TORREMOLINOS BEFORE THE END OF YOUR CONFERENCE A DULY SIGNED OFFICIAL LETTER APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP OF ITU HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO MR POLGAR UNDP REPRESENTATIVE AT UNITED NATIONS OFFICE CONAKRY REPUBLIC OF GUINEA 18 OCTOBER 1600 HOURS WITH REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE TRANSMISSION STOP HERewith TEXT OF LETTER "EXCELLENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACT OF PROCLAMATION OF OUR REPUBLIC BY THE FIRST PEOPLE'S NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF OUR COUNTRY MET ON 23 AND 24 SEPTEMBER 1973 IN THE BOE REGION AND RESPONDING TO THE WISHES OF THIS INSTANCE THE SUPREME EXPRESSION OF THE WILL OF OUR PEOPLE THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSARS OF STATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU HAS THE HONOUR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLES I AND XIX OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION CONVENTION TO SUBMIT TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE APPLICATION OF OUR STATE FOR ADMISSION AS A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION STOP THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSARS OF STATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU WOULD BE GLAD IF YOUR EXCELLENCY WOULD SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO THE 33RD SESSION OF THE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE FOR CONSIDERATION STOP ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEND ATTACHED COPIES OF THE 1ST CONSTITUTION OF OUR REPUBLIC AND THE TEXT OF THE ACT OF PROCLAMATION OF OUR STATE STOP ACCEPT SIR EXPRESSION OF OUR HIGHEST CONSIDERATION SIGNED FOR THE MAIN COMMISSAR AND BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSAR RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF STATE JOSE ARAUJO" COMMISSARIAT GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF STATE OF REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU THANKS YOU IN ADVANCE FOR THE ATTENTION WHICH THE CONFERENCE WILL GIVE ITS CANDIDACY AND TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM YOUR EXCELLENCY CHAIRMAN AND ALL HONOURABLE DELEGATES ASSURANCES OF HIGHEST CONSIDERATION

JOSE ARAUJO COMMISSAR GENERAL SECRETARIAT STATE

PLENARY MEETING

Papua - New Guinea

PROPOSED ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL  
TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA  
AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE UNION

Additional Protocol  
to the International Telecommunication Convention  
(Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973)

Measures to protect the rights of Papua-New Guinea

1. The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) has agreed to the following arrangements to be applied on a temporary basis in order to protect the rights of Papua-New Guinea following its decision to suppress Associate Membership.
2. It is agreed that the status which Papua-New Guinea at present enjoys as an Associate Member of the Union, with rights and obligations under the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965), should be continued under this Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973), when it comes into force.
3. Consequently, this country may sign and ratify the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) with a special status comparable to that of Associate Member as defined in the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965). Thereafter, it will have a status under the Malaga-Torremolinos Convention, with rights and obligations, comparable to those of an Associate Member, as if this class of membership had been continued in the new Convention. This situation shall prevail until such time as Papua-New Guinea becomes a full Member of the Union, in accordance with the provisions of the Malaga-Torremolinos Convention.

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FOR SPAIN

The Delegation of Spain states in the name of its Government that, so far as it is concerned, the word "country" used in the Preamble, Article 1, and other provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) is synonymous with the phrase "sovereign state" and has the same value, scope, legal and political content as the latter phrase.

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Memorandum by the Secretary-General

PROXY FOR EL SALVADOR

I herewith transmit to the Conference the attached copy of a letter from the Head of the Delegation of El Salvador.

M. MILI

Secretary-General

Annex : 1



A N N E X

22 October 1973

Sir,

As the Delegation of El Salvador has to be absent from the Conference, I wish to draw your attention to the fact that it confers all its powers with respect to the Plenipotentiary Conference (Malaga-Torremolinos) to the honourable Delegation of Guatemala from 25 October 1973 inclusive.

(signed)  
Vicente SANCHEZ HERNANDEZ  
Delegate of El Salvador

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FOR THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

In signing this Convention, the Delegation of the Argentine Republic states on behalf of its Government that any reference in the Final Protocol of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973), or in any other document of the Conference to the Malvinas Islands, the South Georgia Islands and the South Sandwich Islands under the erroneous denomination of "Falkland Islands Dependencies" in no way prejudices the absolute and inalienable sovereign rights of the Argentine Republic thereover. Their occupation by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as the result of an act of force never accepted by the Argentine Republic led the United Nations in Resolution 2065 (XX) to call on both parties to seek a peaceful solution to the dispute over sovereignty of the islands.

It must also be made clear that any reference in these documents to the so-called "British Antarctic Territories" in no way prejudices the rights of the Argentine Republic in the Argentine Antarctic Sector and that the same point is made in Article IV of the Antarctic Treaty signed in Washington on 1 December 1959, to which the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland are signatories.

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Final Protocol

FOR THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

In signing this Convention, the Delegation of the Argentine Republic states on behalf of its Government that any reference in the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) or its Annexes or its Final Protocol to the Malvinas Islands, the South Georgia Islands and the South Sandwich Islands under the erroneous denomination of "Falkland Islands Dependencies" in no way prejudices the absolute and inalienable sovereign rights of the Argentine Republic thereover. Their occupation by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as the result of an act of force never accepted by the Argentine Republic led the United Nations in Resolution 2065 (XX) to call on both parties to seek a peaceful solution to the dispute over sovereignty of the islands.

It must also be pointed out that any reference in the same documents to the so-called "British Antarctic Territories" in no way prejudices the rights of the Argentine Republic in the Argentine Antarctic Sector and that this denomination is included in Article IV of the Antarctic Treaty signed in Washington on 1 December 1959, to which the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland are signatories.

