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# Telephone Regulations

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International Telecommunication Convention

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## CHAPTER I

### Application of the Regulations

#### Article 1

#### Application of the Regulations — European System

1     § 1. (1) The provisions of the present Regulations shall apply only to the international telephone services in the European system.

2           (2) The European system comprises all the countries in Europe as well as those countries in Africa and Asia which border on the Mediterranean.

3           (3) Furthermore, other countries may form part of the European system, if their Administrations state that they are willing to apply the provisions of these Regulations.

4     § 2. A telephone call shall be subject to the rules of the European system when it is set up solely by means of channels of communication of countries belonging to the system.

5     § 3. The rules relating to each telephone service which is not part of the European system shall be fixed by agreement between the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned.

## CHAPTER II

## Definitions

## Article 2

Definition of terms used in  
the International Telephone Regulations

- 6 The following definitions complete those given in the Convention :
- 7 *Telephone exchange* : An installation permitting the establishment of telephone calls.
- 8 *International terminal exchange* : An exchange at the end of an international telephone circuit.
- 9 *International transit centre* : An international terminal exchange which has been chosen to establish communications between two countries other than its own.
- 10 *Telephone circuit* : An electrical connexion permitting the establishment of a telephone communication in both directions between two telephone exchanges.
- 11 *International telephone circuit* : A telephone circuit connecting two telephone exchanges situated in two different countries.
- 12 *Direct transit circuit* : An international telephone circuit passing through one or more transit countries and having no transit telephone exchange.
- 13 *Direct call* : A telephone call established by means of a single international telephone circuit.
- 14 *Transit call* : A telephone call established by means of more than one international telephone circuit.
- 15 *Booking of a call* : In the international manual or semi-automatic service, a booking of a call is the first request made by the caller for an international telephone call.
- 16 *Call* : The effect given to the booking of a call when communication has been established between the calling station and the called station.



- 17 *Refused communication*: A call not followed by a conversation when, at the moment at which it is offered, any person at either the calling or called station indicates at once that it is not practicable or that it is not desired to speak.
- 18 *Normal route* : The route which must be chosen in the first place for the passing of telephone traffic in a particular service.
- 19 *Auxiliary route* : A route (other than the normal route) to be used whenever it is in the interest of rapidity of the service. Unless there is agreement to the contrary between the countries concerned, the auxiliary route shall pass through the same countries as the normal route.
- 20 *Emergency route* : A route to be used in case of complete interruption or major breakdown of the normal and auxiliary routes. Its itinerary differs from that of the normal or auxiliary routes, either because it does not pass through all the countries traversed by the normal or auxiliary routes, or because it traverses one or more countries through which the normal or auxiliary routes do not pass.
- 21 *Chargeable duration of a telephone call* : The period of time to be considered for calculating the charge for a call.
- 22 *Unit charge in a particular international service* : The charge proper to an ordinary call of three minutes' duration exchanged during the period of heavy traffic.

### CHAPTER III

## International System

### Article 3

#### Composition and use of the System

- 23 § 1. (1) The Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned shall establish after agreement between themselves, the circuits necessary for the handling of international telephone traffic.
- 24 (2) Each intermediate Administration or recognized private operating agency shall provide the sections of international circuits passing through the territory which it serves.

**25** (3) Each section to be constructed on the territory served by an intermediate Administration or recognized private operating agency shall, so far as possible and with due regard to difficulties of all kinds, be established by the shortest route between the points of entry and exit of the international circuit.

**26** § 2. (1) Circuits intended for the handling of international telephone traffic and the associated technical installations shall be constructed and maintained so as to ensure good reception as well as a reliable and quick service.

**27** (2) In this respect, the Administrations and recognized private operating agencies shall conform, so far as possible, with the principles recommended by the C.C.I.F., as regards the constitution and maintenance of lines and installations.

**28** § 3. (1) The Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned shall determine by mutual agreement, on the services to be opened and endeavour to extend the international service to the whole of their territory.

**29** (2) For each service, the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned shall determine, by mutual agreement, on one or more normal routes, when necessary on auxiliary routes and in appropriate cases, on emergency routes.

**30** § 4. In case of breakdown, any defective international circuit (or section of an international circuit) must be repaired with all requisite speed, and, pending repair, must be replaced so far as possible and with the minimum delay.

**31** § 5. (1) The Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned shall inform one another of the constitution of the sections of international circuits established in their respective territories and shall keep each other advised of all important alterations in such constitution.

**32** (2) The General Secretariat shall keep up to date a List of International Telephone Circuits.

## Article 4

### Maintenance of Circuits

**33** The Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned shall establish by mutual agreement a programme

in accordance with which the international terminal exchanges and repeater stations must make periodical measurements on international circuits for maintenance purposes. These measurements must be made at times when they will not hinder the flow of telephone traffic.

## CHAPTER IV

### Duration of Service — Legal Time

#### Article 5

#### Duration of Service

**34** § 1. (1) Each Administration or recognized private operating agency shall fix the hours of working of its exchanges.

**35** (2) The Administrations and recognized private operating agencies concerned shall arrange, so far as possible, to fix the same period of working at neighbouring frontier exchanges which have close relations with each other.

**36** (3) International terminal exchanges must, so far as possible, afford continuous service.

**37** § 2. Exchanges which are not open continuously shall be bound to prolong the service for twelve minutes beyond the regulation hours for calls actually proceeding and calls already prepared.

#### Article 6

#### Legal Time

**38** (1) The time used in the exchanges must always be the legal time of the country concerned.

**39** (2) All changes in the legal time of a country shall be notified in advance by the Administration or any recognized private operating agency of that country to the other Administrations and recognized private operating agencies concerned through the medium of the General Secretariat.

## CHAPTER V

**Directories**

## Article 7

**Compilation of Directories**

**40** § 1. Each Administration or recognized private operating agency shall publish, by districts, official directories.

**41** § 2. If the classification of the districts is not based on alphabetical order, each directory shall include a recapitulative table of the districts in alphabetical order, so as to facilitate reference.

**42** § 3. The working hours shall be indicated in these directories in arabic figures, at least for exchanges where the service is not available continuously.

**43** § 4. Directories sent to Administrations or recognized private operating agencies of a country, which are written in a language other than the language used in that country, shall be accompanied by an explanatory note to facilitate the use of such directories, such explanatory note to be drawn up in whatever official language of the Union shall have been agreed upon by the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned.

## Article 8

**Supply of Directories**

**44** § 1. Each Administration or recognized private operating agency shall supply free of charge to the Administrations or recognized private operating agencies of the countries with which telephone service is open, a sufficient number of copies of its official directories. As soon as a new directory is received, the old directory shall be destroyed.

**45** § 2. The Administrations and recognized private operating agencies shall take the necessary measures for the sale of foreign official directories to the public of their respective countries.

**46** § 3. A subscriber wishing to obtain a telephone directory of a foreign country must apply to his national Administration or recognized private operating agency. The latter shall forward the order

to the foreign Administration or recognized private operating agency concerned, which shall send the directory to the Administration or recognized private operating agency having made the request, indicating in gold francs the amount to be paid (sale price plus carriage). The latter Administration or recognized private operating agency shall deliver the directory to the requesting subscriber against payment. At least once a year and preferably at the end of the year, each Administration or recognized private operating agency which has supplied directories to another Administration or recognized private operating agency shall prepare a special account (independent of the account for telephone calls) of the amounts due to it for such supplies; these amounts must not be included in the quarterly accounts for telephone charges.

## CHAPTER VI

### Classes of Calls

#### Article 9

#### Government Calls

**47** § 1. (1) According to the definition contained in Annex 2 to the Convention, Government calls are those originating with one of the authorities specified below:

**48** a) The Head of a State;

**49** b) The Head of a Government and members of a Government;

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

**51** d) Commanders-in-Chief of military forces, land, sea or air;

**52** e) Diplomatic or consular agents;

**53** f) The Secretary General of the United Nations and the Heads of the subsidiary organs of the United Nations;

**54** g) The International Court of Justice at the Hague.

**55** (2) By common agreement between the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned, Government

calls may comprise lightning Government calls, urgent Government calls and ordinary Government calls.

**56** § 2. The person booking a Government call shall be required, if asked to do so, to state his name and rank.

**57** § 3. In services in which lightning private calls and urgent private calls are not admitted, lightning Government calls and urgent Government calls may be allowed.

## Article 10

### Service Calls

**58** § 1. (1) Service calls are those which relate to the working of the international telephone service (including the establishment and maintenance of circuits for other telecommunication services effected with the assistance of the international telephone service), and such calls may be exchanged free of charge between the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned with the international telephone service.

**59** (2) In services between Administrations of the European system, the free use of the telephone service conducted by these Administrations shall, however, be authorized in case of absolute necessity, for the transmission of service telegrams and service advices, and for the exchange of conversations concerning the working of the international telegraph service, which shall then be regarded as service calls.

**60** (3) Reciprocally, in the same relations and subject to the same conditions of absolute necessity, the telephone service may use free of charge the telegraph service conducted by Administrations of the European system, for the despatch of telegrams concerning the working of the international telephone service, which shall then be regarded as service telegrams.

