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del Consejo de Administración de la Unión internacional de telecomunicaciones.

#### RESOLUTION

#### R No. 599

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#### SITUATION CONCERNING RHODESIA

#### The Administrative Council,

#### having examined

Document No. 3525/CA21 containing communications from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland advising that, as a result of the illegal declaration of Rhodesia's independence on 11 November 1965 and the dismissal of the former ministers, the authority of the Rhodesian Delegation to the Montreux Plenipotentiary Conference ceased on 11 November 1965 and the former delegation was thus no longer empowered to sign the Final Acts when they were formally presented for signature on 12 November 1965;

#### considering that

the recommendations of the Administrative Council contained in Circular Telegrams Nos. 44/14 and 45/14 of 14 May 1966 were approved by a majority of the Members of the Union;

#### instructs the Secretary-General

1. to delete the signatures of the former Rhodesian Delegation appended to the copy of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965), the Additional Protocols I, II and III, the Final Protocol and the Optional Additional Protocol deposited in the archives of the Union;

2. to notify all Members of the Union by Circular letter that the signatures have been deleted and invite them to amend their published copies accordingly;

- 3. to refuse acceptance of any purported instrument of ratification or accession by or on behalf of the existing illegal regime in Rhodesia;
- 4. to take the necessary steps so that the existing illegal regime in Rhodesia shall not be invited to take part in the work of any conference or meeting called by the Union, or under its auspices, until the Administrative Council, taking into account the decisions taken by the United Nations, shall find that the conditions for constructive cooperation have been restored.

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## INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION CONVENTION

## PREAMBLE

- 1 While fully recognizing the sovereign right of each country to regulate its telecommunication, the plenipotentiaries of the Contracting Governments, with the object of facilitating relations and co-operation between the peoples by means of efficient telecommunication services, have agreed to conclude the following Convention.
- 2 The countries and groups of territories which become parties to the present Convention constitute the International Telecommunication Union.

## CHAPTER I

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

#### ARTICLE 1

#### **Composition of the Union**

- 3 1. The International Telecommunication Union shall comprise Members and Associate Members.
- 4 2. A Member of the Union shall be:
  - a) any country or group of territories listed in Annex 1 upon signature and ratification of, or accession to, this Convention by it or on its behalf;
- 5 b) any country, not listed in Annex 1, which becomes a Member of the United Nations and which accedes to this Convention in accordance with Article 19;

#### (Convention, Art. 1)

- c) any sovereign country, not listed in Annex 1 and not a Member of the United Nations, which applies for Membership of the Union and which, after having secured approval of such application by two-thirds of the Members of the Union, accedes to this Convention in accordance with Article 19.
- 7 3. An Associate Member of the Union shall be:
  - a) any country which has not become a Member of the Union in accordance with 4 to 6, by acceding to this Convention in accordance with Article 19, after its application for Associate Membership has received approval by a majority of the Members of the Union;
  - b) any territory or group of territories not fully responsible for the conduct of its international relations, on behalf of which a Member of the Union has signed and ratified or has acceded to this Convention in accordance with Article 19 or 20, provided that its application for Associate Membership is sponsored by such a Member, after the application has received approval by a majority of the Members of the Union;
  - c) any trust territory on behalf of which the United Nations has acceded to this Convention in accordance with Article 21, and the application of which for Associate Membership has been sponsored by the United Nations.
- 10 4. If any territory or group of territories, forming part of a group of territories constituting a Member of the Union, becomes or has become an Associate Member of the Union in accordance with **8**, its rights and obligations under this Convention shall be those of an Associate Member only.
- 11 5. For the purpose of 6, 7 and 8, if an application for Membership or Associate Membership is made, by diplomatic channel and through the intermediary of the country of the seat of the Union, during the interval between two Plenipotentiary Conferences, the Secretary-General shall consult the Members of the Union; a Member shall be deemed to have abstained if it has not replied within four months after its opinion has been requested.

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### ARTICLE 2

#### **Rights and Obligations of Members and Associate Members**

- 12 1. (1) All Members shall be entitled to participate in conferences of the Union and shall be eligible for election to any of its organs.
- 13 (2) Each Member shall have one vote at all conferences of the Union, at meetings of the International Consultative Committees in which it participates and, if it is a Member of the Administrative Council, at all sessions of that Council.
- 14 (3) Each Member shall also have one vote in all consultations carried out by correspondence.
- 15 2. Associate Members shall have the same rights and obligations as Members of the Union, except that they shall not have the right to vote in any conference or other organ of the Union or to nominate candidates for membership of the International Frequency Registration Board. They shall not be eligible for election to the Administrative Council.

### ARTICLE 3

#### Seat of the Union

16 The seat of the Union shall be at Geneva.

#### ARTICLE 4

#### Purposes of the Union

- 17 1. The purposes of the Union are:
  - a) to maintain and extend international cooperation for the improvement and rational use of telecommunications of all kinds;
- 18 b) to promote the development of technical facilities and their most efficient operation with a view to improving the efficiency of telecommunication services, increasing their usefulness and making them, so far as possible, generally available to the public;

#### (Convention, Arts. 4-5)

- 19 c) to harmonize the actions of nations in the attainment of those common ends.
- 20 2. To this end, the Union shall in particular:
  - a) effect allocation of the radio frequency spectrum and registration of radio frequency assignments in order to avoid harmful interference between radio stations of different countries;
- 21 b) coordinate efforts to eliminate harmful interference between radio stations of different countries and to improve the use made of the radio frequency spectrum;
- 22 c) foster collaboration among its Members and Associate Members with a view to the establishment of rates at levels as low as possible consistent with an efficient service and taking into account the necessity for maintaining independent financial administration of telecommunication on a sound basis;
- 23 d) foster the creation, development and improvement of telecommunication equipment and networks in new or developing countries by every means at its disposal, especially its participation in the appropriate programmes of the United Nations;
- 24 e) promote the adoption of measures for ensuring the safety of life through the cooperation of telecommunication services;
- 25 f) undertake studies, make regulations, adopt resolutions, formulate recommendations and opinions, and collect and publish information concerning telecommunication matters for the benefit of all Members and Associate Members.

## ARTICLE 5

#### Structure of the Union

26 The organization of the Union shall be as follows:

1. the Plenipotentiary Conference, which is the supreme organ of the Union;

27 2. Administrative Conferences;

- **28** 3. the Administrative Council;
- 4. the permanent organs of the Union, which are:a) the General Secretariat;
- 30 b) the International Frequency Registration Board (I.F.R.B.);
- 31 c) the International Radio Consultative Committee (C.C.I.R.);
- 32 d) the International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee (C.C.I.T.T.).

## ARTICLE 6

### **Plenipotentiary Conference**

- **33** 1. The Plenipotentiary Conference, supreme organ of the Union, shall be composed of delegations representing Members and Associate Members.
- 34 2. The Plenipotentiary Conference shall:
  - a) détermine the general policies for fulfilling the purposes of the Union prescribed in Article 4 of this Convention;
- 35 b) consider the report by the Administrative Council on its activities and those of the Union since the previous Plenipotentiary Conference;
- 36 c) establish the basis for the budget of the Union and determine a fiscal limit for the expenditure of the Union until the next Plenipotentiary Conference;
- 37 d) fix the basic salaries, the salary scales and the system of allowances and pensions for all the officials of the Union;
- 38 e) finally approve the accounts of the Union;
- 39 f) elect the Members of the Union which are to serve on the Administrative Council;
- 40 g) elect the Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General and fix the dates of their taking office;
- 41 h) revise the Convention if it considers this necessary;

- 42 i) conclude or revise, if necessary, agreements between the Union and other international organizations, examine any provisional agreements with such organizations concluded, on behalf of the Union, by the Administrative Council, and take such measures in connection therewith as it deems appropriate;
- 43 *j*) deal with such other telecommunication questions as may be necessary.
- 44 3. The Plenipotentiary Conference shall normally meet at a date and place decided on by the preceding Plenipotentiary Conference.
- **45** 4. (1) The date and place of the next Plenipotentiary Conference, or either one of these, may be changed:
- 46 a) when at least one-quarter of the Members and Associate Members of the Union have individually proposed a change to the Secretary-General, or,
- 47 b) on a proposal of the Administrative Council.
- **48** (2) In either case a new date or place or both shall be determined with the concurrence of a majority of the Members of the Union.

## ARTICLE 7

#### **Administrative Conferences**

- 49 1. Administrative conferences of the Union shall comprise:
  - a) world administrative conferences;
- 50 b) regional administrative conferences.
- 51 2. Administrative conferences shall normally be convened to consider specific telecommunication matters. Only items included in their agenda may be discussed by such conferences. The decisions of such conferences must in all circumstances be in conformity with the provisions of the Convention.
- 52 3. (1) The agenda of a world administrative conference may include:
  - a) the partial revision of the Administrative Regulations listed in 203;

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- b) exceptionally, the complete revision of one or more of those Regulations;
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- c) any other question of a worldwide character within the competence of the conference.

55 (2) The agenda of a regional administrative conference may provide only for specific telecommunication questions of a regional nature, including instructions to the International Frequency Registration Board regarding its activities in respect of the region concerned, provided such instructions do not conflict with the interests of other regions. Furthermore, the decisions of such a conference must in all circumstances be in conformity with the provisions of the Administrative Regulations.

- 56 4. (1) The agenda of an administrative conference shall be determined by the Administrative Council with the concurrence of a majority of the Members of the Union in the case of a world administrative conference, or of a majority of the Members belonging to the region concerned in the case of a regional administrative conference, subject to the provisions of 76.
- 57 (2) This agenda shall include any question which a Plenipotentiary Conference has directed to be placed on the agenda.
- 58 (3) The following items may also be included in the agenda of a world administrative conference dealing with radiocommunication:
  - a) the election of the members of the International Frequency Registration Board in accordance with 172 to 174;
- 59 b) instructions to the Board regarding its activities and a review of those activities.
- 60 5. (1) A world administrative conference shall be convened:
  - a) by a decision of a Plenipotentiary Conference which may fix the date and place of its meeting;
- 61 b) on the recommendation of a previous world administrative conference;
- 62 c) at the request of at least one-quarter of the Members and Associate Members of the Union, who shall individually address their requests to the Secretary-General; or
- 63 d) on a proposal of the Administrative Council.

#### (Convention, Art. 7)

64 (2) In the cases specified in 61, 62 and 63 and, if necessary, in the case specified in 60, the date and place of meeting shall be determined by the Administrative Council with the concurrence of a majority of the Members of the Union, subject to the provisions of 76.

- 65 6. (1) A regional administrative conference shall be convened:
  - a) by a decision of a Plenipotentiary Conference;
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- b) on the recommendation of a previous world or regional administrative conference;
- c) at the request of at least one-quarter of the Members and Associate Members belonging to the region concerned, who shall individually address their requests to the Secretary-General; or
- 68 d) on a proposal of the Administrative Council.

69 (2) In the cases specified in 66, 67 and 68 and, if necessary, in the case specified in 65, the date and place of meeting shall be determined by the Administrative Council with the concurrence of a majority of the Members of the Union belonging to the region concerned, subject to the provisions of 76.

- 70 7. (1) The agenda, or date or place of an administrative conference may be changed:
  - a) at the request of at least one-quarter of the Members and Associate Members of the Union, in the case of a world administrative conference, or of at least one-quarter of the Members and Associate Members of the Union belonging to the region concerned in the case of a regional administrative conference. Their requests shall be addressed individually to the Secretary-General, who shall transmit them to the Administrative Council for approval; or
- 71 b) on a proposal of the Administrative Council.

72 (2) In cases specified in 70 and 71, the changes proposed shall not be finally adopted until accepted by a majority of the Members of the Union, in the case of a world administrative conference, or of a majority of the Members of the Union belonging to the region concerned, in the case of a regional administrative conference, subject to the provisions of 76.