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FOR ALGERIA

(Algerian Democratic and Popular Republic)

The Delegation of the Algerian Democratic and Popular Republic to the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) reserves for its Government the right to take such action as it may consider necessary to protect its interests, should certain Members fail in any way to observe the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973), or should the reservations made by other Members jeopardize its telecommunication services or lead to an increase in Algeria's share in defraying the expenses of the Union.



PLENARY MEETING

United Nations

PROPOSED ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL  
TO PROVIDE THE POSSIBILITY FOR THE UNITED NATIONS  
TO APPLY THE CONVENTION

Additional Protocol  
to the International Telecommunication Convention  
(Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973)

Measures to provide the possibility of the United Nations  
to apply the Convention  
when carrying out any mandate under Article 75 of the Charter

1. The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) has agreed to the following arrangements to be applied, in order to provide the possibility for the United Nations to continue to apply the Convention, following the decision of the Conference to suppress Associate Membership.

2. It is agreed that the possibility which the United Nations at present enjoys in conformity with Article 75 of the Charter of the United Nations, under the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) should be continued under the Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) when it comes into force. Each case would be considered by the Administrative Council of the Union.

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FOR PERU

The Delegation of Peru declares that Peru will under no circumstances feel itself to be bound by the provisions in the Convention concerning arbitration between Members of the Union for the settlement of disputes.

The Delegation of Peru also reserves for its Government the right :

1. to take such action as it may consider necessary to protect its interests, should other Members fail in any way to comply with the provisions of the Convention or its Regulations, or should the reservations made by them jeopardize Peru's telecommunication services;
2. to accept or not to accept the consequences of any reservations which might lead to an increase in its share in defraying the expenses of the Union;
3. to accept or not to accept all or any of the provisions of the Administrative Telegraph, Telephone and Radio Regulations and Additional Radio Regulations mentioned in the Convention.



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FOR IRAN

The delegation of Iran reserves the right of its Government to take such action as it considers necessary to safeguard its interests in the event of certain Members not sharing in defraying the expenses of the Union in respect of existing debts and the interest thereon and in respect of future subscriptions or should they fail in any other way to comply with the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) or the Annexes, Protocols or Regulations attached thereto or should reservations by other countries jeopardize its telecommunication services.



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FOR THE BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC,  
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA, CUBA,  
THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC,  
THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC,  
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF POLAND,  
THE UKRAINIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC,  
THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC,  
THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROUMANIA,  
THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC  
AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

The delegations of the above-mentioned countries consider that the provisions of Article 1, paragraph c) of the I.T.U. Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) are not in conformity with the principle whereby multilateral international treaties whose aim and purpose concern the international community as a whole, as is the case with telecommunications (see Article 4 of the above-mentioned Convention), should be open to universal participation.



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FOR THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

The Delegation of the Republic of the Philippines reserves for its Government the right to take such action as may be necessary to safeguard its interests should certain Members fail to pay their shares in the expenses of the Union which may result to an increase in its contribution or to any consequences of reservations made by other countries which shall adversely affect the interests of the Philippines.

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FOR THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

The delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany reserves for its Government the right to take such action as it may deem necessary to safeguard its interests, should certain Members not share in defraying the expenses of the Union, or should they fail in any other way to comply with the provisions of this Convention, or its annexes or the protocols attached thereto, or should reservations by other countries be likely to increase its share in defraying the expenses of the Union or jeopardize its telecommunications services. The delegation also reserves the right for its Government, in the event of the Union's ordinary budget being charged with expenses for technical cooperation purposes, to take appropriate consequential action.

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PLENARY MEETING

RESOLUTION ...

(as discussed in the 24th Plenary Meeting - morning)

PREPARATION OF AN ANNOTATED EDITION OF THE  
CONVENTION AND GENERAL REGULATIONS

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International  
Telecommunication Union (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973),

considering

the usefulness of an annotated edition of the Convention,  
comparable to the annotated edition of the Acts of the Universal  
Postal Union, providing information on the origin and evolution  
of its provisions and citing where applicable explanations of  
texts made during Plenipotentiary Conferences;

that such a task would not fall within the day-to-day  
tasks of the Secretariat but that once completed the edition  
could be brought up to date after each Plenipotentiary Conference  
by the use of existing resources;

instructs the Secretary-General

1. to undertake in collaboration with the Directors of  
the C.C.I.s and the Chairman of the I.F.R.B. the preparation  
and publication at least a year before the next Plenipotentiary  
Conference of an annotated edition of the Final Acts of the  
Plenipotentiary Conference of Malaga-Torremolinos in the working  
languages of the Union;
2. to invite Members of the Union to make available the  
services of experts on a voluntary basis to assist in research  
and preparation of texts;

3. after approval by the Administrative Council, to make the appropriate arrangements for the accomplishment of the task described in paragraph 1 above;

4. to submit progress reports to the Administrative Council and texts for its approval;

requests the Administrative Council

1. to approve the administrative arrangements for the preparation and publication of the annotated edition, ensuring that no costs are charged to the ordinary budget of the Union;

2. to review the progress of the work and approve the texts for publication.

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FOR FRANCE

The French Delegation reserves for its Government the right to take such action as it may consider necessary to safeguard its interests, should certain Members not share in defraying the expenses of the Union, or should they fail in any other way to comply with the requirements of the International Telecommunication Convention (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) or its Annexes or the Protocols attached thereto, or should reservations by other countries jeopardize the efficient operation of its telecommunication services.

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