**61** § 2. Service calls may be requested only by persons authorized to do so by their respective Administration or recognized private operating agency.

**62** § 3 (1) The Director of the C.C.I.F. is authorized to request service telephone calls.

**63** (2) The Secretary General is authorized to request free telephone calls on the official business of the Union.

**64** § 4. Service calls must be made, so far as possible, outside the busiest hours ; they may, in exceptional circumstances, be booked as lightning service calls or urgent service calls.

#### Article 11

##### Ordinary Private Calls

**65** The expression ordinary private calls means paid calls which do not receive any special treatment.

#### Article 12

##### Urgent Private Calls

**66** Urgent private calls, having priority over ordinary private calls, may be admitted by agreement between the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned.

#### Article 13

##### Lightning Calls

**67** Lightning calls, having priority over all other calls, excepting distress calls, may be admitted by agreement between the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned.

#### Article 14

##### Distress Calls

**68** Distress calls are calls concerning the safety of life at sea or in the air. They shall have absolute priority over all other calls.

#### Article 15

##### Subscription Calls

**69** § 1. (1) Subscription calls are those which are arranged to take place daily, between the same stations, at the same time agreed

upon in advance, for the same duration, and which have been booked for at least one whole month, or for one or several indivisible periods of seven consecutive days.

**70** (2) The person who enters into a subscription contract may, however, be authorized exceptionally to exchange his call with or from a station other than those indicated in the subscription contract, but forming part of the same local system.

**71** § 2. Subscription calls shall be admitted by special agreement between the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned.

**72** § 3. Subscription calls must relate exclusively to the personal affairs of the correspondents or those of their firms.

**73** § 4. (1) Subscription calls shall be subject to the acceptance, by the person requiring them, of a subscription contract. The subscription contract may take effect from any date, but the monthly period shall begin only on the first day of each month. The amount of the subscription relating to the first monthly period shall be increased, if necessary, by the part of the amount of the monthly subscription corresponding to the period comprised between the date of its entry into force and that of the beginning of the monthly period.

**74** (2) The monthly subscription shall be extended from month to month unless it has been cancelled by either party at least eight days before the end of the current monthly period. Nevertheless, by special agreement between the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned, earlier cancellation may be permitted, after the first monthly period and before the end of another monthly period, at eight days' notice in advance.

**75** (3) A subscription contract made for one or several indivisible periods of seven consecutive days shall not be renewable by tacit agreement.

**76** § 5. The time and duration of subscription calls shall be fixed by the international terminal exchanges concerned, with due regard to the subscriber's request and the commitments of the service. The international terminal exchanges concerned shall confirm in writing between themselves the time and duration of the calls provided for in the subscription contract.



**77** § 6. If, at the time specified in the subscription contract, there is, between the international terminal exchanges concerned, a circuit on which no call is in progress and on which no distress call, lightning call, or urgent Government call is on hand (or if in services where lightning calls and/or urgent Government calls are not admitted, there is no priority Government call on hand) the call shall be set up at the time fixed. Otherwise, it shall be set up as soon as possible on the first circuit fulfilling these conditions after the time fixed.

**78** § 7. A subscription call shall be definitely disconnected when the caller gives the signal that the call is ended before the expiry of the duration specified for each subscription call. If, at the end of this duration, the caller has not already given the signal that the call is ended, the call shall be disconnected by the operator, unless the caller expresses a wish to continue the call; in which case he may be authorized to continue the call subject to the conditions laid down in regard to the limitation of the duration of calls.

## Article 16

### Occasional Fixed time Calls

**79** § 1. An occasional fixed time call is a call, the booking of which includes an indication of a particular time for its establishment.

**80** § 2. Occasional fixed time calls shall be admitted by agreement between the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned.

**81** § 3. If, at the time specified for the establishment of the occasional fixed time call, there is, between the international terminal exchanges concerned, a circuit on which no distress call, lightning call, urgent Government call or subscription call is in progress (or, if in services where lightning calls and/or urgent Government calls are not admitted, there is no priority Government call or subscription

call on hand) the call shall be set up at the time indicated by the caller. Otherwise, it shall be established as soon as possible on the first circuit fulfilling these conditions after the time indicated.

## Article 17

### Préavis Calls

**82** § 1. (1) Any booking of a call may include a préavis the object of which is to advise the subscriber's station concerned that the person booking the call wishes to speak either to a person designated by name or in any other way, or to a specified station.

**83** (2) Préavis facilities shall be admitted by agreement between the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned.

**84** § 2. The calls to which préavis give rise shall be termed "préavis calls", and shall be subject, except in so far as the present Regulations provide otherwise, to the general rules applicable to international telephone calls.

**85** § 3. (1) The validity of bookings for préavis calls shall expire at the times provided for in Article 23 for bookings in general; the validity of a préavis booking may, however, be extended by twenty-four hours at the request of the caller.

**86** (2) The extension of the validity of a préavis booking shall begin from the moment when the validity should expire in accordance with the provisions of Article 23.

## Article 18

### Avis d'appel Calls

**87** § 1. (1) Any booking of a call may include an avis d'appel the object of which is the summoning of a correspondent or his substitute from the same address, for the purpose of taking a call.

**88** (2) Avis d'appel facilities shall be admitted by agreement between the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned.

**89** § 2. The calls to which avis d'appel give rise shall be termed "avis d'appel calls" and shall be subject, except in so far as the present Regulations provide otherwise, to the general rules applicable to international telephone calls.

**90** § 3. A booking of an avis d'appel call shall remain valid for the whole of the day following that on which the booking is made.

**91** § 4. The avis d'appel shall be delivered to the address given under the same conditions as apply to ordinary telegrams.

**92** § 5. If for any reason, the delivery of an avis d'appel cannot be effected, the caller shall be informed and the booking of the call shall be cancelled.

#### Article 19

##### Collect Calls

**93** § 1. (1) The person booking a call may specify that the charge for the call shall be paid by the called party.

**94** (2) This facility shall be subject to the previous consent of the latter.

**95** § 2. Collect calls shall be admitted by agreement between the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned.

**96** § 3. Collect calls shall be subject, except in so far as the present Regulations provide otherwise, to the general rules applicable to international telephone calls.

#### Article 20

##### Stock Exchange Calls

**97** § 1. (1) Stock exchange calls are those originating in or intended for a stock exchange in which there are call-offices available for all members and operated by the Administration or recognized private operating agency of the country concerned.

**98** (2) The "bureau-bourse" comprises the whole of these call-offices and the switch-board, if any, from which they are operated.

**99** § 2. Except where the present Regulations provide otherwise, stock exchange calls shall be subject to the general rules applicable to international telephone calls.

## Article 21

### Requests for Information

**100** § 1. A request for information is a request made by a person with the object of ascertaining :

**101** a) whether a certain person, whose name is given together with the additional details necessary for identification (for example, his complete address), is a telephone subscriber, and, if so, what is his telephone number ;

**102** b) the name of the person to whom a given telephone number in a specified telephone system, is allotted.

**103** § 2. Requests for information shall be admitted by agreement between the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned.

## CHAPTER VII ,

### Booking of Calls

#### Article 22

#### Form of Booking

**104** § 1. In the booking of a call, the station of the subscriber required shall be designated by the name of the system of destination and the appropriate telephone number as it appears in the official telephone directory of the country concerned. Bookings giving only the name of the person required and the additional particulars necessary for identifying him shall, however, be admitted.

**105** § 2. In the booking of a call originating at or destined for a "bureau-bourse", the name of the stock exchange or stock exchanges concerned, the name of the member or members concerned and, if necessary, the name or designation of the member's substitute, shall be given.

## Article 23

**Validity of Bookings**

**106** Subject to the particular rules for préavis calls (**85** and **86**), and avis d'appel calls (**90**), the validity of bookings of calls recorded but not completed on any given day shall cease:

**107** 1. where all the exchanges concerned are open continuously:

**108** a) at midnight if the call has been booked before 10 p.m. on the same day;

**109** b) at 8 a.m. if the call has been booked after 10 p.m. the previous evening;

**110** 2. where all the exchanges concerned are not open continuously: at the time of closing of the service at the end of the day.

## Article 24

**Limitation of Bookings**

**111** The number of bookings of calls from the same correspondent destined for the same local system may be limited, by mutual agreement between the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned.

## Article 25

**Specification of time for completion**

**112** At the time when he books a call, the caller may specify that the call is not to be set up until after a given hour indicated by him, or that the call is not to be set up during a given period specified by him, subject to the above provision relating to the validity of booking of calls (Art. 23).