73 8. (1) The Administrative Council may deem it advisable for the main session of an administrative conference to be preceded by a preparatory meeting to draw up proposals for the technical bases of the work of the conference.

- 74 (2) The convening of such a preparatory meeting and its agenda must be approved by a majority of the Members of the Union in the case of a world administrative conference, or by a majority of the Members of the Union belonging to the region concerned in the case of a regional administrative conference, subject to the provisions of 76.
- **75** (3) Unless the Plenary Meeting of a preparatory session of an administrative conference decides otherwise, the texts finally approved by it will be assembled in a report which will also be approved by a Plenary Meeting and signed by the Chairman.
- **76** 9. In the consultations referred to in **56**, **64**, **69**, **72** and **74**, Members of the Union who have not replied within the time limits specified by the Administrative Council shall be regarded as not participating in the consultations, and in consequence shall not be taken into account in computing the majority. If the number of replies does not exceed one-half of the Members consulted, a further consultation shall take place.

## ARTICLE 8

#### **Rules of Procedure of Conferences and Assemblies**

77 For the organization of their work and the conduct of their discussions, conferences and assemblies shall apply the Rules of Procedure in the General Regulations annexed to the Convention. However, each conference or assembly may adopt such rules of procedure, in amplification of those in Chapter 9 of the General Regulations, which it considers to be indispensable, provided that such additional rules of procedure are compatible with the Convention and the General Regulations.

#### ARTICLE 9

#### Administrative Council

#### A. Organization and working arrangements

**78** 1. (1) The Administrative Council shall be composed of twenty-nine Members of the Union elected by the Plenipotentiary Conference with due regard to the need for equitable representation of all parts of the world. The Members of the Union elected to the Council shall hold office until the date on which a new Council is elected by the Plenipotentiary Conference. They shall be eligible for re-election.

- 79 (2) If between two Plenipotentiary Conferences a seat becomes vacant on the Administrative Council, it shall pass by right to the Member of the Union from the same region as the Member whose seat is vacated, which had obtained at the previous election the largest number of votes among those not elected.
- 80 (3) A seat on the Administrative Council shall be considered vacant:
  - a) when a Council Member does not have a representative in attendance at two consecutive annual sessions of the Administrative Council;
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- b) when a Member of the Union resigns its membership on the Council.
- 82 2. Each of the Members of the Administrative Council shall appoint to serve on the Council a person who shall, so far as possible, be an official serving in, or directly responsible to, or for, their telecommunications administration and qualified in the field of telecommunication services.
- 83 3. Each Member of the Administrative Council shall have one vote.
- 84 4. The Administrative Council shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure.
- **85** 5. The Administrative Council shall elect its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman at the beginning of each annual session. They shall serve until the opening of the next annual session and shall be eligible for re-election. The Vice-Chairman shall serve as Chairman in the absence of the latter.
- **86** 6. (1) The Administrative Council shall hold an annual session at the seat of the Union.
- 87 (2) During this session it may decide to hold, exceptionally, an additional session.
- 88 (3) Between ordinary sessions, it may be convened, as a general rule at the seat of the Union, by its Chairman at the request of a majority of its Members.
- **89** 7. The Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General, the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the International Frequency Registration Board and the Directors of the International Consultative Committees may participate as of right in the deliberations of the Administrative Council,

but without taking part in the voting. Nevertheless, the Council may hold meetings confined to its own members.

- **90** 8. The Secretary-General shall act as Secretary of the Administrative Council.
- **91** 9. (1) In the interval between Plenipotentiary Conferences, the Administrative Council shall act on behalf of the Plenipotentiary Conference within the limits of the powers delegated to it by the latter.
- 92 (2) The Council shall act only in formal session.
- 93 10. The representative of each Member of the Administrative Council shall have the right to attend, as an observer, all meetings of the permanent organs of the Union mentioned in 30, 31 and 32.
- 94 11. Only the travelling and subsistence expenses incurred by the representative of each Member of the Administrative Council in this capacity at Council sessions shall be borne by the Union.

## B. Duties

- **95** 12. (1) The Administrative Council shall be responsible for taking all steps to facilitate the implementation by the Members and Associate Members of the provisions of the Convention, of the Regulations, of the decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference, and, where appropriate, of the decisions of other conferences and meetings of the Union.
- **96** (2) It shall ensure the efficient coordination of the work of the Union.
- 97 13. In particular, the Administrative Council shall:
  - a) perform any duties assigned to it by the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- b) in the interval between Plenipotentiary Conferences, be responsible for effecting the coordination with all international organizations referred to in Articles 29 and 30, and to this end, shall conclude, on behalf of the Union, provisional agreements with the international organizations referred to in Article 30, and

with the United Nations in application of the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Telecommunication Union: these provisional agreements shall be submitted to the next Plenipotentiary Conference in accordance with 42:

99 c) decide on the numbers and grading of the staff of the General Secretariat and of the specialized secretariats of the permanent organs of the Union, taking into account the general directives given by the Plenipotentiary Conference:

- d) draw up such regulations as it may consider necessary for the 100 administrative and financial activities of the Union: and also the administrative regulations to take account of current practice of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies applying the Common System of pay, allowances and pensions:
- 101 e) supervise the administrative functions of the Union:
- 102 f) review and approve the annual budget of the Union, ensuring the strictest possible economy;
- g) arrange for the annual audit of the accounts of the Union pre-103 pared by the Secretary-General and approve them for submission to the next Plenipotentiary Conference:
- 104 *h*) adjust as necessary:
  - 1. the basic salary scales for staff in the professional categories and above, excluding the salaries for posts filled by election, to accord with any changes in the basic salary scales adopted by the United Nations for the corresponding Common System categories;
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- 2. the basic salary scales for staff in the general service categories to accord with changes in the rates applied by the United Nations organization and the specialized agencies at the seat of the Union:
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- 3. the post adjustment for professional categories and above, including posts filled by election, in accordance with decisions of the United Nations for application at the seat of the Union:

- 4. the allowances for all staff of the Union, in accordance with 107 any changes adopted in the United Nations Common System; 5. the contributions payable by the Union and the staff to the 108 United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, in accordance with the decisions of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board: 6. the cost-of-living allowances granted to beneficiaries of the 109 Union Staff Superannuation and Benevolent Funds on the basis of practice in the United Nations. i) arrange for the convening of plenipotentiary and administrative 110 conferences of the Union in accordance with Articles 6 and 7; i) offer to the Plenipotentiary Conference of the Union any recom-111 mendations deemed useful: k) coordinate the activities of the permanent organs of the Union, 112 take such action as it deems appropriate on requests or recommendations made to it by such organs, and review their annual reports; 1) provide, if it considers it desirable, for the filling ad interim of · 113 a vacancy for Deputy Secretary-General; m) provide for the filling ad interim of vacancies for Directors of 114 the International Consultative Committees: n) perform the other functions prescribed for it in this Convention 115 and, within the framework of the Convention and the Regulations, any functions deemed necessary for the proper administration of the Union; o) take the necessary steps, with the agreement of a majority of the 116 Members of the Union, provisionally to resolve questions which are not covered by the Convention and its Annexes and cannot await the next competent conference for settlement;
  - 117 p) submit a report on its activities and those of the Union for consideration by the Plenipotentiary Conference;
  - 118 q) send to Members and Associate Members of the Union, as soon as possible after each of its sessions, summary reports on the activities of the Administrative Council and other documents deemed useful;

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#### (Convention, Arts. 9-10)

*r)* promote international cooperation for the provision of technical cooperation to the new or developing countries by every means at its disposal, especially through the participation of the Union in the appropriate programmes of the United Nations; and, in accordance with the purposes of the Union, to promote by all possible means, the development of telecommunication.

### ARTICLE 10

### **General Secretariat**

- **120** 1. (1) The General Secretariat shall be directed by a Secretary-General, assisted by one Deputy Secretary-General.
- 121 (2) The Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General shall take up their duties on the dates determined at the time of their election. They shall normally remain in office until dates determined by the following Plenipotentiary Conference, and they shall be eligible for re-election.
- **122** (3) The Secretary-General shall be responsible to the Administrative Council for all the administrative and financial aspects of the Union's activities. The Deputy Secretary-General shall be responsible to the Secretary-General.
- 123 (4) If the post of Secretary-General falls vacant, the Deputy Secretary-General shall discharge the duties ad interim.
- **124** 2. The Secretary-General shall:
  - a) coordinate the activities of the permanent organs of the Union with the assistance of the Coordination Committee referred to in Article 11;
- 125 b) organize the work of the General Secretariat and appoint the staff of that Secretariat in accordance with the directives of the Plenipotentiary Conference and the rules established by the Administrative Council;
- 126 c) undertake administrative arrangements for the specialized secretariats of the permanent organs of the Union and appoint the staff of those secretariats in agreement with the Head of each permanent organ; the appointments shall be made on the basis of the latter's choice, but the final decision for appointment or dismissal shall rest with the Secretary-General;

- 127 d) report to the Administrative Council any decisions taken by the United Nations and the specialized agencies which affect Common System conditions of service, allowances and pensions;
- 128 e) ensure the application of the financial and administrative regulations approved by the Administrative Council;
- 129 f) supervise, for administrative purposes only, the staff of those specialized secretariats who shall work directly under the orders of the Heads of the permanent organs of the Union;
- 130 g) undertake secretarial work preparatory to, and following, conferences of the Union;
- 131 h) provide, where appropriate in cooperation with the inviting government, the secretariat of every conference of the Union and provide the facilities and services for meetings of the permanent organs of the Union in collaboration with their respective Heads. The Secretary-General may also, when so requested, provide the secretariat of other telecommunication meetings on a contractual basis;
- 132 *i*) keep up-to-date the official lists, compiled from data supplied for this purpose by the permanent organs of the Union or by Administrations, with the exception of the master registers and such other essential records as may be related to the duties of the International Frequency Registration Board;
- 133 *j*) publish the recommendations and principal reports of the permanent organs of the Union;
- 134 k) publish international and regional telecommunication agreements communicated to him by the parties thereto, and keep up-to-date records of these agreements;
- 135 *l*) publish the technical standards of the International Frequency Registration Board, as well as such other data concerning the assignment and utilization of frequencies as are prepared by the Board in the discharge of its duties;
- 136 m) prepare, publish and keep up-to-date with the assistance, where appropriate, of the other permanent organs of the Union:

(Convention, Art. 10)

- 137 1. a record of the composition and structure of the Union;
- 138 2. the general statistics and the official service documents of the Union as prescribed by the Regulations annexed to the Convention;
- 139 3. such other documents as conferences or the Administrative Council may direct;
- 140 *n*) distribute the published documents;
- 141 *o*) collect and publish, in suitable form, data, both national and international, regarding telecommunication throughout the world;

142 p) assemble and publish, in cooperation with the other permanent organs of the Union, both technical and administrative information that might be specially useful to new or developing countries in order to help them to improve their telecommunication networks. Their attention shall also be drawn to the possibilities offered by the international programmes under the auspices of the United Nations;

143 q) collect and publish such information as would be of assistance to Members and Associate Members regarding the development of technical methods with a view to achieving the most efficient operation of telecommunication services and especially the best possible use of radio frequencies so as to diminish interference;

- 144 r) publish periodically, with the help of information put at his disposal or which he may collect, including that which he may obtain from other international organizations, a journal of general information and documentation concerning telecommunication;
- 145 s) prepare and submit to the Administrative Council annual budget estimates which, after approval by the Council, shall be transmitted for information to all Members and Associate Members;
- 146 t) prepare a financial operating report and accounts to be submitted annually to the Administrative Council and recapitulative accounts immediately preceding each Plenipotentiary Conference; these accounts, after audit and approval by the Administrative Council, shall be circulated to the Members and Associate Members and be submitted to the next Plenipotentiary Conference for examination and final approval;

- 147 u) prepare an annual report on the activities of the Union which, after approval by the Administrative Council, shall be transmitted to all Members and Associate Members;
- 148 v) perform all other secretarial functions of the Union;
- 149 w) act as the legal representative of the Union.
- **150** 3. The Deputy Secretary-General shall assist the Secretary-General in the performance of his duties and undertake such specific tasks as may be entrusted to him by the Secretary-General. He shall perform the duties of the Secretary-General in the absence of the latter.
- **151** 4. The Secretary-General or the Deputy Secretary-General may participate, in a consultative capacity, in Plenary Assemblies of the International Consultative Committees and in all conferences of the Union; the Secretary-General or his representative may participate in a consultative capacity in all other meetings of the Union; their participation in the meetings of the Administrative Council is governed by **89**.