## Article 26

**Modification of Bookings**

**113** § 1. In the case of all bookings of calls and subject to the provisions of Article 23 relative to the period of validity of bookings

of calls, the caller may, so long as he has not been informed that the call is to take place :

- 114 a) specify that the call is not to be established during a period that he designates ;
- 115 b) specify that the call is not to be established until after a particular time designated by him ;
- 116 c) specify the time after which the booking of the call should be cancelled ;
- 117 d) change either the number of the calling station or the number of the called station, within the limits of the respective local systems of these two stations ;
- 118 e) change a booking of an ordinary call into a booking of an urgent call ;
- 119 f) change a booking of an ordinary or urgent call into a booking of a lightning call ;
- 120 g) change a booking of a call without *préavis* or without *avis d'appel* into a booking of a *préavis* call, or an *avis d'appel* call destined for the same local system, and vice versa ;
- 121 h) change a booking of a *préavis* call into a booking of an *avis d'appel* call destined for the same local system, and vice versa ;
- 122 i) change the designation of the called person or the number of the extension requested in the booking of a *préavis* call or an *avis d'appel* call or a stock exchange call, within the limits of the same local system.

123 § 2. (1) Modifications of bookings of calls shall be permitted free of charge ; the Administration or recognized private operating agency of origin may, however, make a special charge covering the additional work of recording. This charge shall not enter into the international accounts.

124 (2) When the booking of a *préavis* or *avis d'appel* call has been changed into a booking of a call without *préavis* or without *avis d'appel*, the caller must pay the supplementary charge in respect

of the préavis or the avis d'appel if the international terminal exchange of origin has already forwarded over the international circuit the particulars concerning the préavis or the avis d'appel.

**125** (3) In the case of the alteration of any booking of a call into a booking of an avis d'appel call, or vice versa, or in the case of the alteration of the designation of the called person in any booking of an avis d'appel or a stock exchange call, the Administration or recognized private operating agency of destination shall receive the charge in respect of delivery by the messenger, if such has already taken place before the alteration requested, or is necessitated by the alteration of the booking.

## CHAPTER VIII

### **Priority of Calls Establishment and disconnection of Calls Limitation of duration of Calls**

#### Article 27

#### **Priority of Calls**

**126** § 1. International calls shall have priority over internal calls of the same class. This priority, however, shall not be applicable to calls using an international circuit connecting two neighbouring frontier exchanges.

**127** § 2. Ordinary international calls, or at least those using an international circuit or a chain of international circuits connecting two international terminal exchanges five hundred (500) kilometres or more apart as the crow flies, shall be accorded priority over urgent calls in the internal service of the terminal countries.

**128** § 3. (1) Calls shall be established in the following order .

**129**       a) distress calls ;

**130**       b) lightning service calls :

**131**       c) lightning Government calls ;

- 132**      *d)* lightning private calls ;
- 133**      *e)* urgent Government calls ;
- 134**      *f)* urgent service calls ;
- 135**      *g)* urgent private calls ;
- 136**      *h)* ordinary Government calls for which priority has been specifically requested ;
- 137**      *i)* ordinary Government calls for which priority has not been requested, ordinary private calls and ordinary service calls.
- 138**      (2) Lightning service calls may only be requested if they concern the re-establishment of international telephone links which have been totally interrupted.
- 139**      (3) In services where lightning and urgent calls are not admitted, calls shall be established in the following order :
- 140**      *a)* distress calls ;
- 141**      *b)* service calls concerning the re-establishment of international telephone links which have been totally interrupted ;
- 142**      *c)* Government calls for which priority has been specifically requested ;
- 143**      *d)* Government calls for which priority has not been requested, ordinary private calls, and ordinary service calls.
- 144**      (4) Calls of the categories mentioned in **137** and **143** shall be established in the chronological order of booking at the international terminal exchange.
- 145** § 4. (1) In every international telephone service, the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned shall consult each other to determine the circuit on which the bookings take rank and the international terminal exchange which is to control the order of these calls.



**146** (2) In the international terminal exchange controlling the order of calls, these calls shall take rank according to their category and the time of their receipt at this exchange.

## Article 28

### Establishment and disconnection of calls

**147** § 1. Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies shall agree directly between themselves upon the most appropriate method of operation to be applied in the international relations that concern them.

**148** § 2. All bookings of calls, modifications of bookings and advices of cancellation shall be transmitted as quickly as possible to the international terminal exchange charged with establishing the calls booked.

**149** § 3. Service particulars relating to bookings (with préavis or with avis d'appel) of the various categories shall be transmitted, independent of call bookings, in the order indicated in Article 27.

**150** § 4. Calling signals on international circuits must be answered immediately. If, after a suitable period of calling, the exchange called does not reply, it shall be asked by any appropriate means to resume the service on the international circuit in question ; any international terminal exchange that is in a position to help in this matter must do so.

**151** § 5. For the operation of international telephone circuits, the French language shall be used between Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies having different languages, in the absence of special agreements between them for the use of other languages.

**152** § 6. International terminal exchanges connected with each other by several international circuits may, by mutual agreement, allocate certain of these circuits specially for the establishment of transit calls or for the passing of traffic in one direction only.

**153** § 7. (1) When there is congestion in a particular international telephone service, recourse shall be had to the advance preparation of calls. Preparation shall consist in completing all the

operations necessary in order that the two stations (calling and called) may be connected together without any loss of time on the international circuit.

**154** (2) On circuits which have not been allocated for the passing of traffic in a single direction, calls of the same category are, in principle, established in alternate order ; the international terminal exchanges concerned may, by mutual agreement, modify temporarily the conditions of alternation, if that would be advantageous from the point of view of the flow of traffic.

**155** (3) At least one call must be prepared before the end of the call in progress.

**156** (4) Except for distress calls, calls already prepared must not be delayed for the benefit of calls of superior rank.

**157** § 8. (1) The international terminal exchange responsible for charging shall verify that the quality of reception between the correspondents is satisfactory ; it shall note the time when the call is established as well as the time when the conversation ends and/or the duration of this conversation. In addition, when necessary, it shall note the period during which reception has been unsatisfactory. This exchange shall record service incidents and other items necessary for the preparation of the international accounts.

**158** (2) In the case of advance preparation of calls, the information mentioned in the preceding sub-paragraph may, by agreement between the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned, be noted also by the other international terminal exchange or exchanges concerned with the call.

**159** (3) When, before the beginning of the call, the international terminal exchange responsible for charging observes that the conditions of reception will not be satisfactory, the connection shall be broken down in order to avoid any delay in the establishment of other calls.

## Article 29

### Limitation of duration of Calls

**160** § 1. (1) In general, the duration of private calls shall not be limited.

**161** (2) The Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned may, however, agree to limit the duration of private calls in certain specified services, to twelve or even to six minutes.

**162** (3) Further, in any service, in case of congestion or interruption, the international terminal exchanges concerned may agree temporarily to limit the duration of private calls to twelve or even to six minutes.

**163** (4) In any service, the duration of a private call may be limited to twelve minutes, if that is necessary, in order to comply with a booking on hand for a call of superior class.

**164** § 2. (1) The duration of Government calls shall not be limited.

**165** (2) Transit Administrations or transit recognized private operating agencies shall have the right, however, in the case of breakdown or congestion, to limit the duration of Government calls and service calls to twelve minutes, when these calls are established through the intermediary of one of their exchanges.

**166** § 3. In cases in which the duration of the call is limited, the caller shall be so informed, if possible at the time when the call is about to be connected; in addition the correspondents shall be advised a few seconds before the official disconnection of the call.

## CHAPTER IX

### **Tariffs and Charging Adjustment of Charges and Reimbursements**

#### Article 30

#### **Chargeable duration of Calls**

**167** § 1. The chargeable duration of a call between two subscriber stations shall begin at the moment when communication is established between the calling station and the called station after these two stations have replied to the ring, regardless of who may reply to the ring.

**168** § 2. When the call originates at a public call office and is destined for a subscriber's station, the chargeable duration of the

call shall begin at the moment when, the subscriber's station having replied to the ring, the caller is put into communication with the latter station.

**169** § 3. If the call is destined for a public call office, the chargeable duration of the call shall begin at the moment when, the two stations concerned having replied to the ring, the caller in the public office, or the calling subscriber's station, as the case may be, is put into communication with the person called or his representative.

**170** § 4. In the case where advance preparation of calls is in operation, the chargeable duration of a *préavis* call shall begin at the moment when the calling station is put into communication with the called person; however the duration shall begin at the latest one minute after the moment when, the calling and called stations having been advised in advance that the call is about to take place, and the called station having stated that the called person was ready to exchange the call, communication is established between the two stations, calling and called, these stations having replied to the ring.

**171** § 5. The chargeable duration of a stock exchange call shall begin at the moment when the call is at the disposal of the stock exchange member called, the latter having been warned beforehand that the call is about to take place.

**172** § 6. The chargeable duration of the call shall end at the moment when the calling station gives the signal that the call is ended.

**173** § 7. (1) After each call, the operator at the international terminal exchange responsible for charging shall fix the chargeable duration of the call, taking into account, where necessary, any difficulties of reception or any incidents which may have occurred.

**174** (2) In the case where advance preparation of calls is in operation, this operator may, in accordance with any agreement between the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned, agree on this subject with the operators of the other international terminal exchange or exchanges having participated in the establishment of the call.

**175** (3) In the case of a difference of opinion between the international terminal exchanges regarding the chargeable duration of a call, the opinion of the international terminal exchange responsible for fixing the charge shall prevail.

## Article 31

**Unit Charge**

**176** § 1. The unit charge is the charge in respect of an ordinary call of three minutes' duration effected during the period of heavy traffic.

**177** § 2. The amount of the unit charge shall be fixed on the basis of the gold franc, by agreement between the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned.

**178** § 3. The unit charge expressed in gold francs shall always be the same in both directions in a given relation, regardless of the route (normal, auxiliary, emergency) used for the establishment of a communication in this relation.

**179** § 4. (1) Any call of a duration of three minutes or less shall be charged as for three minutes.

**180** (2) When the duration of a call exceeds three minutes, a charge per minute shall be made for the period in excess of the first three minutes. Any fraction of a minute shall be charged as for one minute. The charge per minute shall be one-third of the charge for three minutes.

**181** (3) In services between frontier districts, as arranged by agreement between the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned, the charges shall be reckoned in unbroken periods of three minutes; the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned may, however, by special agreement between themselves, apply in these services also the provisions of **180**.

## Article 32

**Composition of the Tariff**

**182** § 1. The rates for calls shall be made up of the terminal rates and any transit rate or rates.

**183** § 2. (1) For the fixing of terminal rates, the territory of the Administrations and recognized private operating agencies may be divided into charge zones.

**184** (2) Each Administration or recognized private operating agency shall fix the number and extent of the charge zones for its services with each of the other Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies.

**185** (3) A uniform terminal rate shall be fixed for a given charge zone.

**186** § 3. Each transit Administration or recognized private operating agency shall fix its transit rate. In the same conditions of transit, an Administration or recognized private operating agency shall apply the same transit rates.

### Article 33

#### Charging during the periods of Heavy and Light Traffic

**187** § 1. (1) For any call, the charge applied during the period of light traffic shall be equal to three-fifths ( $3/5$ ) of the charge which would be applied to such call during the period of heavy traffic.

**188** (2) The period of light traffic shall be determined by agreement between the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned.

**189** § 2. Calls extending into both the period of heavy traffic and the period of light traffic shall be charged as follows :

**190** a) for a call not exceeding three minutes in duration : the tariff in force in the Administration or recognized private operating agency of origin and applicable to the period of heavy traffic shall be applied, according to whether the call began in the period of heavy traffic or in the period of light traffic;

**191** b) (1) for a call exceeding three minutes in duration: the first three minutes shall be charged in accordance with the tariff in force in the Administration or recognized private operating agency of origin at the moment when the call begins; the additional minutes shall be charged in accordance with the tariff in force in the system of that Administration or recognized private operating agency at the moment when each of these minutes begins;

**192** (2) in frontier services where the charge is reckoned in unbroken periods of three minutes, each period of three minutes shall be charged in accordance with the tariff in force in the system of the Administration or recognized private operating agency of origin at the moment when this period of three minutes begins.

**193** § 3. In the case where advance preparation of calls is in operation and in accordance with any agreement between the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies, each international terminal exchange operator shall announce to her corresponding operator the moment of change from a period of heavy traffic to a period of light traffic, or vice versa, so far as her outgoing traffic is concerned.

#### Article 34

### Collection of Charges

**194** (1) The charge shall be payable, according to circumstances, by the subscriber from whose station the call was booked or by the person who booked the call from a public call office.

**195** (2) For collect calls, the charge shall be payable by the called subscriber.

#### Article 35

### Charge for Government Calls

**196** Government calls shall be charged as private calls of the same class.

#### Article 36

### Charge for Urgent Calls

**197** The charge applied to an urgent call shall be double that for an ordinary call of the same duration exchanged during the same charge period.

## Article 37

**Charge for Lightning Calls**

**198** The charge applied to a lightning call shall be three times that for an ordinary call of the same duration exchanged during the same charge period.

## Article 38

**Charge for Distress Calls**

**199** (1) The charge applied to a distress call shall be equal to that for an ordinary call exchanged during the same charge period.

**200** (2) In the case where it is observed that there has been an abuse of privilege in the booking of a distress call and the call has been effected, that call shall be subject to the highest charge applicable in the service concerned.

## Article 39

**Charge for Subscription Calls**

**201** § 1. Subscription calls shall be subject to the following charges :

**202** a) during the period of light traffic : as a maximum, one half of that for an ordinary call of the same duration exchanged during the period of heavy traffic;

**203** b) during the period of heavy traffic : the charge for an ordinary call of the same duration exchanged during that period of heavy traffic; during certain busy hours, however, which may be determined if necessary for each service by the international terminal exchanges concerned, Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies may agree to apply to subscription calls double the charge for an ordinary call of the same duration exchanged during the period of heavy traffic.



**204 § 2.** Extra conversation following a subscription call shall be charged by the minute, at the rate applicable to subscription calls during the charge period or periods during which such additional conversation is exchanged.

**205 § 3. (1)** The monthly subscription charge shall be reckoned on the basis of thirty days.

**206 (2)** The monthly subscription charge may, however, be reckoned on the basis of twenty-five days, if the subscriber waives the use of his subscription on any one day of the week, being the same one each week and being specified in advance in the agreement.

**207 (3)** The subscription charge for one or more periods of seven consecutive days shall be reckoned on the basis of seven days, but no reduction shall be admitted if the subscriber waives the use of one or more calls.

## Article 40

### Charge for Occasional Fixed Time Calls

**208 § 1.** The charge applied to an occasional fixed time call exchanged during the period of heavy traffic shall be double that for an ordinary call of the same duration exchanged during the same charge period, with the addition of a supplementary charge equal to the cost of one minute of ordinary conversation during the period of heavy traffic.

**209 § 2. (1)** The charge applied to an occasional fixed time call exchanged during the period of light traffic shall be the same as that for an ordinary call of the same duration exchanged during the period of light traffic, with the addition of a supplementary charge equal to the cost of one minute of ordinary conversation during the period of light traffic.

**210 (2)** The charge applied to an occasional fixed time call exchanged during the period of light traffic and booked for a duration of not less than one hour, shall be half the charge for an ordinary private call of the same duration exchanged during the period of heavy traffic; no supplementary charge shall be payable in this case.

## Article 41

**Charge for Préavis Calls**

**211** (1) The charge applied to a préavis call shall be the same as that for a call of the same class and of the same duration, exchanged during the same charge period, with the addition of a supplementary charge equal to the cost of one minute of ordinary conversation exchanged during the same charge period as the beginning of the call associated with this préavis.

**212** (2) When the préavis call is of a class which already carries with it the application of a supplementary charge equal to the cost of one minute of ordinary conversation, only the supplementary charge for the préavis shall be levied in addition to the charge for the call.

**213** (3) Except where there are special circumstances for which these Regulations provide otherwise, a préavis not followed by a call shall be subject to a charge fixed at one-third (1/3) of the charge applicable to an ordinary call of three minutes exchanged during the charge period in which the préavis was transmitted by the international terminal exchange of origin.

**214** (4) If the préavis is transmitted to a subscriber's station in another local system in the same country, the supplementary charge for the préavis shall be reckoned as follows :

**215** a) if the préavis is followed by a call, the supplementary charge for the préavis shall be reckoned according to the tariff applicable to the call actually exchanged ;

**216** b) if the préavis is not followed by a call, the supplementary charge for the préavis shall be reckoned on the basis of the higher charge applicable in the two local systems concerned.

## Article 42

**Charge for avis d'appel Calls**

**217** (1) The charge applied to a call with avis d'appel shall be that for a call of the same class and of the same duration exchanged during the same charge period, with the addition of a supplementary charge equal to the cost of one minute of ordinary conversation exchanged during the same charge period as the beginning of the call associated with the avis d'appel.

**218** (2) When the avis d'appel call is of a class which already carries with it the application of a supplementary charge equal to the cost of one minute of ordinary conversation, only the supplementary charge for the avis d'appel shall be levied in addition to the charge for the call.

**219** (3) Except where there are special circumstances for which these Regulations provide otherwise, an avis d'appel not followed by a call shall be subject to a charge fixed at one-third (1/3) of the charge applicable to an ordinary call of three minutes exchanged during the charge period in which the avis d'appel was transmitted by the international terminal exchange of origin.

**220** (4) If the avis d'appel has to be delivered to an addressee at a place outside the area of free delivery of telegrams, it shall be subject to an additional supplementary charge, known as an express charge, equal to the charge payable for express delivery in the telegraph service. This express charge shall be collected from the caller and shall be included in its entirety in the international accounts to the credit of the Administration or recognized private operating agency of destination.

## Article 43

### Charge for Collect Calls

**221** § 1. The charge applied to a collect call shall be that for a call of the same class and of the same duration, exchanged during the same charge period, with the addition of a supplementary charge equal to the cost of one minute of ordinary conversation exchanged during the same charge period as the beginning of the call. This charge shall be payable by the called subscriber. The charge period taken into consideration shall be that of the country where the user pays the charge.

**222** § 2. In all cases where a booking of a collect call, unaccompanied by an avis d'appel or a préavis, is not completed for reasons beyond the control of the telephone service, in particular when the called person refuses to pay for the call, the exchange of origin shall collect from the caller a supplementary charge equal to the cost of one minute of ordinary conversation exchanged during the charge period of the country of origin during which the booking was transmitted.