### ARTICLE 11

#### **Coordination Committee**

- **152** 1. (1) The Secretary-General shall be assisted by a Coordination Committee which shall advise him on administrative, financial and technical cooperation matters affecting more than one permanent organ and on external relations and public information.
- 153 (2) The Committee shall also consider any important matters referred to it by the Administrative Council. After examining them, the Committee will report, through the Secretary-General, to the Council.
- 154 (3) The Committee shall, in particular, help the Secretary-General in the duties assigned to him under 144, 145, 146 and 147.
- **155** (4) The Committee shall examine the progress of the work of the Union in technical cooperation and submit recommendations, through the Secretary-General, to the Administrative Council.
- 156 (5) The Committee shall be responsible for ensuring coordination with all the international organizations mentioned in Articles 29 and 30 as regards representation of the permanent organs of the Union at conferences of such organizations.

(Convention, Arts. 11-12)

- **157** 2. The Committee shall endeavour to reach conclusions unanimously. The Secretary-General may, however, take decisions even when he does not have the support of two or more other members of the Committee, provided that he judges the matters in question to be of an urgent nature. In such circumstances he shall, if requested by the Committee, report on such matters to the Administrative Council in terms approved by all the members of the Committee. If, in similar circumstances, the matters are not urgent but are important, they shall be referred for consideration to the next session of the Administrative Council.
- **158** 3. The Committee shall be presided over by the Secretary-General and shall be composed of the Deputy Secretary-General, the Directors of the International Consultative Committees and the Chairman of the International Frequency Registration Board.
- 159 4. The Committee shall meet when convened by its Chairman and, in general, at least once a month.

### ARTICLE 12

### Elected Officials and Staff of the Union

- 160 1. The Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the International Consultative Committees shall all be nationals of different countries, Members of the Union. At their election, due consideration should be given to the principles embodied in 164 and to the appropriate geographical representation of the regions of the world.
- 161 2. (1) In the performance of their duties, neither the elected officials nor the staff of the Union shall seek or accept instructions from any government or from any other authority outside the Union. They shall refrain from acting in any way which is incompatible with their status as international officials.
- 162 (2) Each Member and Associate Member shall respect the exclusively international character of the duties of the elected officials and of the staff of the Union, and refrain from trying to influence them in the performance of their work.
- 163 (3) No elected official or any member of the staff of the Union shall participate in any manner or have any financial interest whatsoever in any enterprise concerned with telecommunications, except as part of their

duties. However, the term "financial interest" is not to be construed as applying to the continuation of retirement benefits accruing in respect of previous employment or service.

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

#### ARTICLE 13

#### **International Frequency Registration Board**

- 165 1. The essential duties of the International Frequency Registration Board shall be:
  - a) to effect an orderly recording of frequency assignments made by the different countries so as to establish, in accordance with the procedure provided for in the Radio Regulations and in accordance with any decisions which may be taken by competent conferences of the Union, the date, purpose and technical characteristics of each of these assignments, with a view to ensuring formal international recognition thereof;
- **166** b) to furnish advice to Members and Associate Members with a view to the operation of the maximum practicable number of radio channels in those portions of the spectrum where harmful interference may occur;
- 167 c) to perform any additional duties, concerned with the assignment and utilization of frequencies, prescribed by a competent conference of the Union, or by the Administrative Council with the consent of a majority of the Members of the Union, in preparation for or in pursuance of the decisions of such a conference;
- 168 d) to maintain such essential records as may be related to the performance of its duties.
- 169 2. (1) The International Frequency Registration Board shall consist of five independent members designated in accordance with 172 to 180.

(Convention, Art. 13)

- 170 (2) The members of the Board shall be thoroughly qualified by technical training in the field of radio and shall possess practical experience in the assignment and utilization of frequencies.
- 171 (3) Moreover, for the more effective understanding of the problems coming before the Board under 166, each member shall be familiar with geographic, economic and demographic conditions within a particular area of the world.
- 172 3. (1) The five members of the Board shall be elected at intervals of not less than five years by a world administrative conference dealing with general radiocommunication matters. These members shall be chosen from the candidates sponsored by countries, Members of the Union. Each Member of the Union may propose only one candidate who shall be a national of its country. Each candidate shall possess the qualifications described in 170 and 171.
- 173 (2) The election procedure shall be established by the conference itself in such a way as to ensure equitable representation of the various parts of the world.
- 174 (3) At each election any serving member of the Board may be proposed again as a candidate by the country of which he is a national.
- 175 (4) The members of the Board shall take up their duties on the date determined by the world administrative conference which elected them. They shall normally remain in office until the date determined by the conference which elects their successors.
- 176 (5) If in the interval between two world administrative conferences which elect members of the Board, an elected member of the Board should resign or abandon his duties without good cause for a period exceeding thirty days or should die, the country, Member of the Union, of which he is a national shall be asked by the Chairman of the Board to provide a replacement as soon as possible, who shall also be a national of that country.
- 177 (6) If the country, Member of the Union, concerned does not provide a replacement within a period of three months from the date of this request, it shall lose its right to designate a person to serve on the Board for the unexpired period of its current term.
- 178 (7) If in the interval between two world administrative conferences which elect members of the Board, the replacement should resign or

abandon his duties without good cause for a period exceeding thirty days or should die, the country, Member of the Union, of which he is a national shall not be entitled to designate a further replacement.

- 179 (8) In the circumstances described in 177 and 178, the Chairman of the Board shall request the Secretary-General to invite the countries, Members of the Union, of the region concerned to propose candidates for the election of a replacement at the next annual session of the Administrative Council.
- 180 (9) In order to safeguard the efficient operation of the Board, any country a national of which has been elected to the Board, shall refrain, as far as possible, from recalling that person between two world administrative conferences which elect members of the Board.
- **181** 4. (1) The working arrangements of the Board are defined in the Radio Regulations.
- 182 (2) The members of the Board shall elect from their own numbers a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman, for a period of one year. Thereafter, the Vice-Chairman shall succeed the Chairman each year and a new Vice-Chairman shall be elected.
- 183 (3) The Board shall be assisted by a specialized secretariat.
- **184** 5. (1) The members of the Board shall serve, not as representatives of their respective countries, or of a region, but as custodians of an international public trust.
- 185 (2) No member of the Board shall request or receive instructions relating to the exercise of his duties from any government or a member thereof, or from any public or private organization or person. Furthermore, each Member and Associate Member must respect the international character of the Board and of the duties of its members and shall refrain from any attempt to influence any of them in the exercise of their duties.

### ARTICLE 14

#### **International Consultative Committees**

**186** 1. (1) The duties of the International Radio Consultative Committee (C.C.I.R.) shall be to study technical and operating questions relating specifically to radiocommunication and to issue recommendations on them.

### (Convention, Art. 14)

- 187 (2) The duties of the International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee (C.C.I.T.T.) shall be to study technical, operating and tariff questions relating to telegraphy and telephony and to issue recommendations on them.
- **188** (3) In the performance of its duties, each Consultative Committee shall pay due attention to the study of questions and to the formulation of recommendations directly connected with the establishment, development and improvement of telecommunication in new or developing countries in both the regional and international fields.
- **189** (4) At the request of the countries concerned, each Consultative Committee may also study and offer advice concerning their national tele-communication problems. The study of such problems should be in accordance with **190**.
- **190** 2. (1) The questions studied by each International Consultative Committee, on which it shall issue recommendations, shall be those referred to it by the Plenipotentiary Conference, by an administrative conference, by the Administrative Council, by the other Consultative Committee, or by the International Frequency Registration Board, in addition to those decided upon by the Plenary Assembly of the Consultative Committee itself, or, in the interval between its Plenary Assemblies, when requested or approved by correspondence by at least twenty Members and Associate Members of the Union.
- **191** (2) The Plenary Assemblies of the International Consultative Committees are authorized to submit to administrative conferences proposals arising directly from their recommendations or from findings on questions under their study.
- **192** 3. The International Consultative Committees shall have as members:
  - a) of right, the administrations of all Members and Associate Members of the Union;
- b) any recognized private operating agency which, with the approval of the Member or Associate Member which has recognized it, expresses a desire to participate in the work of these Committees.
- 194 4. Each Consultative Committee shall work through the medium of:

- a) the Plenary Assembly, normally meeting every three years. When a corresponding world administrative conference has been convened, the Plenary Assembly should meet, if possible, at least eight months before this conference;
- b) study groups, which shall be set up by the Plenary Assembly to deal with questions to be examined;
- c) a Director elected by the Plenary Assembly initially for a period equal to twice the interval between two consecutive Plenary Assemblies, i.e. normally for six years. He shall be eligible for re-election at each subsequent Plenary Assembly and if re-elected shall then remain in office until the date of the next Plenary Assembly, normally for three years. When the position becomes unexpectedly vacant, the following Plenary Assembly shall elect the new Director;
- 197 d) a specialized secretariat, which assists the Director;

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- 198 e) laboratories or technical installations set up by the Union.
- **199** 5. There shall be a World Plan Committee, and such Regional Plan Committees as may be jointly approved by the Plenary Assemblies of the International Consultative Committees. These Plan Committees shall develop a General Plan for the international telecommunication network to help in planning international telecommunication services. They shall refer to the International Consultative Committees questions the study of which is of particular interest to new or developing countries and which are within the terms of reference of those Consultative Committees.
  - **200** 6. The Plenary Assemblies and the study group meetings of the Consultative Committees shall observe the Rules of Procedure contained in the General Regulations, annexed to this Convention. They may also adopt additional rules of procedure in accordance with **77**. These additional rules of procedure shall be published in the form of a Resolution in the documents of the Plenary Assemblies.
  - 201 7. The working arrangements of the Consultative Committees are defined in Part II of the General Regulations annexed to this Convention.

#### Regulations

- 202 1. Subject to the provisions of Article 8, the General Regulations contained in Annex 4 to this Convention shall have the same force and duration as the Convention.
- **203** 2. (1) The provisions of the Convention are completed by the following sets of Administrative Regulations:

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

- 204 (2) Ratification of this Convention in accordance with Article 18 or accession in accordance with Article 19 involves acceptance of the General and Administrative Regulations in force at the time of ratification or accession.
- **205** (3) Members and Associate Members shall inform the Secretary-General of their approval of any revision of these Regulations by competent administrative conferences. The Secretary-General shall inform Members and Associate Members promptly regarding receipt of such notifications of approval.
- **206** 3. In case of inconsistency between a provision of the Convention and a provision of the Regulations, the Convention shall prevail.

## ARTICLE 16

#### Finances of the Union

- 207 1. The expenses of the Union shall comprise the costs of:
  - a) the Administrative Council, the General Secretariat, the International Frequency Registration Board, the secretariats of the International Consultative Committees, and the Union's laboratories and technical equipment;
- 208 b) Plenipotentiary Conferences and world administrative conferences;

209 c) all meetings of the International Consultative Committees.