## Article 44

**Charge for Stock Exchange Calls**

**223** The charge applied to a stock exchange call shall be that for a call of the same class and of the same duration, exchanged during the same charge period.

## Article 45

**Charge for Requests for Information**

**224** A request for information is charged for in the international service only if it is not accompanied by the booking of a call and only if it necessitates the use of an international telephone circuit. In such case, the charge applied to the request for information shall be one-third ( $1/3$ ) of that for an ordinary call of three minutes exchanged between the person applying for the information and the person in respect of whom the information is requested, during the charge period in which the request for information was transmitted by the international terminal exchange of origin.

## Article 46

**Double Supplementary Charges**

**225** When the booking of a call of a class for which a supplementary charge is payable (for example, in the case of occasional fixed time calls or collect calls) is accompanied by a *préavis* or an *avis d'appel*, only one supplementary charge shall be collected, namely, that in respect of the *préavis* or the *avis d'appel*.

## Article 47

**Right to round off Charges**

**226** § 1. The charges to be collected in accordance with agreements made between Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies may be rounded up or down to meet the monetary or other convenience of the country of origin.

**227** § 2. Modifications adopted by virtue of the foregoing paragraph shall apply only to the charge collected in the country of origin and shall not involve any alteration in the share of the charges proper to the other Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned. They must be so arranged that the difference between the charge unit adopted and the charge for three minutes of conversation calculated exactly in accordance with the gold franc equivalents fixed by the Administrations in question is not more than one-fifteenth of this latter charge.

#### Article 48 <sup>1)</sup>

##### Fixing of monetary Equivalents

**228** § 1. For the collection of charges from the public, each country should, in principle, apply to the rate expressed in gold francs an equivalent in its national currency approaching as nearly as possible the value of the gold franc. However, when the equivalent is not applied or when the equivalent applied is less than the true equivalent, the accounts shall nevertheless be prepared in gold francs in conformity with Article 31.

**229** § 2. (1) Each country should, so far as practicable, notify to the General Secretariat the equivalent it has chosen, as well as the date from which it will collect charges according to such equivalent.

**230** (2) The General Secretariat shall draw up a table of the information it receives and forward it to all Members and Associate Members. It shall also inform them of the date on which new charges based on any new equivalent come into force, and shall bring any subsequent information to their notice.

#### Article 49

##### Charges in particular cases

##### Adjustment of Charges and Reimbursements

**231** § 1. When, through the action of the telephone service, the booking of a call is not followed by the calling and called stations being placed in communication, no charge shall be payable. If the amount of the charge has been paid, it shall be refunded.

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<sup>1)</sup> Provisions common to the Telephone and Telegraph Regulations.

**232** § 2. If, immediately after a call is set up, it is found that the conditions of reception are not satisfactory, no charge shall be payable.

**233** § 3. (1) When, through the action of the telephone service, the correspondents experience difficulty in the course of a conversation, the chargeable duration of the call shall be reduced to the total time during which speech conditions have been satisfactory; if such time is less than three minutes, no charge shall be payable.

**234** (2) The person booking a call cannot demand the application of this provision, unless, during the call, one of the international terminal exchanges concerned or one of the public call offices concerned, as the case may be, has been asked to note the difficulties experienced.

**235** § 4. (1) Any complaint made after the completion of the call shall be investigated by the international terminal exchange of origin. According to circumstances, the international terminal exchange or exchanges concerned shall communicate direct to the international terminal exchange of origin the information which may be necessary for the enquiry.

**236** (2) Reductions of charge shall be granted and borne by the Administration or recognized private operating agency of origin.

**237** § 5. (1) The booking of a call may be cancelled, without any charge being payable, up to the moment when the caller is advised that the call is about to take place.

**238** (2) In the case, however, of the cancellation of the booking of a call for which a supplementary charge is due, such supplementary charge shall be payable if, at the moment when the international terminal exchange of origin is informed of the cancellation, the particulars in respect of this booking have already been transmitted by the international terminal exchange of origin.

**239** (3) If, in the case of the booking of a call with avis d'appel, the caller wishes the required person to be informed of the cancellation, and if this necessitates a journey by a messenger, the supplementary charge for an avis d'appel and, according to circumstances, the express charge, shall be payable anew.

**240** (4) If, in the case of the booking of a call with avis d'appel and with express delivery, the messenger has not left when the advice of cancellation is received at the exchange of destination, the express charge shall not be payable.

**241** § 6. (1) When, through the action of the correspondents, a subscription call has not taken place or has not lasted for the prescribed duration, no compensation shall be given and no reimbursement shall be made.

**242** (2) When, through the action of the telephone service, it has not been possible for a subscription call to take place, or for it to last for the prescribed duration, such call shall be replaced by a call of a duration equivalent to the time not used, to be exchanged as soon as practicable after the prescribed time, with priority over other calls of the same class. If the call cannot be replaced or made good in this manner, only the charge proper to the time used shall be included in the international accounts; if the time used is less than three minutes, no charge shall be included in the accounts. In reckoning the charge for the time used, the charge relative to the whole time prescribed for a subscription call shall be taken as the basis, and this basic charge shall be equal to one-twentyfifth ( $1/25$ ) or one-thirtieth ( $1/30$ ) of the amount of the monthly subscription, irrespective of the month concerned. For a subscription call contract made for seven consecutive days, the basic charge shall be equal to one-seventh ( $1/7$ ) of the amount of the subscription.

**243** § 7. (1) For any call other than a subscription call, in case of refusal by the calling or called station, the cost of one minute of ordinary conversation exchanged between the two stations concerned during the charge period in which the refusal took place shall be payable.

**244** (2) In the case, however, of a call for which a supplementary charge is payable and which has not been effected in consequence of the refusal of the calling or the called station or of the called subscriber or his representative, only the supplementary charge shall be payable.

**245** (3) By agreement between the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned, a charge equal to that applied in the case of refusal may be made for any call, other than

a subscription call, in case of non-reply by the calling station at the moment when it is rung to take the call, or in case of non-reply by the called station, when it is rung either to receive a *préavis* or to take a *préavis* call.

**246** § 8. A call booked with an incorrect number and established with the station having that number shall be charged as for a duration of three minutes. If the incorrect booking is replaced immediately by another booking of a call to the same country, however, only the cost of one minute's conversation exchanged during the charge period when the wrong number was requested shall be payable.

## CHAPTER X

### Accounting

#### Article 50

#### Establishment of Accounts

**247** § 1. The gold franc, as it has been defined in Article 39 of the Convention, shall serve as the monetary unit in the establishment of international telephone accounts.

**248** § 2. (1) If the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned have decided to make daily comparisons of the minutes of conversation exchanged, the international terminal exchanges of each group of circuits shall check daily with each other, over the telephone, the number of minutes for which the charge must be entered in the international accounts.

**249** (2) The daily check must show, for each group of circuits between two international terminal exchanges, and for each charge period, the number of chargeable minutes of each class of call, and must show separately the calls passed over emergency routes. The minutes in each charge period shall be grouped under countries and zones of charging. The number of chargeable minutes in each charge period shall, however, be grouped by international transit centres under countries only.



**250** (3) The daily check of the number of minutes must be carried out after verification of the service records; it must be completed at the latest on the next day but one after the day in question and must be carried out in such a way that it does not hinder the flow of traffic.

**251** § 3. (1) Telephone charges shall form the subject of monthly accounts established by the Administration or recognized private operating agency of the country of origin. These accounts shall be prepared so as to show, for each charge period, the number of calls and the number of chargeable minutes of each class of call, grouped according to the zone of destination.

**252** (2) The Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned may decide by mutual agreement that the charges for the traffic between neighbouring frontier systems (181) shall not be entered in the international accounts.

**253** (3) The traffic passed over emergency routes which involve special remuneration shall be shown separately.

**254** § 4. (1) The monthly accounts shall include all the charges and supplementary charges relative to international telephone calls, with the exception of those for which these Regulations provide otherwise.

**255** (2) The supplementary charges included in the international accounts shall be shared between the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned in the same proportion as the charges for calls.

**256** (3) In the preparation of international accounts, collect calls shall be regarded as originating in the country of destination.

## Article 51

### Exchange and Acceptance of Accounts

**257** § 1. Unless there is special agreement between the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned, the Administration or recognized private operating agency of origin shall forward to the Administration or recognized private operating agency of destination as many copies of the monthly accounts as there are countries concerned, including the country of origin. After final acceptance of the account, the Administration or recognized

private operating agency of destination shall send one copy of the account to the Administration or recognized private operating agency of origin as well as to each of the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies of the other countries concerned.

**258** § 2. Each monthly account must be forwarded before the expiration of the third month following that to which the account relates.

**259** § 3. The acceptance of an account shall be notified or the observations thereon shall be made before the expiration of the fifth month dating from that to which that account relates. An Administration or recognized private operating agency which has not received, during this period, any correcting observation, shall be entitled to regard the monthly account as accepted.

**260** § 4. (1) If the Administration or recognized private operating agency of destination makes a detailed examination of its incoming traffic, for the purpose of check, and if that examination discloses a difference in one direction or the other only equal to or less than 25 gold francs, or a difference not exceeding 1 per cent. for the first 100,000 gold francs and 0.5 per cent. for the remainder above 100,000 gold francs of the account of the Administration or recognized private operating agency of origin, this account shall be considered as admitted.

**261** (2) If the difference exceeds the above maximum, the Administration or recognized private operating agency of destination may present, to the Administration or recognized private operating agency of origin, its observations together with all the necessary information which will permit of a revision of the account; this revision will be stopped when the difference has been reduced to a value not exceeding the above maximum.

**262** § 5. (1) Immediately after the acceptance of the accounts for the last month of the quarter, a quarterly account, showing the balance for the whole of the three months of the quarter shall, unless otherwise agreed between the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned, be prepared by the creditor Administration or recognized private operating agency and be forwarded in duplicate to the debtor Administration or recognized private operating agency, which, after verification, shall return one of the copies endorsed with its acceptance.

**263** (2) In default of acceptance of one or other of the monthly accounts of a given quarter before the expiration of the fifth month following the quarter to which the accounts relate, the quarterly account may, nevertheless, be prepared by the creditor Administration or recognized private operating agency with a view to a provisional settlement which shall become compulsory for the debtor Administration or recognized private operating agency under the conditions provided for by **265**. Adjustments agreed upon later shall be included in a subsequent quarterly settlement.

#### Article 52

#### Preservation of Vouchers

**264** The vouchers which have served for the establishment of international telephone accounts shall be preserved until the relative accounts are settled, and in any case, for at least ten months.

#### Article 53 <sup>1)</sup>

#### Payment of Balances of Accounts

**265** § 1. The quarterly account must be verified and the amount must be paid within a period of six weeks dating from the day on which it is received by the debtor Administration or recognized private operating agency. Beyond this period, the sums due to one Administration or recognized private operating agency by another shall be subject to interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum reckoned from the day following the date of expiration of the said period.

**266** § 2. (1) The balance of the quarterly account in gold francs shall be paid by the debtor Administration or recognized private operating agency to the creditor Administration or recognized private operating agency by a sum equivalent to its value, in conformity with the provisions of these Regulations and of such special monetary agreements as may exist between the countries of the Administrations or recognized private operating agencies concerned.

**267** (2) This payment may be effected without cost to the

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<sup>1)</sup> Provisions common to the Telephone and Telegraph Regulations.

creditor Administration or recognized private operating agency <sup>1)</sup> by one of the following methods :

- 268** a) at the choice of the debtor Administration or recognized private operating agency, in gold or by means of cheques or drafts payable on demand in the capital or in a commercial centre of the creditor country, or by transfer on a bank of this capital or of a commercial centre of the creditor country; cheques, drafts or transfers shall be made out in one of the currencies specified under A of the Appendix to these Regulations;
- 269** b) by agreement between the two Administrations or recognized private operating agencies, through the intermediary of a bank clearing through the Bank of International Settlements at Bâle;
- 270** c) by any other means agreed upon between the parties concerned.
- 271** (3) The currencies used for payment and the rules for converting the balances expressed in gold francs into the currency of payment, shall be those shown in the Appendix to these Regulations.
- 272** (4) Any loss or gain resulting from the settlement of balances by cheque or draft shall be treated according to the following rules:
- 273** a) any loss or gain arising from an unforeseen rise or fall affecting the gold par rate of one of the currencies specified in **288**, **289** or **290** of the Appendix to these Regulations and occurring up to and including the day on which the cheque or draft is received, shall be divided equally between the two Administrations or recognized private operating agencies concerned;
- 274** b) when a considerable variation occurs in the gold par rate or in the rate upon which conversion was based, the rules

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<sup>1)</sup> Taxes, clearing expenses and impositions which may be levied on the creditor Administration or recognized private operating agency by the country in which they operate shall not be considered as expenses to be borne by the debtor Administration or recognized private operating agency.

- indicated in **273** shall be applied, except when a rise or fall is caused by a revaluation or devaluation of the currency of the creditor country;
- 275 c)** in the case of delay in the despatch of a cheque or draft which has been delivered, or in the transmission to a bank of a transfer order, the debtor Administration or recognized private operating agency shall bear any loss incurred as a result of such delay. Any unreasonable period <sup>1)</sup> which may have elapsed between delivery by the bank and forwarding of the cheque or draft shall be considered as a delay; if any gain is incurred as a result of such delay, one-half must be made good to the debtor Administration or recognized private operating agency;
- 276 d)** in any case provided for in **273** to **275**, differences not exceeding 5 per cent. shall be ignored;
- 277 e)** sub-paragraphs **267** to **271** shall be observed for the settlement of differences; and the period of settlement shall begin from the date of receipt of the cheque or draft.
- 278** (5) When the amount of the balance is more than five thousand (5,000) gold francs, the date of the despatch of a cheque or a draft, the date of its purchase and its amount, or else the date of the transfer order and its amount must, upon a request by the creditor Administration or recognized private operating agency, be notified by the debtor Administration or recognized private operating agency by means of a service telegram.

## CHAPTER XI

### **General Secretariat of the Union International Telephone Consultative Committee (C.C.I.F.)**

#### Article 54

#### **Documents published by the General Secretariat**

- 279** In accordance with Article 9, § 2, *e)* and *h)*, 2, of the Conven-

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<sup>1)</sup> A delay greater than four working days counted from the day of issue of the cheque or draft (but not including that day) until the day of forwarding of this cheque or draft.

tion, the General Secretariat shall publish the following documents, guided by the C.C.I.F. recommendations on this subject:

general telephone statistics;  
list of international telephone circuits;  
official maps relating to the international network.

#### Article 55

### **International Telephone Consultative Committee (C.C.I.F.)**

**280** (1) The International Telephone Consultative Committee is constituted and functions in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 of the Convention and of Part II of the General Regulations annexed thereto.

**281** (2) Any provisions relative to the international telephone service which are not contained in these Regulations shall be subject to mutual agreement between the Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies concerned; for this purpose, they shall be guided by the recommendations of the C.C.I.F.

## CHAPTER XII

### **Final Provision**

#### Article 56

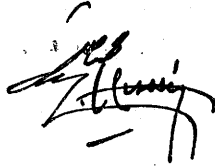
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**282** The present Regulations, which are annexed to the Convention, shall enter into force on the first of July, one thousand nine hundred and fifty.

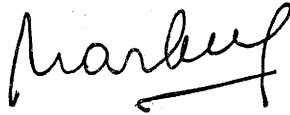
**283** In witness whereof, the respective delegates have signed these Regulations in a single copy, which shall remain deposited in the archives of the Government of France, which shall forward a certified copy to each Contracting Government.

Done at Paris, the 5th of August, 1949.

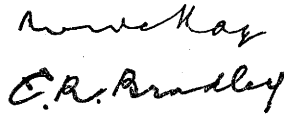
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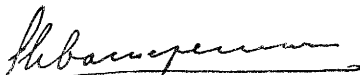
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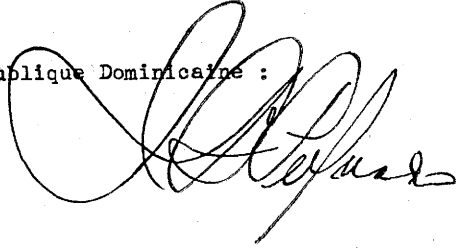
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H. Samy

Pour l'Irlande :

W. Wilson  
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E. Mattamy signé

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A. Boy

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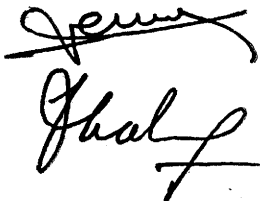
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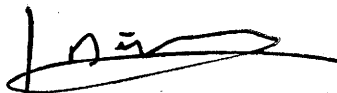


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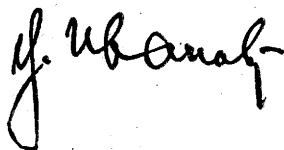
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Pour la République Socialiste Soviétique de l'Ukraine :

  
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Pour la Rhodésie du Sud :



Pour la République populaire roumaine :

  
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*Н. В. В. В. В.*  
*С. З. З. З.*  
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APPENDIX <sup>1)</sup>**Payment of Balances**

**284** The currencies used for payment, as well as the rules for conversion of the balances expressed in gold francs into the currency of payment, referred to in **271** of the Telephone Regulations shall be the following:

*A. Currencies of payment*

**285** The currencies used for the payment of amounts equivalent to the gold franc balances of international telephone accounts shall be the following:

**286 a)** If the country to which the creditor Administration or recognized private operating agency belongs has made a special monetary agreement with the country to which the debtor Administration or recognized private operating agency belongs, the currency designated by this agreement;

**287 b)** If no special monetary agreement exists between these countries, the creditor country may request that this payment be made:

**288** 1. in the money of a country where the central bank of issue or other official institution freely buys and sells gold or gold currency for the national money at fixed rates determined by law or by virtue of an agreement with the Governments (money referred to hereinafter as "gold currency");

**289** 2. or in the money of a country with a free rate of exchange (money referred to hereinafter as "free currency"), the gold parity of which is fixed by the International Monetary Fund;

**290** 3. or in the money of a country with a free rate of exchange (free currency) the gold parity of which is determined

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<sup>1)</sup> Provisions common to the Telephone and Telegraph Regulations.

by domestic law or by an arrangement between the Government and an official issuing house of that country;

- 291** 4. or in its own money, which may not necessarily fulfil the conditions laid down in **288**, **289** or **290** ; in this case, the Administrations or recognized private operating agencies concerned must be in agreement;
- 292** c) If the currencies of several countries fulfil the conditions in **288**, **289** or **290**, the creditor Administration or recognized private operating agency shall indicate the currency of payment which is convenient to it.