- 210 2. Expenses incurred by the regional administrative conferences referred to in 50 shall be borne in accordance with their unit classification by all the Members and Associate Members of the region concerned and, where appropriate, on the same basis by any Members and Associate Members of other regions which have participated in such conferences.
- **211** 3. The Administrative Council shall review and approve the annual budget of the Union, taking account of the limits for expenditure set by the Plenipotentiary Conference.
- **212** 4. The expenses of the Union shall be met from the contributions of the Members and Associate Members, each Member and Associate Member paying a sum proportional to the number of units in the class of contribution it has chosen from the following scale:

30	Unit	class			8	Unit	class
25	, "	"			5	"	"
20	**	"		14	4	"	"
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15	"	"			2	"	"
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10	"	<b>&gt;&gt;</b>			1/2	"	••

- **213** 5. Members and Associate Members shall be free to choose their class of contribution for defraying Union expenses.
- **214** 6. (1) At least six months before the Convention comes into force, each Member and Associate Member shall inform the Secretary-General of the class of contribution it has chosen.
- 215 (2) The Secretary-General shall communicate this decision to Members and Associate Members.
- **216** (3) Members and Associate Members who have failed to make known their decision before the date specified in **214** shall retain the class of contribution previously notified to the Secretary-General.
- 217 (4) Members and Associate Members may at any time choose a class of contribution higher than the one already adopted by them.

### (Convention, Art. 16)

- (5) No reduction in a unit classification established in accordance with 214 to 216 can take effect during the life of the Convention.
- **219** 7. Members and Associate Members shall pay in advance their annual contributory shares, calculated on the basis of the budget approved by the Administrative Council.
- **220** 8. (1) Every new Member or Associate Member shall, in respect of the year of its accession, pay a contribution calculated as from the first day of the month of accession.
- **221** (2) Should the Convention be denounced by a Member or Associate Member, its contribution shall be paid up to the last day of the month in which such denunciation takes effect.
- 222 9. The amounts due shall bear interest from the beginning of each financial year of the Union at  $3 \frac{0}{0}$  (three per cent) per annum during the first six months, and at  $6 \frac{0}{0}$  (six per cent) per annum from the beginning of the seventh month.
- **223** 10. The following provisions shall apply to contributions by recognized private operating agencies, scientific or industrial organizations and international organizations:
- a) Recognized private operating agencies and scientific or industrial organizations shall share in defraying the expenses of the International Consultative Committees in the work of which they have agreed to participate. Recognized private operating agencies shall likewise share in defraying the expenses of the administrative conferences in which they have agreed to participate, or have participated, in accordance with 621 of the General Regulations;
- b) International organizations shall also share in defraying the expenses of the conferences or meetings in which they have been allowed to participate, unless exempted by the Administrative Council on condition of reciprocity;
- c) Recognized private operating agencies, scientific or industrial organizations and international organizations which share in defraying the expenses of conferences or meetings in accordance with 224 and 225, shall freely choose from the scale in 212 their class of contribution for defraying Union expenses, and inform the Secretary-General of the class chosen;

- 227 d) Recognized private operating agencies, scientific or industrial organizations and international organizations which share in defraying the expenses of conferences or meetings may at any time choose a class of contribution higher than the one already adopted by them;
  - e) No reduction in the number of contributory units shall take effect during the life of the Convention;
- *f)* In the case of denunciation of participation in the work of an International Consultative Committee, the contribution shall be paid up to the last day of the month in which such denunciation takes effect;
- 230 g) The amount of the contribution per unit payable by recognized private operating agencies and scientific or industrial organizations or international organizations towards the expenses of the International Consultative Committees in the work of which they have agreed to participate shall be fixed annually by the Administrative Council. The contributions shall be considered as Union income. They shall bear interest in accordance with the provisions of 222;
  - h) The amount of the contribution per unit payable towards the expenses of administrative conferences by recognized private operating agencies which participate in accordance with 621 of the General Regulations and by participating international organizations shall be fixed by dividing the total amount of the budget of the Conference in question by the total number of units contributed by Members and Associate Members as their share of Union expenses. The contributions shall be considered as Union income. They shall bear interest from the sixtieth day following the day on which accounts are sent out, at the rates fixed in 222.
- **232** 11. Expenses incurred by laboratories and technical installations of the Union in measurements, testing, or special research for individual Members or Associate Members, groups of Members or Associate Members, or regional organizations or others, shall be borne by those Members or Associate Members, groups, organizations or others.
- **233** 12. The sale price of documents sold to administrations, recognized private operating agencies or individuals, shall be determined by the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Administrative Council, bearing in mind that the cost of printing and distribution should, in general, be covered by the sale of the documents.

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#### Languages

- **234** 1. (1) The official languages of the Union shall be Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.
- 235 (2) The working languages of the Union shall be English, French and Spanish.
- 236 (3) In case of dispute, the French text shall be authentic.
- **237** 2. (1) The final documents of the plenipotentiary and administrative conferences, their final acts, protocols, resolutions, recommendations and opinions, shall be drawn up in the official languages of the Union, in versions equivalent in form and content.
- **238** (2) All other documents of these conferences shall be issued in the working languages of the Union.
- **239** 3. (1) The official service documents of the Union as prescribed by the Administrative Regulations shall be published in the five official languages.
- **240** (2) All other documents for general distribution prepared by the Secretary-General in the course of his duties shall be drawn up in the three working languages.
- 241 4. Any of the documents referred to in 237 to 240 may be published in languages other than those there specified, provided that the Members or Associate Members requesting such publication undertake to defray the whole of the cost of translation and publication involved.
- **242** 5. (1) At conferences of the Union and whenever it is necessary at meetings of its permanent organs and of the Administrative Council, the debates shall be conducted with the aid of an efficient system of reciprocal interpretation between the three working languages and Russian.
- 243 (2) When all participants in a meeting agree, the debates may be conducted in fewer than the four languages mentioned above.
- 244 6. (1) At conferences of the Union and at meetings of its permanent organs and of the Administrative Council, languages other than those mentioned in 235 and 242 may be used:

- a) if an application is made to the Secretary-General or to the Head of the permanent organ concerned to provide for the use of an additional language or languages, oral or written, provided that the additional cost so incurred shall be borne by those Members and Associate Members which have made or supported the application;
- 246 b) if any delegation itself makes arrangements at its own expense for oral translation from its own language into any one of the languages referred to in 242.

247 (2) In the case provided for in 245, the Secretary-General or the Head of the permanent organ concerned shall comply to the extent practicable with the application, having first obtained from the Members or Associate Members concerned an undertaking that the cost incurred will be duly repaid by them to the Union.

248 (3) In the case provided for in 246, the delegation concerned may, furthermore, if it wishes, arrange at its own expense for oral translation into its own language from one of the languages referred to in 242.

# CHAPTER II

# **Application of the Convention and Regulations**

## ARTICLE 18

#### **Ratification of the Convention**

- **249** 1. This Convention shall be ratified by the signatory governments in accordance with the constitutional rules in force in their respective countries. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited, in as short a time as possible, with the Secretary-General by diplomatic channel through the intermediary of the government of the country of the seat of the Union. The Secretary-General shall notify the Members and Associate Members of each deposit of ratification.
- **250** 2. (1) During a period of two years from the date of entry into force of this Convention, a signatory government, even though it may not have deposited an instrument of ratification in accordance with **249**, shall enjoy the rights conferred on Members of the Union in **12** to **14**.

(Convention, Arts. 18-20)

- **251** (2) From the end of a period of two years from the date of entry into force of this Convention, a signatory government which has not deposited an instrument of ratification in accordance with **249** shall not be entitled to vote at any conference of the Union, or at any session of the Administrative Council, or at any meeting of any of the permanent organs of the Union, or during consultation by correspondence conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Convention until it has so deposited such an instrument. Its rights, other than voting rights, shall not be affected.
- **252** 3. After the entry into force of this Convention in accordance with Article **53**, each instrument of ratification shall become effective on the date of its deposit with the Secretary-General.
- **253** 4. If one or more of the signatory governments do not ratify the Convention, it shall not thereby be less valid for the governments which have ratified it.

## ARTICLE 19

### Accession to the Convention

- **254** 1. The government of a country, not a signatory of this Convention, may accede thereto at any time subject to the provisions of Article 1.
- **255** 2. The instrument of accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General by diplomatic channel through the intermediary of the government of the country of the seat of the Union. Unless otherwise specified therein, it shall become effective upon the date of its deposit. The Secretary-General shall notify the Members and Associate Members of each accession when it is received and shall forward to each of them a certified copy of the act of accession.

## ARTICLE 20

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

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

- 257 2. A declaration made in accordance with 256 shall be communicated to the Secretary-General, who shall notify the Members and Associate Members of each such declaration.
- **258** 3. The provisions of **256** and **257** shall not be deemed to be obligatory in respect of any country, territory or group of territories listed in Annex **1** of this Convention.

# Application of the Convention to Trust Territories of the United Nations

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

## ARTICLE 22

#### **Execution of the Convention and Regulations**

- 260 1. The Members and Associate Members are bound to abide by the provisions of this Convention and the Regulations annexed thereto in all telecommunication offices and stations established or operated by them which engage in international services or which are capable of causing harmful interference to radio services of other countries, except in regard to services exempted from these obligations in accordance with the provisions of Article 51 of this Convention.
- **261** 2. They are also bound to take the necessary steps to impose the observance of the provisions of this Convention and of the Regulations annexed thereto upon private operating agencies authorized by them to establish and operate telecommunications and which engage in international services or which operate stations capable of causing harmful interference to the radio services of other countries.

#### **Denunciation of the Convention**

- 262 1. Each Member and Associate Member which has ratified, or acceded to, this Convention shall have the right to denounce it by a notification addressed to the Secretary-General by diplomatic channel through the intermediary of the government of the country of the seat of the Union. The Secretary-General shall advise the other Members and Associate Members thereof.
- **263** 2. This denunciation shall take effect at the expiration of a period of one year from the day of the receipt of notification of it by the Secretary-General.

## **ARTICLE 24**

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

- 264 1. The application of this Convention to a country, territory or group of territories in accordance with Article 20 may be terminated at any time, and such country, territory or group of territories, if it is an Associate Member, ceases upon termination to be such.
- **265** 2. The declaration of denunciation contemplated in the above paragraph shall be notified in conformity with the conditions set out in **262**; it shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of **263**.

### **ARTICLE 25**

## Abrogation of the earlier Convention

**266** This Convention shall abrogate and replace, in relations between the Contracting Governments, the International Telecommunication Convention (Geneva, 1959).

## ARTICLE 26

## Validity of Administrative Regulations in force

267 The Administrative Regulations referred to in 203 are those in force at the time of signature of this Convention. They shall be regarded as annexed to this Convention and shall remain valid, subject to such partial revisions as may be adopted in consequence of the provisions of 52 until the time of entry into force of new Regulations drawn up by the competent world administrative conferences to replace them as annexes to this Convention.

#### **Relations with Non-contracting States**

- **268** 1. Each Member and Associate Member reserves to itself and to the recognized private operating agencies the right to fix the conditions under which it admits telecommunications exchanged with a State which is not a party to this Convention.
- **269** 2. If a telecommunication originating in the territory of such a noncontracting State is accepted by a Member or Associate Member, it must be transmitted and, in so far as it follows the telecommunication channels of a Member or Associate Member, the obligatory provisions of the Convention and Regulations and the usual charges shall apply to it.