#### *B. Rules for Conversion*

**293** Conversion into the currency of payment of the balances in gold francs shall be effected according to the following rules :

**294** a) If the Administrations or recognized private operating agencies, belong to countries between which special monetary agreements exist, conversion shall be made:

**295** 1. at the choice of the debtor Administration or recognized private operating agency either directly into the currency of the creditor country at the gold parity fixed for such currency by the International Monetary Fund; or through the currency of the debtor country on the basis of the gold parity approved for this currency by the International Monetary Fund; the result obtained in the currency of the creditor country or of the debtor country shall, if necessary, be converted into the currency of payment in conformity with special monetary agreements between the two countries;

**296** 2. in the absence of a gold parity approved by the International Monetary Fund for both the currency of the creditor country and the currency of the debtor country: at the gold par rate of a currency fulfilling the conditions prescribed in **288**, **289** or **290**, the result obtained shall then be converted into the currency of the debtor country at the current official rate of

exchange for such currency in that country, and thence, if necessary, into the currency of payment, in conformity with the special monetary agreements;

- 297** 3. at the choice of the debtor Administration or recognized private operating agency either directly into the currency of the creditor country and at the gold parity fixed for that currency by a law of the country, or by an arrangement between the Government and an official issuing house or through the currency of the debtor country and at the gold parity determined for that currency by a law of the country or by an arrangement between the Government and an official issuing house; the result obtained in the currency of the creditor country or in the currency of the debtor country shall, if necessary, be converted into the currency of payment in conformity with the special monetary agreements between the two countries;
- 298** b) If the Administrations or recognized private operating agencies belong to countries which have not made any special monetary agreement, conversion shall be made as follows :
- 299** 1. if the currency in which payment is made is a gold currency: at the gold par rate of such currency;
- 300** 2. if the currency in which payment is made is a free currency for which a gold parity has been fixed by the International Monetary Fund: at the gold parity approved by the Fund, or at the gold par rate determined by domestic law or by an arrangement between the Government and an official issuing house;
- 301** 3. if the currency in which payment is made is a free currency for which the International Monetary Fund has not fixed any gold parity: either at the gold par rate determined by domestic law or by an arrangement between the Government and an official issuing house or through another free currency with a gold parity fixed by the Fund; the result obtained shall be converted into the currency in which payment is made at the official rate

in force in the debtor country the day or the day before the transfer is effected or the cheque or draft is purchased;

- 302** c) If, by agreement between the two Administrations or recognized private operating agencies concerned, the currency in which payment is made is that specified in **291**, the balance in gold francs shall be converted into any gold currency or free currency; the result obtained shall be converted into the currency of the debtor country, and thence into the currency of the creditor country at the official rate of exchange in force in the debtor country on the day or the day before the transfer is effected or the cheque or draft is purchased.



## RESOLUTIONS AND OPINIONS

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### RESOLUTION No. 1

#### **International Prerogatives of the I.T.U.**

The International Telegraph and Telephone Conference, Paris, 1949,

*Considering:*

that, in accordance with Article 1 of the Agreement between the United Nations and the I.T.U., the United Nations recognizes the I.T.U. as the specialized agency responsible for taking such action as may be appropriate under its basic instrument for the accomplishment of the purposes set forth therein:

that these purposes are defined in Article 3 of the Convention, and especially in paragraph 1 thereof;

that failure to observe these provisions is giving rise to certain difficulties in the field of international telecommunication;

*Resolves :*

to draw this fact to the attention of the Members and Associate Members of the I.T.U., in order that their Governments and the services concerned may give effect to the recognized international prerogatives of the I.T.U.;

*Directs:*

the Secretary General to place this resolution on the agenda for the session of the Administrative Council convened for 15 August 1949, in order that it may take the necessary steps and make representations to the Members and Associate Members of the I.T.U. and to the international organizations concerned so that the recognized international prerogatives of the I.T.U. in the field of international telecommunication may be confirmed.

RESOLUTION No. 2

**United Nations Telephone Calls in Exceptional Circumstances**

The International Telegraph and Telephone Conference, Paris, 1949,

*Considering:*

that it is important to provide the U.N. with special facilities for telephone calls in exceptional circumstances, in order that it may carry out the duties incumbent upon it by virtue of the United Nations Charter in the sphere of the maintenance of international peace and security;

*Recommends:*

that in exceptional circumstances, the Members and Associate Members of the I.T.U. grant special facilities for Government calls requested by those of the persons listed below whom the Secretary General of the U.N. shall have designated in each case:

Between the President of the Security Council,  
the President of the General Assembly,  
the Secretary General of the U.N. or his deputy,  
the Chairman of the Military Staff Committee,  
on the one hand, and

a Minister, member of a Government,  
a Representative to the Security Council,  
a Representative to the General Assembly,  
a Member of the Military Staff Committee,  
the Chairman of a Regional Sub-Committee of the Military Staff Committee,  
the Chairman of a special Committee set up by the Security Council or the General Assembly, or a person entrusted with a mission by the Security Council or the General Assembly,  
on the other hand.

These special facilities shall relate to the order of establishment of the communications requested and to the length of calls.

They shall be granted only to the persons designated above;

*Directs:*

the Secretary General of the I.T.U. to communicate this recommendation to the Members and Associate Members of the Union.

RESOLUTION No. 3

**Exchange of Franking Privileges between the I.T.U. and the U.P.U.**

The International Telegraph and Telephone Conference, Paris, 1949,

*Considering:*

a) that the Executive and Liaison Commission of the U.P.U. has deferred *sine die* all negotiations with the I.T.U. concerning the exchange of franking privileges between the I.T.U. and the U.P.U.;

b) that reciprocity of franking privileges cannot be satisfactorily realised;

c) that the charges resulting from the granting of such franking privileges would be unevenly distributed between countries;

*Resolves:*

that this question be dropped for the time being.

RESOLUTION No. 4

**Contribution by private operating agencies  
to the extraordinary expenses of the Union**

The International Telegraph and Telephone Conference, Paris, 1949,

*Referring* to Article 14, paragraph 3, sub-paragraph (2) of the Convention concerning contribution by private operating agencies to the extraordinary expenses of the Union and to the definition of the term "Delegate", appearing in Annex 2 to the Convention;

*Taking note* of the various opinions expressed in the course of the debates of the Conference; and

*Considering:*

that contribution to the extraordinary expenses of the Union should be regulated by a uniform rule applicable to all conferences and meetings referred to in Article 14, paragraph 3, sub-paragraph (2) of the Convention; and

that this question concerns not only the Paris Conference but all conferences and meetings of the I.T.U.;

*Directs* the Secretary General:

1. to include the matter in the agenda of the session of the Administrative Council scheduled for 15 August, 1949, so that it may lay down general rules for application by the Union concerning contribution to the extraordinary expenses; and

2. to forward the relevant reports of Committee 5 to the Administrative Council.

RESOLUTION No. 5

**Implementing the European Telephone Interconnexion Programme**

The International Telegraph and Telephone Conference, Paris, 1949,

*Having taken cognizance* of the requests of the United Nations, U.N.E.S.C.O., the International Chamber of Commerce and of the International Federation of Newspaper Editors concerning special priority or priority in the handling of international telephone traffic, as well as requests for reduced rates, etc., and

*Considering:*

1. that the delays on certain important telephone relations are

still very appreciable, so that users' requirements cannot fully be satisfied;

2. that the telephone Administrations and recognized private telephone agencies cannot contemplate reduction of rates at a time when they are about to invest considerable capital for important extensions of the telecommunication network and of telephone exchanges and that the reduction of delays in the international service and the speeding up of this service which will result from these improvements are the best means of satisfying users;

3. that a general programme of telephone interconnexion in Europe providing for a considerable increase of circuits in European telephone relations was drawn up three years ago but has not yet been put into effect;

*Recommends:*

all telephone Administrations and recognized private telephone agencies to expedite the execution of this programme within the limits of their financial resources.

RESOLUTION No. 6

**Study by the C.C.I.T. and the C.C.I.F.  
of Tariff applicable to lease of Circuits to Meteorological Services**

The International Telegraph and Telephone Conference, Paris, 1949,

*Considering:*

the system of renting telegraph and telephone circuits;

*Recommends:*

that the C.C.I.T. and C.C.I.F. study if and under what conditions reductions in the rates for rented circuits could be accorded to the meteorological services.

OPINION No. 1

**Telegraph and Telephone Franking Privileges for Delegates  
and Representatives at Conferences and Meetings of the I.T.U.**

The International Telegraph and Telephone Conference, Paris, 1949,

*Having examined* the question of telegraph and telephone franking privileges for Delegates and Representatives at conferences and meetings of the I.T.U.,

*Considering:*

that the franking privileges provided for in Rule 27 of Chapter 6 of the General Regulations annexed to the Convention may be granted differently by each Administration;

that this difference in the application of franking privileges gives rise to discontent on the part of participants in the conferences and meetings in question;

that the Administration of the country where a conference or meeting is to be held must submit its proposals on the subject to other Administrations beforehand and that this gives rise to the exchange of a considerable volume of service telegrams and other correspondence;

that abuses have unfortunately been observed in the use of franking privileges, and especially in private telephone relations;

that all these disadvantages seriously prejudice paid private traffic;

*Declares the view:*

that at conferences and meetings of the I.T.U. the following rules should be observed by the beneficiaries of the franking privileges enumerated in Rule 27 of Chapter 6 of the General Regulations, the Directors of the C.C.I.'s, the Vice-Director of the C.C.I.R., Administrations, and, so far as possible, by the recognized private operating agencies:

*1. Telegraph Franking Privileges*

a) Private "Conference" telegrams shall, in principle, be exchanged between beneficiaries of franking privileges and their families;

b) Delegates and Representatives, the Secretary General, the

Directors of the C.C.I.'s, the Vice-Director of the C.C.I.R., the Assistant Secretaries General and Members of the Administrative Council may exchange free telegrams either with their Administrations or with the seat of the Union;

a) Urgent and/or secret language "Conference" telegrams shall not be admitted. However, Heads of Delegations or their Deputies and Members of the Administrative Council may exchange urgent and/or secret language telegrams with their Administrations.

## *2. Telephone Franking Privileges*

a) Telephone franking privileges shall be limited to relations between countries situated in Europe. Each beneficiary shall be entitled to one 6-minute private call per week which shall in principle be exchanged with his family.

b) In the same relations, Delegates and Representatives, the Secretary General, the Directors of the C.C.I.'s, the Vice-Director of the C.C.I.R., the Assistant Secretaries General and Members of the Administrative Council may exchange free calls either with their Administrations or with the seat of the Union.

c) Urgent "Conference" calls shall not be admitted. However, Heads of Delegations or their deputies and Members of the Administrative Council may exchange urgent calls with their Administrations.

## OPINION No. 2

### **Treatment to be accorded to Telecommunications of the Subsidiary Organs and Specialized Agencies of the United Nations**

The International Telegraph and Telephone Conference, Paris, 1949,

#### *Considering:*

1. that Article IV, Section 11, of the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of Specialized Agencies of the United Nations provides as follows: "these agencies shall enjoy for their official

communications in the territory of each State party to this Convention, treatment not less favourable than that accorded by the Government of such State to any other Government, including the latter's diplomatic mission, in the matter of priorities, rates and taxes on mails, cables, telegrams, radiotelegrams, telephotos, telephone and other communications, and press rates for information to the press and radio";

2. that under the terms of Annex 2 to the International Telecommunication Convention, Atlantic City, 1947, telegrams and telephone calls originating with the Secretary General of the United Nations and the Heads of the subsidiary organs of the United Nations shall be accorded Government privileges;

3. that, by approving the present text of the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of Specialized Agencies, the I.T.U. would broaden considerably the definition of Government telegrams and telephone calls drawn up by the Plenipotentiary Conference of Atlantic City, 1947;

4. that the Administrative Council at its Third Session was of the opinion, after examination of the question, that the Union might invite the United Nations either to modify Article IV of the United Nations Convention to accord with the definition of Government telegrams and telephone calls or to postpone application of this Article until the Plenipotentiary Conference shall take a decision on the subject at Buenos Aires in 1952;

5. that the Secretary General of the United Nations has informed the Secretary General of the I.T.U. that the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of Specialized Agencies can only be revised at the request of one third of the Contracting States and after approval by a conference convened by the Secretary General of the United Nations, and that this Convention contains no provision for the postponement of its application;

6. that the Secretary General of the I.T.U. is of the opinion that the problem remains unsolved and that it would be useful if the International Telegraph and Telephone Conference, Paris, 1949, could formulate a recommendation on the subject for the guidance of the Administrative Council or of the Plenipotentiary Conference;



7. that in the definition of Government telegrams and Government telephone calls contained in Annex 2 to the Atlantic City Convention, there are mentioned the Heads of the subsidiary organs of the United Nations;

8. that the Union is bound by the provisions of the Atlantic City Convention;

9. that on the other hand it is noteworthy that the number of inter-governmental agencies associated with the work of the United Nations is ever increasing, and that in such circumstances it would not be in the best interest of telecommunication services of Members and Associate Members of the Union and of the users of such services to extend Government telecommunication privileges to specialized agencies of the United Nations;

*Expresses the opinion that:*

the Administrative Council of the I.T.U. might again consider this problem and that in so doing it should bear in mind the above considerations and the following recommendations:

(1) that, in the interest of the international telegraph and telephone services, the Administrative Council of the Union might take steps to establish and keep up to date a list of the subsidiary organs of the United Nations and to advise the Members and Associate Members of the Union of any modifications to this list;

(2) that the Administrative Council might bring the terms of this opinion to the attention of all the Members and Associate Members of the I.T.U. with the recommendation that, subject to any decisions reached by the appropriate authorities on the question of conflict of obligations, such Members and Associate Members shall, either by appropriate reservations to Article IV, Section 11, of the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of Specialized Agencies or by any other appropriate means, limit to the Heads of the subsidiary organs of the United Nations the Government telecommunication privileges provided for in the Atlantic City Convention;

(3) that the Administrative Council instruct the Secretary General of the I.T.U. to communicate concerning this matter with the Secretary General of the United Nations with the proposal that the United Nations consider the abrogation of Article IV, Section 11, of

the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of Specialized Agencies:

(4) that the Administrations present at the Paris Conference, 1949, recommend to their respective Governments that their representatives at the United Nations support the proposal of the I.T.U. that Article IV, Section 11, be abrogated;

(5) that in the event that Article IV, Section 11, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of Specialized Agencies of the United Nations is not abrogated before the Buenos Aires Plenipotentiary Conference of 1952, the Administrative Council, at its last session before that Conference, make appropriate recommendations on the matter.

### OPINION No. 3

#### Signature and Approval of the Regulations

The International Telegraph and Telephone Conference, Paris, 1949,

*Having studied* the question of the signature and approval of the Regulations referred to it by the Administrative Council (Minutes of the 17th Meeting, 3rd Session, page 7), which question is treated in Document No. 39 of the Conference;

#### *Considering:*

1. that the question is one of how the Convention and its Protocols should be interpreted;

2. that a solution of this problem would be necessary, should an extraordinary administrative conference be convened before the Plenipotentiary Conference contemplated for 1952;

#### *Expresses the wish:*

that the Administrative Council reconsider the matter.

## OPINION No. 4

### **Payment of Balances (Art. 53 of the International Telephone Regulations)**

The International Telegraph and Telephone Conference, Paris, 1949,

*Considering:*

the possible advantages of clearing;

*Recommends:*

that debit and credit balances, expressed in gold francs, between any two Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies, resulting from one or more services rendered in the field of telecommunication (telegraph, telephone, radio services, etc.) be cleared, so far as practicable, in order to obtain a general balance, so that one single payment may be made covering these various services.

## OPINION No. 5

### **Payment of International Balances**

The International Telegraph and Telephone Conference, Paris, 1949,

*Considering:*

that difficulties may arise from the fact that the rules given for the settlement of International Balances in the Atlantic City Radio Regulations (1947) differ from those shown in the Telegraph and the Telephone Regulations;

*Recommends:*

that Administrations and recognized private operating agencies, instead of applying the rules for the payment of balances given in

the Radio Regulations, apply those to be found in the Telegraph and the Telephone Regulations; and

*Invites:*

the Secretary General to bring this recommendation to the notice of the Administrations and recognized private operating agencies concerned.

OPINION No. 6

**Possible Establishment of a Clearing House  
for the Settlement of International Accounts**

The International Telegraph and Telephone Conference, Paris, 1949,

*Considering:*

the possible advantages of clearing;

*Expresses the opinion:*

that Administrations should study for the next plenipotentiary Conference the question of using the General Secretariat as a clearing house in the settling of accounts of any sort relative to the international telecommunication service between Administrations and/or recognized private operating agencies which accept such intervention after so agreeing among themselves and with the General Secretariat, on condition however:

1. that each Administration or recognized private operating agency reserves the right to limit the clearing to certain branches of the service and to certain countries;
2. that the Administrations or recognized private operating agencies may cease to use the General Secretariat as intermediary three months after having given notice thereof to the General Secretariat. •

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