## ARTICLE 28

## **Settlement of Disputes**

- **270** 1. Members and Associate Members may settle their disputes on questions relating to the application of this Convention or of the Regulations contemplated in Article **15**, through diplomatic channels, or according to procedures established by bilateral or multilateral treaties concluded between them for the settlement of international disputes, or by any other method mutually agreed upon.
- 271 2. If none of these methods of settlement is adopted, any Member or Associate Member party to a dispute may submit the dispute to arbitration in accordance with the procedure defined in Annex 3, or in the Optional Additional Protocol, as the case may be.

# CHAPTER III

# Relations with the United Nations and with International Organizations

### ARTICLE 29

#### **Relations with the United Nations**

**272** 1. The relationship between the United Nations and the International Telecommunication Union is defined in the Agreement concluded between these two Organizations.

**273** 2. In accordance with the provision of Article XVI of the abovementioned Agreement, the telecommunication operating services of the United Nations shall be entitled to the rights and bound by the obligations of this Convention and of the Administrative Regulations annexed thereto. Accordingly, they shall be entitled to attend all conferences of the Union, including meetings of the International Consultative Committees, in a consultative capacity.

## ARTICLE 30

#### **Relations with International Organizations**

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

# CHAPTER IV

### **General Provisions relating to Telecommunications**

## ARTICLE 31

#### The Right of the Public to use the International Telecommunication Service

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

#### **Stoppage of Telecommunications**

- **276** 1. Members and Associate Members reserve the right to stop the transmission of any private telegram which may appear dangerous to the security of the State or contrary to their laws, to public order or to decency, provided that they immediately notify the office of origin of the stoppage of any such telegram or any part thereof, except when such notification may appear dangerous to the security of the State.
- **277** 2. Members and Associate Members also reserve the right to cut off any other private telecommunications which may appear dangerous to the security of the State or contrary to their law, to public order or to decency.

#### ARTICLE 33

#### Suspension of Services

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

## ARTICLE 34

#### Responsibility

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

#### Secrecy of Telecommunications

- **280** 1. Members and Associate Members agree to take all possible measures, compatible with the system of telecommunication used, with a view to ensuring the secrecy of international correspondence.
- **281** 2. Nevertheless, they reserve the right to communicate such correspondence to the competent authorities in order to ensure the application of their internal laws or the execution of international conventions to which they are parties.

## ARTICLE 36

## Establishment, Operation, and Protection of Telecommunication Installations and Channels

- **282** 1. Members and Associate Members shall take such steps as may be necessary to ensure the establishment, under the best technical conditions, of the channels and installations necessary to carry on the rapid and uninterrupted exchange of international telecommunications.
- **283** 2. So far as possible, these channels and installations must be operated by the methods and procedures which practical operating experience has shown to be the best. They must be maintained in proper operating condition and kept abreast of scientific and technical progress.
- **284** 3. Members and Associate Members shall safeguard these channels and installations within their jurisdiction.
- **285** 4. Unless other conditions are laid down by special arrangements, each Member and Associate Member shall take such steps as may be necessary to ensure maintenance of those sections of international tele-communication circuits within its control.

### **Notification of Infringements**

**286** In order to facilitate the application of the provisions of Article **22** of this Convention, Members and Associate Members undertake to inform one another of infringements of the provisions of this Convention and of the Regulations annexed thereto.

## ARTICLE 38

#### Charges and Free Services

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

#### ARTICLE 39

#### Priority of Telecommunications concerning Safety of Life

**288** The international telecommunication services must give absolute priority to all telecommunications concerning safety of life at sea, on land, in the air or in outer space, as well as to epidemiological telecommunications of exceptional urgency of the World Health Organization.

## ARTICLE 40

#### **Priority of Government Telegrams and Telephone Calls**

**289** Subject to the provisions of Articles **39** and **49** of this Convention, government telegrams shall enjoy priority over other telegrams when priority is requested for them by the sender. Government telephone calls may also be given priority, upon specific request and to the extent practicable, over other telephone calls.

(Convention, Arts. 41-42)

# ARTICLE 41

#### Secret Language

- **290** 1. Government telegrams and service telegrams may be expressed in secret language in all relations.
- **291** 2. Private telegrams in secret language may be admitted between all countries with the exception of those which have previously notified, through the medium of the Secretary-General, that they do not admit this language for those categories of correspondence.
- **292** 3. Members and Associate Members which do not admit private telegrams in secret language originating in or destined for their own territory must let them pass in transit, except in the case of suspension of service provided for in Article **33** of this Convention.

### ARTICLE 42

# **Rendering and Settlement of Accounts**

- **293** 1. Administrations of Members and Associate Members and recognized private operating agencies which operate international telecommunication services, shall come to an agreement with regard to the amount of their credits and debits.
- **294** 2. The statements of accounts in respect to debits and credits referred to in **293** shall be drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations annexed to this Convention, unless special arrangements have been concluded between the parties concerned.
- **295** 3. The settlement of international accounts shall be regarded as current transactions and shall be effected in accordance with the current international obligations of the countries concerned, in those cases where their governments have concluded arrangements on this subject. Where no such arrangements have been concluded, and in the absence of special agreements made under Article **44** of this Convention, these settlements shall be effected in accordance with the Regulations.

#### **Monetary Unit**

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

## ARTICLE 44

#### **Special Agreements**

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

## ARTICLE 45

#### **Regional Conferences, Agreements and Organizations**

**298** Members and Associate Members reserve the right to convene regional conferences, to conclude regional agreements and to form regional organizations, for the purpose of settling telecommunication questions which are susceptible of being treated on a regional basis. Such agreements shall not be in conflict with this Convention.

# CHAPTER V

## **Special Provisions for Radio**

## ARTICLE 46

## **Rational Use of the Radio Frequency Spectrum**

**299** Members and Associate Members recognize that it is desirable to limit the number of frequencies and the spectrum space used to the minimum essential to provide in a satisfactory manner the necessary services. To that end it is desirable that the latest technical advances be applied as soon as possible.

## ARTICLE 47

#### Intercommunication

- **300** 1. Stations performing radiocommunication in the mobile service shall be bound, within the limits of their normal employment, to exchange radiocommunications reciprocally without distinction as to the radio system adopted by them.
- **301** 2. Nevertheless, in order not to impede scientific progress, the provisions of **300** shall not prevent the use of a radio system incapable of communicating with other systems, provided that such incapacity is due to the specific nature of such system and is not the result of devices adopted solely with the object of preventing intercommunication.
- **302** 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of **300**, a station may be assigned to a restricted international service of telecommunication, determined by the purpose of such service, or by other circumstances independent of the system used.

#### Harmful Interference

- **303** 1. All stations, whatever their purpose, must be established and operated in such a manner as not to cause harmful interference to the radio services or communications of other Members or Associate Members or of recognized private operating agencies, or of other duly authorized operating agencies which carry on radio service, and which operate in accordance with the provisions of the Radio Regulations.
- **304** 2. Each Member or Associate Member undertakes to require the private operating agencies which it recognizes and the other operating agencies duly authorized for this purpose, to observe the provisions of **303**.
- **305** 3. Further, the Members and Associate Members recognize the desirability of taking all practicable steps to prevent the operation of electrical apparatus and installations of all kinds from causing harmful interference to the radio services or communications mentioned in **303**.

## ARTICLE 49

#### **Distress Calls and Messages**

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

#### ARTICLE 50

## False or Deceptive Distress, Urgency, Safety or Identification Signals

**307** Members and Associate Members agree to take the steps required to prevent the transmission or circulation of false or deceptive distress, urgency, safety or identification signals, and to collaborate in locating and identifying stations transmitting such signals from their own country.

## **Installations for National Defence Services**

- **308** 1. Members and Associate Members retain their entire freedom with regard to military radio installations of their army, naval and air forces.
- **309** 2. Nevertheless, these installations must, so far as possible, observe statutory provisions relative to giving assistance in case of distress and to the measures to be taken to prevent harmful interference, and the provisions of the Regulations concerning the types of emission and the frequencies to be used, according to the nature of the service performed by such installations.
- **310** 3. Moreover, when these installations take part in the service of public correspondence or other services governed by the Regulations annexed to this Convention, they must, in general, comply with the regulatory provisions for the conduct of such services.

# CHAPTER VI

## Definitions

## ARTICLE 52

#### Definitions

- 311 In this Convention, unless the context otherwise requires,
  - a) the terms which are defined in Annex 2 to this Convention shall have the meanings therein assigned to them:
- 312 b) other terms which are defined in the Regulations referred to in Article 15 shall have the meanings therein assigned to them.

# CHAPTER VII

## **Final Provisions**

## ARTICLE 53

#### **Effective Date of the Convention**

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the respective plenipotentiaries have signed the Convention in each of the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages, in a single copy in which, in case of dispute, the French text shall be authentic, and which shall remain deposited in the archives of the International Telecommunication Union, which shall forward a copy to each of the signatory countries.

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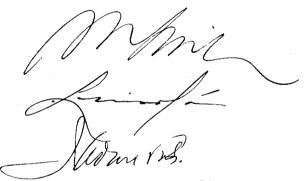
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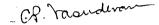
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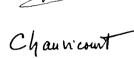
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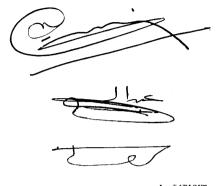
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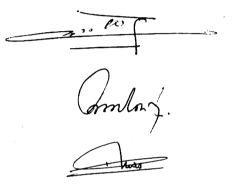
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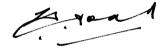
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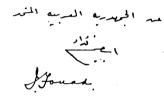
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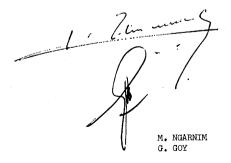
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# ANNEX 1

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# ANNEX 2

## (see Article 52)

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

- **401** Administration: Any governmental department or service responsible for discharging the obligations undertaken in the International Telecommunication Convention and the Regulations annexed thereto.
- **402** *Private Operating Agency:* Any individual or company or corporation, other than a governmental establishment or agency, which operates a telecommunication installation intended for an international telecommunication service or which is capable of causing harmful interference with such a service.
- **403** Recognized Private Operating Agency: Any private operating agency, as defined above, which operates a public correspondence or broadcasting service and upon which the obligations provided for in Article 22 are imposed by the Member or Associate Member in whose territory the head office of the agency is situated, or by the Member or Associate Member which has authorized this operating agency to establish and operate a telecommunication service on its territory.
- **404** Delegate: A person sent by the government of a Member or Associate Member of the Union to a Plenipotentiary Conference, or a person representing a government or an administration of a Member or Associate Member of the Union at an administrative conference, or at a meeting of an International Consultative Committee.
- **405** *Representative:* A person sent by a recognized private operating agency to an administrative conference, or to a meeting of an International Consultative Committee.
- **406** *Expert:* A person sent by a national scientific or industrial organization which is authorized by the government or the administration of its country to attend meetings of study groups of an International Consultative Committee.

**407** *Observer:* A person sent by:

- the United Nations in accordance with Article 29 of the Convention;
- one of the international organizations invited or admitted in accordance with the provisions of the General Regulations to participate in the work of a conference;
- the government of a Member or Associate Member of the Union participating in a non-voting capacity in a regional administrative conference held under the terms of Article 7 of the Convention.
- **408** Delegation: The totality of the delegates and, should the case arise, any representatives, advisers, attachés or interpreters sent by the same country. Each Member and Associate Member shall be free to make up its delegation as it wishes. In particular, it may include in its delegation in the capacity of delegates, advisers or attachés, persons belonging to private operating agencies which it recognizes or persons belonging to other private enterprises interested in telecommunications.
- **409** *Telecommunication:* Any transmission, emission or reception of signs, signals, writing, images and sounds or intelligence of any nature by wire, radio, optical or other electromagnetic systems.
- **410** *Telegraphy:* A system of telecommunications which is concerned in any process providing transmission and reproduction at a distance of documentary matter, such as written or printed matter or fixed images, or the reproduction at a distance of any kind of information in such a form. For the purposes of the Radio Regulations, however, unless otherwise specified therein, telegraphy shall mean "A system of telecommunications for the transmission of written matter by the use of a signal code".
- **411** *Telephony:* A system of telecommunications set up for the transmission of speech or, in some cases, other sounds.
- 412 Radiocommunication: Telecommunication by means of radio waves.
- 413 Radio: A general term applied to the use of radio waves.

- **414** *Harmful Interference:* Any emission, radiation or induction which endangers the functioning of a radionavigation service or of other safety services,<sup>1</sup> or seriously degrades, obstructs or repeatedly interrupts a radio-communication service operating in accordance with the Radio Regulations.
- **415** *International Service:* A telecommunication service between telecommunication offices or stations of any nature which are in or belong to different countries.
- **416** *Mobile Service:* A service of radiocommunication between mobile and land stations, or between mobile stations.
- **417** Broadcasting Service : A radiocommunication service in which the transmissions are intended for direct reception by the general public. This service may include sound transmissions, television transmissions or other types of transmission.
- **418** *Public Correspondence:* Any telecommunication which the offices and stations must, by reason of their being at the disposal of the public, accept for transmission.
- **419** *Telegram:* Written matter intended to be transmitted by telegraphy for delivery to the addressee. This term also includes radiotelegrams unless otherwise specified.
- **420** Government Telegrams and Government Telephone Calls : Telegrams or telephone calls originating with any of the authorities specified below:
  - the Head of a State;
  - the Head of a government and members of a government;
  - the Head of a territory, or the Head of a territory forming part of a group, Member or Associate Member;
  - the Head of a territory under the trusteeship or mandate of the United Nations or of a Member or Associate Member;
  - Commanders-in-Chief of military forces, land, sea or air;
  - diplomatic or consular agents;
  - the Secretary-General of the United Nations; Heads of the principal organs of the United Nations;
  - the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

<sup>1</sup>Any radiocommunication service used permanently or temporarily for the safeguarding of human life and property.

#### (Annex 2)

- 421 Replies to government telegrams as defined herein shall also be regarded as government telegrams.
- 422 Service Telegrams: Telegrams exchanged between:
  - a) administrations;
  - b) recognized private operating agencies;
  - c) administrations and recognized private operating agencies;
  - d) administrations and recognized private operating agencies, on the one hand, and the Secretary-General of the Union, on the other,

and relating to public international telecommunication.

**423** *Private Telegrams:* Telegrams other than service or government telegrams.

# ANNEX 3

## (see Article 28)

## Arbitration

- **501** 1. The party which appeals to arbitration shall initiate the arbitration procedure by transmitting to the other party to the dispute a notice of the submission of the dispute to arbitration.
- **502** 2. The parties shall decide by agreement whether the arbitration is to be entrusted to individuals, administrations or governments. If within one month after notice of submission of the dispute to arbitration, the parties have been unable to agree upon this point, the arbitration shall be entrusted to governments.
- **503** 3. If arbitration is to be entrusted to individuals, the arbitrators must neither be nationals of the parties involved in the dispute, nor have their domicile in the countries parties to the dispute, nor be employed in their service.
- **504** 4. If arbitration is to be entrusted to governments, or to administrations thereof, these must be chosen from among the Members or Associate Members which are not parties to the dispute, but which are parties to the agreement, the application of which caused the dispute.
- **505** 5. Within three months from the date of receipt of the notification of the submission of the dispute to arbitration, each of the two parties to the dispute shall appoint an arbitrator.
- 506 6. If more than two parties are involved in the dispute, an arbitrator shall be appointed in accordance with the procedure set forth in 504 and 505, by each of the two groups of parties having a common position in the dispute.
- 507 7. The two arbitrators thus appointed shall choose a third arbitrator who, if the first two arbitrators are individuals and not governments or administrations, must fulfil the conditions indicated in 503, and in addition must not be of the same nationality as either of the other two arbitrators. Failing an agreement between the two arbitrators as to the choice of a third arbitrator, each of these two arbitrators shall nominate a third arbitrator who is in no way concerned in the dispute. The Secretary-General shall then draw lots in order to select the third arbitrator.

#### (Annex 3)

- **508** 8. The parties to the dispute may agree to have their dispute settled by a single arbitrator appointed by agreement; or alternatively, each party may nominate an arbitrator, and request the Secretary-General to draw lots to decide which of the persons so nominated is to act as the single arbitrator.
- **509** 9. The arbitrator or arbitrators shall be free to decide upon the procedure to be followed.
- **510** 10. The decision of the single arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties to the dispute. If the arbitration is entrusted to more than one arbitrator, the decision made by the majority vote of the arbitrators shall be final and binding upon the parties.
- **511** 11. Each party shall bear the expense it shall have incurred in the investigation and presentation of the arbitration. The costs of arbitration other than those incurred by the parties themselves shall be divided equally between the parties to the dispute.
- **512** 12. The Union shall furnish all information relating to the dispute which the arbitrator or arbitrators may need.

# ANNEX 4

# General Regulations annexed to the International Telecommunication Convention

## PART I

# **General Provisions regarding Conferences**

# CHAPTER 1

## Invitation and Admission to Plenipotentiary Conferences when there is an Inviting Government

- 601 1. The inviting government, in agreement with the Administrative Council, shall fix the definitive date and the exact place of the conference.
- 602 2. (1) One year before this date, the inviting government shall send an invitation to the government of each country Member of the Union and to each Associate Member of the Union.
- 603 (2) These invitations may be sent directly or through the Secretary-General or through another government.
- 604 3. The Secretary-General shall send an invitation to the United Nations in accordance with Article 29 of the Convention.
- 605 4. The inviting government, in agreement with or on a proposal by the Administrative Council, may invite the specialized agencies of the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency to send observers to take part in the conference in an advisory capacity, on the basis of reciprocity.
- **606** 5. The replies of the Members and Associate Members must reach the inviting government not later than one month before the date of opening of the conference and should include whenever possible full information on the composition of the delegation.

- 607 6. Any permanent organ of the Union shall be entitled to be represented at the conference in an advisory capacity when the conference is discussing matters coming within its competence. If necessary, the conference may invite an organ which has not considered it necessary to be represented.
- 608 7. The following shall be admitted to Plenipotentiary Conferences:a) delegations as defined in 408 of Annex 2 to the Convention;
- 609 b) observers of the United Nations;
- 610 c) observers of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency in conformity with 605.

## Invitation and Admission to Administrative Conferences when there is an Inviting Government

- **611** 1. (1) The provisions of **601** to **606** above shall be applicable to administrative conferences.
- 612 (2) However, the time limit for the despatch of invitations may be reduced to six months if necessary.
- **613** (3) Members and Associate Members of the Union may inform the private operating agencies recognized by them of the invitation they have received.
- **614** 2. (1) The inviting government, in agreement with or on a proposal by the Administrative Council, may notify the international organizations which are interested in sending observers to participate in the conference in an advisory capacity.
- 615 (2) The interested international organizations shall send an application for admission to the inviting government within a period of two months from the date of notification.
- 616 (3) The inviting government shall assemble the requests and the conference itself shall decide whether the organizations concerned are to be admitted.
- 617 3. The following shall be admitted to administrative conferences:a) delegations as defined in 408 of Annex 2 to the Convention:

- 618 b) observers of the United Nations;
- 619 c) observers of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency in conformity with 605;
- 620 d) observers of international organizations admitted in accordance with 614 to 616;
- 621 e) representatives of recognized private operating agencies, duly authorized by the Member country to which they belong;
- 622 f) permanent organs of the Union, subject to the conditions set forth in 607.

## Special Provisions for Conferences meeting when there is no Inviting Government

623 When a conference is to be held without an inviting government, the provisions of Chapters 1 and 2 are applicable. The Secretary-General shall take the necessary steps to convene and organize it at the seat of the Union, after agreement with the Government of the Swiss Confederation.

## CHAPTER 4

## Time-limits for Presentation of Proposals to Conferences and Conditions of Submission

- 624 1. Immediately after the invitations have been despatched, the Secretary-General shall ask Members and Associate Members to send him, within four months, their proposals for the work of the conference.
- **625** 2. All proposals, the adoption of which will involve revision of the text of the Convention or Regulations, must carry references identifying by their marginal numbers those parts of the text which will require such revision. The reasons for the proposal must be given, as briefly as possible, in each case.

- 626 3. The Secretary-General shall communicate the proposals to all Members and Associate Members as they are received.
- **627** 4. The Secretary-General shall assemble and coordinate the proposals received from administrations and from the Plenary Assemblies of the International Consultative Committees and shall communicate them, at least three months before the opening of the conference, to Members and Associate Members. The General Secretariat and the specialized secretariats shall not be entitled to submit proposals.

## **Credentials for Delegations to Conferences**

- 628 1. The delegation sent by a Member or Associate Member of the Union to a conference shall be duly accredited in accordance with 629 to 636.
- 629 2. (1) Accreditation of delegations to Plenipotentiary Conferences shall be by means of instruments signed by the Head of State, by the Head of the Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 630 (2) Accreditation of delegations to administrative conferences shall be by means of instruments signed by the Head of State, by the Head of the Government, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by the Minister responsible for questions dealt with during the conference.
- 631 (3) Subject to confirmation prior to the signature of the Final Acts, by one of the authorities mentioned in 629 or 630, as appropriate, delegations may be provisionally accredited by the Head of the diplomatic mission of the country concerned to the government of the country in which the conference is held. In the case of a conference held in the country of the seat of the Union, a delegation may also be provisionally accredited by the Head of the Permanent Delegation of the country concerned to the European Office of the United Nations.
- 632 (4) A delegation representing a trust territory for which the United Nations has acceded to the Convention, in accordance with Article 21, shall be accredited by an instrument signed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

- 633 3. Credentials shall be accepted if they are signed by the appropriate authority mentioned under 629 to 632, and fulfil one of the following criteria:
- 634 they confer full powers;
- 635 they authorize the delegation to represent its government, without restrictions;
- 636 they give the delegation, or certain members thereof, the right to sign the Final Acts.
- 637 4. (1) A delegation whose credentials are found to be in order by the Plenary Meeting shall be entitled to exercise the right to vote of the Member concerned and to sign the Final Acts.
- 638 (2) A delegation whose credentials are found not to be in order by the Plenary Meeting shall not be entitled to exercise the right to vote or to sign the Final Acts until the situation has been rectified.
- **639** 5. Credentials shall be deposited with the secretariat of the conference as early as possible. A special committee shall be entrusted with the verification thereof and shall report on its conclusions to the Plenary Meeting within the time specified by the latter. Pending the decision of the Plenary Meeting thereon, a delegation of a Member of the Union shall be entitled to participate in the conference and to exercise the right to vote of the Member concerned.
- 640 6. As a general rule, Members of the Union should endeavour to send their own delegations to conferences of the Union. However, if a Member is unable, for exceptional reasons, to send its own delegation, it may give the delegation of another Member of the Union powers to vote and sign on its behalf. Such powers must be conveyed by means of an instrument signed by one of the authorities mentioned in 629 or 630, as appropriate.
- 641 7. A delegation with the right to vote may give to another delegation with the right to vote a mandate to exercise its vote at one or more meetings at which it is unable to be present. In such a case it shall, in good time, notify the Chairman of the conference in writing.
- 642 8. A delegation may not exercise more than one proxy vote in any of the cases referred to in 640 and 641.

**643** 9. Credentials and the transfer of powers sent by telegram shall not be accepted. Nevertheless, replies sent by telegram to requests by the Chairman or the secretariat of the conference for clarification of credentials shall be accepted.

# CHAPTER 6

# Procedure for calling World Administrative Conferences at the Request of Members and Associate Members of the Union or on a Proposal of the Administrative Council

- 644 1. Any Member or Associate Member of the Union wishing to have a world administrative conference convened shall so inform the Secretary-General, indicating the proposed agenda, place and date of the conference.
- 645 2. On receipt of similar requests from at least one-quarter of the Members and Associate Members of the Union, the Secretary-General shall inform all Members and Associate Members thereof by telegram, asking the Members to indicate, within six weeks, whether or not they agree to the proposal.
- 646 3. If a majority of the Members, determined in accordance with 76, agree to the proposal as a whole, that is to say, if they accept the agenda, date and place of the proposed meeting, the Secretary-General shall so inform the Members and Associate Members of the Union by circular telegram.
- 647 4. (1) If the proposal accepted is for a conference elsewhere than at the seat of the Union, the Secretary-General shall ask the government of the country concerned whether it agrees to act as inviting government.
- 648 (2) If the answer is in the affirmative, the Secretary-General, with the assent of the government concerned, shall take the necessary steps to convene the conference.
- 649 (3) If the answer is in the negative, the Secretary-General shall request the Members and Associate Members desiring the conference to make alternative suggestions for the place of the conference.

- 650 5. Where the proposal accepted is for a conference at the seat of the Union, the provisions of Chapter 3 shall apply.
- **651** 6. (1) If the proposal as a whole (agenda, date and place) is not accepted by a majority of the Members, determined in accordance with **76**, the Secretary-General shall inform the Members and Associate Members of the Union of the replies received, requesting the Members to give a final reply on the point or points under dispute within six weeks of receipt.
- 652 (2) Such points shall be regarded as adopted when they have been approved by a majority of the Members, determined in accordance with 76.
- **653** 7. The procedure indicated above shall also be applicable when the proposal to convene a world administrative conference is initiated by the Administrative Council.

## Procedure for convening Regional Administrative Conferences at the Request of Members and Associate Members of the Union or on a Proposal of the Administrative Council

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

# CHAPTER 8

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

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

Members concerned, determined in accordance with 76, have pronounced in favour.

- **656** 2. It shall be the responsibility of any Member or Associate Member proposing a change in the date or place of a conference to obtain for its proposal the support of the requisite number of other Members and Associate Members.
- 657 3. Where the issue arises, the Secretary-General shall indicate, in the communication referred to in 645, the probable financial consequences of a change in the date or place, as, for example, when there has been an outlay of expenditure in preparing for the conference at the place initially chosen.

# CHAPTER 9

## **Rules of Procedure of Conferences**

## RULE 1

### **Order of Seating**

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

#### RULE 2

### Inauguration of the Conference

- **659** 1. (1) The inaugural meeting of the conference shall be preceded by a meeting of the Heads of Delegations to prepare the agenda for the first Plenary Meeting.
- 660 (2) The Chairman of the meeting of Heads of Delegations shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of 661 and 662.
- 661 2. (1) The conference shall be opened by a person appointed by the inviting government.
- 662 (2) When there is no inviting government, it shall be opened by the oldest Head of Delegation.

- **663** 3. (1) The Chairman of the conference shall be elected at the first Plenary Meeting; generally, he shall be a person nominated by the inviting government.
- 664 (2) If there is no inviting government, the Chairman shall be chosen, taking into account the proposal made by the Heads of Delegations at the meeting described in 659.
- 665 4. The first Plenary Meeting shall also:
  - a) elect the Vice-Chairmen of the conference;
- 666 b) set up the conference committees and elect their respective Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen;
- 667 c) constitute the conference secretariat, made up of the staff of the General Secretariat of the Union, and, in case of need, of staff provided by the administration of the inviting government.

#### Powers of the Chairman of the Conference

- **668** 1. The Chairman, in addition to the other prerogatives conferred upon him under these Rules of Procedure, shall open and close the meetings of the Plenary Meeting, direct the deliberations, ensure that the Rules of Procedure are applied, give the floor to speakers, put questions to the vote, and announce the decisions adopted.
- **669** 2. He shall have the general direction of all the work of the conference, and shall ensure that order is maintained at Plenary Meetings. He shall give his ruling on motions of order and points of order and, in particular, he shall be empowered to propose that discussion on a question be postponed or closed, or that a meeting be suspended or adjourned. He may also decide to postpone the convening of a Plenary Meeting should he consider it necessary.
- 670 3. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to protect the right of each delegation to express its opinion freely and fully on the point at issue.
- 671 4. He shall ensure that discussion is limited to the point at issue, and he may interrupt any speaker who departs therefrom and request him to confine his remarks to the subject under discussion.

## **Appointment of Committees**

- 672 1. The Plenary Meeting may appoint committees to consider matters referred to the conference. These committees may in turn appoint sub-committees. Committees and sub-committees may form working groups.
- 673 2. However, sub-committees and working groups shall be formed only when it is absolutely necessary.

#### RULE 5

## **Budget Control Committee**

- **674** 1. At the opening of each conference or meeting, the Plenary Meeting shall appoint a budget control committee to determine the organization and the facilities available to the delegates, and to examine and approve the accounts for expenditure incurred throughout the duration of the conference or meeting. In addition to the members of delegations who wish to participate, this committee shall include a representative of the Secretary-General and, where there is an inviting government, a representative of that government.
- **675** 2. Before the budget approved by the Administrative Council for the conference or meeting is exhausted, the budget control committee, in collaboration with the secretariat of the conference or meeting, shall present an interim statement of the expenditure to the Plenary Meeting. The Plenary Meeting shall take this statement into account in considering whether the progress made is sufficient to justify a prolongation of the conference or meeting after the date when the approved budget will be exhausted.
- **676** 3. At the end of each conference or meeting, the budget control committee shall present a report to the Plenary Meeting showing, as accurately as possible, the estimated total expenditure of the conference or meeting.
- **677** 4. After consideration and approval by the Plenary Meeting, this report, together with the observations of the Plenary Meeting, shall be transmitted to the Secretary-General for submission to the Administrative Council at its next annual session.

#### **Composition of Committees**

## 678 1. Plenipotentiary Conferences

Committees shall be composed of the delegates of Members and Associate Members and the observers referred to in **609** and **610**, who have so requested or who have been designated by the Plenary Meeting.

#### 679 2. Administrative Conferences

Committees shall be composed of the delegates of Members and Associate Members and the observers and representatives referred to in **618** to **621**, who have so requested or who have been designated by the Plenary Meeting.

#### RULE 7

#### Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Sub-Committees

**680** The Chairman of each committee shall propose to his committee the choice of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the sub-committees which may be set up.

#### RULE 8

#### Summons to Meetings

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

#### RULE 9

#### Proposals presented before the Opening of the Conference

**682** Proposals presented before the opening of the conference shall be allocated by the Plenary Meeting to the appropriate committees appointed in accordance with Rule **4** of these Rules of Procedure. Nevertheless, the Plenary Meeting itself shall be entitled to deal with any proposal.

#### Proposals or Amendments presented during the Conference

- **683** 1. Proposals or amendments presented after the opening of the conference must be delivered to the Chairman of the conference or to the Chairman of the appropriate committee, as the case may be. They may also be handed to the secretariat of the conference for publication and distribution as conference documents.
- **684** 2. No written proposal or amendment may be presented unless signed by the Head of the Delegation concerned or by his deputy.
- **685** 3. The Chairman of a conference or of a committee may at any time submit proposals likely to accelerate the debates.
- **686** 4. Every proposal or amendment shall give, in precise and exact terms, the text to be considered.
- **687** 5. (1) The Chairman of the conference or the Chairman of the appropriate committee shall decide in each case whether a proposal or amendment submitted during a meeting shall be made orally or presented in writing for publication and distribution in accordance with **683**.
- **688** (2) In general, the texts of all major proposals to be put to the vote shall be distributed in good time in the working languages of the conference, in order that they may be studied before discussion.
- 689 (3) In addition, the Chairman of the conference, on receiving proposals or amendments referred to in 683, shall refer them to the appropriate committee or to the Plenary Meeting as the case may be.
- **690** 6. Any authorized person may read, or may ask to have read, at a Plenary Meeting any proposal or amendment submitted by him during the conference, and he shall be allowed to explain his reasons therefor.

## RULE 11

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

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

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

#### RULE 12

#### Proposals or Amendments passed over or postponed

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

### RULE 13

### **Rules for Debates of the Plenary Meeting**

#### **694** 1. Quorum

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

## 695 2. Order of debates

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

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

#### 697 3. Motions of order and points of order

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

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

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

The motions and points of order mentioned in 697 and 698 shall be dealt with in the following order:

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

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

**706** 6. Motion for postponement of debate

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

707 7. Motion for closure of debate

A delegation may at any time propose that discussion on the point at issue be closed. In such cases, before a vote is taken on the proposal, the floor may be given to not more than two speakers opposing the motion.

## 708 8. Limitation of speeches

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

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

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

711 9. Closing the list of speakers

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

- 712 (2) The list of speakers having been exhausted, the Chairman shall declare discussion on the matter closed.
- 713 10. Question of competence

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

714 11. Withdrawal and resubmission of a motion

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

#### **RULE** 14

#### **Right to Vote**

- 715 1. At all meetings of the conference, the delegation of a Member of the Union duly accredited by that Member to take part in the work of the conference shall be entitled to one vote in accordance with Article 2 of the Convention.
- **716** 2. The delegation of a Member of the Union shall exercise the right to vote under the conditions described in Chapter 5 of the General Regulations.

## RULE 15

#### Voting

717 1. Definition of a majority

(1) A majority shall consist of more than half the delegations present and voting. (GR, Chapter 9)

- 718 (2) In computing a majority, delegations abstaining shall not be taken into account.
- 719 (3) In case of a tie, a proposal or amendment shall be considered rejected.
- 720 (4) For the purpose of these Rules of Procedure, a "delegation present and voting" shall be a delegation voting for or against a proposal.

#### 721 2. Non-participation in voting

Delegations which are present but do not take part in a particular vote or expressly state they do not wish to take part shall be considered neither as absent, for the purpose of determining a quorum as defined in 694, nor as abstaining for the purpose of 723.

## 722 3. Special majority

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

## 723 4. Abstentions of more than fifty per cent

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

## 724 5. Voting procedures

(1) The following voting procedures shall be adopted except in the case provided for in 727:

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

- 725 b) by roll call, if the above-mentioned procedure shows no clear majority or if so requested by at least two delegations.
- 726 (2) Votes by roll call shall be taken in the alphabetical order of the French names of the Members represented.

## 727 6. Secret ballot

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

## 728 7. Prohibition of interruptions during votes

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

## 729 8. Reasons for votes

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

### 730 9. Voting on parts of a proposal

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

- 731 (2) If all the sections of a proposal are rejected the proposal shall be regarded as rejected as a whole.
- 732 10. Order of voting on concurrent proposals

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

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

734 11. Amendments

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

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

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

## 737 12. Voting on amendments

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

738 (2) When two or more amendments to a proposal are submitted, the amendment furthest from the original text shall be put to the vote first;

of the remainder, that furthest from the proposal shall then be put to the vote and the same procedure shall be followed until all the amendments submitted have been considered.

- 739 (3) If one or more amendments are adopted, the proposal thus amended shall then be put to the vote.
- 740 (4) If no amendment is adopted, the original proposal shall be put to the vote.

## RULE 16

## Committees and Sub-Committees Rules for Debates and Voting Procedures

- 741 1. The Chairman of all committees and sub-committees shall have powers similar to those conferred by Rule 3 on the Chairman of the conference.
- 742 2. The provisions set forth in Rule 13 for the conduct of debates in the Plenary Meeting shall also apply to the discussions of committees and sub-committees, except in the matter of the quorum.
- 743 3. The provisions set forth in Rule 15 shall also apply to votes taken in committees and sub-committees, except as regards 722.

#### **RULE 17**

#### Reservations

- 744 1. As a general rule, any delegation whose views are not shared by the remaining delegations shall endeavour, as far as possible, to conform to the opinion of the majority.
- **745** 2. However, if any decision appears to a delegation to be of such a nature as to prevent its government from ratifying the Convention or from approving the revision of the Regulations, the delegation may make reservations, final or provisional, regarding this decision.

#### RULE 18

### **Minutes of Plenary Meetings**

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

- 747 2. After the minutes have been distributed, delegations may submit in writing to the secretariat of the conference the corrections they consider to be justified; this shall be done in the shortest possible time. This shall not prevent them from presenting amendments orally during the meeting at which the minutes are approved.
- **748** 3. (1) As a general rule, the minutes shall contain only proposals and conclusions, together with the principal arguments for them presented in terms as concise as possible.
- 749 (2) However, any delegation shall have the right to require the insertion in the minutes, either summarized or in full, of any statement it has made during the debates. In this case, the delegation should, as a general rule, announce this at the beginning of its statement in order to facilitate the work of the reporters and must itself hand in the text to the secretariat of the conference within two hours after the end of the meeting.
- 750 4. The right accorded in 749 regarding the insertion of statements in the minutes shall in all cases be used with discretion.

## Summary Records and Reports of Committees and Sub-Committees

- **751** 1. (1) The debates of committees and sub-committees shall be summarized, meeting by meeting, in summary records drawn up by the secretariat of the Conference in which shall be brought out the essential points of the discussion, and the various opinions of which note ought to be taken, together with any proposals or conclusions resulting from the debate as a whole.
- (2) Nevertheless, any delegation shall be entitled to invoke 749.
- 753 (3) The right referred to above shall in all circumstances be used with discretion.
- **754** 2. Committees and sub-committees may prepare any interim reports they deem necessary and, if circumstances warrant, they may submit, at the end of their work, a final report recapitulating in concise terms the proposals and conclusions resulting from the studies entrusted to them.

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#### **Approval of Minutes, Summary Records and Reports**

- **755** 1. (1) As a general rule, at the beginning of each Plenary Meeting, or meeting of a committee, or sub-committee, the Chairman shall inquire whether there are any comments on the minutes of the previous meeting, or, in the case of committees or sub-committees, on the summary record of the previous meeting. These documents shall be considered approved if no amendments have been handed in to the secretariat and no objection is made orally. Otherwise, the appropriate amendments shall be made in the minutes or summary record as the case may be.
- 756 (2) Any interim or final report must be approved by the committee or sub-committee concerned.
- 757 2. (1) The minutes of the last Plenary Meeting shall be examined and approved by the Chairman of the Assembly.
- **758** (2) The summary record of the last meeting of each committee or sub-committee shall be examined and approved by the Chairman of the committee or sub-committee.

#### RULE 21

#### **Editorial Committee**

- **759** 1. The texts of the Convention, the Regulations and other Final Acts of the conference, which shall be worded as far as practicable in their definitive form by the various committees, taking account of the views expressed, shall be submitted to an editorial committee charged with perfecting their form without altering the sense and with combining them with those parts of former texts which have not been altered.
- **760** 2. The texts shall be submitted by the editorial committee to the Plenary Meeting, which shall approve them, or refer them back to the appropriate committee for further examination.

#### RULE 22

#### Numbering

761 1. The numbers of the chapters, articles and paragraphs of the texts subjected to revision shall be preserved until the first reading in Plenary Meeting. The passages added shall bear provisionally the number of the last paragraph in the original text, with the addition of "A", "B", etc.

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

#### RULE 23

#### **Final Approval**

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

## RULE 24

#### Signature

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

### RULE 25

#### **Press Notices**

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

#### RULE 26

#### **Franking Privileges**

**766** During the conference, members of delegations, members of the Administrative Council, senior officials of the permanent organs of the Union attending the conference, and the staff of the secretariat of the Union seconded to the conference shall be entitled to postal, telegraph and telephone franking privileges to the extent arranged by the government of the country in which the conference is held in agreement with the other governments and recognized private operating agencies concerned.

## PART II

# **International Consultative Committees**

# CHAPTER 10

## **General Provisions**

767 The provisions of Part II of the General Regulations supplement Article 14 of the Convention defining the duties and structure of the International Consultative Committees.

# CHAPTER 11

#### **Conditions for Participation**

**768** 1. (1) The International Consultative Committees shall have as members:

- a) of right, the administrations of all Members and Associate Members of the Union;
- b) any recognized private operating agency which, with the approval of the Member or Associate Member which has recognized it, subject to the procedure prescribed below, expresses a desire to participate in the work of the Committees. However, it may not act on behalf of the Member or Associate Member which has recognized it unless that Member or Associate Member informs the Consultative Committee concerned in each particular case that it is authorized to do so.
- 770 (2) The first request from a recognized private operating agency to take part in the work of a Consultative Committee shall be addressed to the Secretary-General who shall inform all the Members and Associate Members and the Director of the Consultative Committee concerned. A request from a recognized private operating agency must be approved by the Member or Associate Member recognizing it.
- 771 2. (1) International organizations which coordinate their work with the International Telecommunication Union and which have related activities may be admitted to participate in the work of the Consultative Committees in an advisory capacity.

- 772 (2) The first request from an international organization to take part in the work of a Consultative Committee shall be addressed to the Secretary-General who shall inform by telegram all the Members and Associate Members and invite Members to say whether the request should be granted; the request shall be granted if the majority of the replies of the Members received within a period of one month are favourable. The Secretary-General shall inform all the Members and Associate Members and the Director of the Consultative Committee concerned of the result of the consultation.
- **773** 3. (1) Scientific or industrial organizations, which are engaged in the study of telecommunication problems or in the design or manufacture of equipment intended for telecommunication services, may be admitted to participate in an advisory capacity in meetings of the study groups of the Consultative Committees, provided that their participation has received the approval of the administrations of the countries concerned.
- 774 (2) The first request from a scientific or industrial organization for admission to meetings of study groups of a Consultative Committee shall be addressed to the Director of the Consultative Committee; such a request must be approved by the administration of the country concerned.
- 775 4. Any recognized private operating agency, international organization or scientific or industrial organization allowed to take part in the work of an International Consultative Committee has the right to denounce such participation by notifying the Secretary-General. Such denunciation shall take effect at the end of one year from the date when notification is received by the Secretary-General.

#### **Duties of the Plenary Assembly**

- 776 The Plenary Assembly shall:
  - a) consider the reports of study groups and approve, modify or reject the draft recommendations contained in these reports;
- 777 b) decide new questions to be studied in conformity with the provisions of 190, and, if need be, establish a study programme;
- 778 c) so far as necessary, maintain existing study groups and set up new study groups;

- 779 d) allocate to study groups the questions to be studied;
- 780 e) consider and approve the report of the Director on the activities of the Committee since the last meeting of the Plenary Assembly;
- **781** f) approve an estimate of the financial needs of the Committee until the next Plenary Assembly, for submission to the Administrative Council:
- 782 g) consider any other matters deemed necessary within the provisions of Article 14 of the Convention and Part II of the General Regulations.

## Meetings of the Plenary Assembly

- 783 1. The Plenary Assembly shall normally meet every three years at a date and place fixed by the preceding Plenary Assembly.
- 784 2. The date and place, or either, of the meeting of the Plenary Assembly may be changed with the approval of the majority of the Members of the Union replying to the Secretary-General's request for their opinion.
- 785 3. At each of these meetings, the Plenary Assembly shall be presided over by the Head of the delegation of the country in which the meeting is held or, in the case of a meeting held at the seat of the Union, by a person elected by the Plenary Assembly itself; the Chairman shall be assisted by Vice-Chairmen elected by the Plenary Assembly.
- 786 4. The secretariat of the Plenary Assembly of a Consultative Committee shall be composed of the specialized secretariat of that Committee, with the help, if necessary, of the personnel of the administration of the inviting government and of the General Secretariat.

# CHAPTER 14

## Languages and Right to Vote in Plenary Assemblies

- 787 1. (1) The languages used in the Plenary Assemblies shall be as provided in Article 17 of the Convention.
- (2) The preparatory documents of study groups, the documents 788 and minutes of Plenary Assemblies and the documents published after these Assemblies by the International Consultative Committees shall be
- · issued in the working languages of the Union.

**789** 2. The Members which are authorized to vote at sessions of Plenary Assemblies of the Consultative Committees are those to which reference. is made in 13 and 250. However, when a country, Member of the Union, is not represented by an administration, the representatives of the recognized private operating agencies of that country shall, as a whole, and regardless of their number, be entitled to a single vote, subject to the provisions of **769**.

# **CHAPTER 15**

#### **Study Groups**

- **790** 1. The Plenary Assembly shall set up the necessary study groups to deal with questions to be studied. The administrations, recognized private operating agencies and international organizations admitted in accordance with **771** and **772** which wish to take part in the work of the study groups shall give in their names either at the meeting of the Plenary Assembly or, at a later date, to the Director of the Consultative Committee concerned.
- **791** 2. In addition, and subject to the provisions of **773** and **774**, experts of scientific or industrial organizations may be admitted to take part in an advisory capacity in any meeting of any study group.
- **792** 3. The Plenary Assembly shall appoint the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of each study group. If in the interval between two meetings of the Plenary Assembly, a Group Chairman is unable to carry out his duties, the Vice-Chairman shall take his place, and the study group concerned shall elect, at its next meeting, from among its members, a new Vice-Chairman. It shall likewise elect a new Vice-Chairman should the Vice-Chairman find himself no longer able, during this period, to carry out his duties.

# CHAPTER 16

## **Conduct of Business of Study Groups**

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

- **794** 2. (1) However, the Plenary Assembly may give directives concerning the convening of any meetings of the study groups that may appear necessary to deal with large groups of questions.
- **795** (2) Moreover, if after a Plenary Assembly a Group Chairman considers it necessary for his study group to hold one or more meetings not provided for by the Plenary Assembly to discuss orally questions which could not be solved by correspondence, he may, with the approval of his administration and after consultation with the Director concerned and the members of his study group, suggest a meeting at a convenient place bearing in mind the need to keep expenses to a minimum.
- **796** 3. However, in order to avoid unnecessary journeys and prolonged absences, the Director of a Consultative Committee, in agreement with the Group Chairmen of the various study groups concerned, shall draw up the general plan of meetings of groups of study groups which are to meet in the same place during the same period.
- **797** 4. The Director shall send the final reports of the study groups to the participating administrations, to the recognized private operating agencies of the Consultative Committee and, as occasion may demand, to such international organizations as have participated. These shall be sent as soon as possible and, in any event, in time for them to be received at least one month before the date of the next meeting of the Plenary Assembly. This provision may be waived only when study group meetings are held immediately prior to the meeting of the Plenary Assembly. Questions which have not formed the subject of a report furnished in this way shall not appear on the agenda for the meeting of the Plenary Assembly.

## Duties of the Director. Specialized Secretariat

- **798** 1. (1) The Director of a Consultative Committee shall coordinate the work of the Plenary Assembly and study groups, and shall be responsible for the organization of the work of the Consultative Committee.
- (2) He shall be responsible for the documents of the Committee.

- **800** (3) The Director shall be assisted by a secretariat composed of a specialized staff to work under his direction and to aid him in the organization of the work of the Committee.
- **801** (4) The staffs of the specialized secretariats, laboratories and technical installations of a Consultative Committee shall be under the administrative control of the Secretary-General.
- **802** 2. The Director shall choose the technical and administrative members of the secretariat within the framework of the budget as approved by the Plenipotentiary Conference or the Administrative Council. The appointment of the technical and administrative personnel is made by the Secretary-General in agreement with the Director. The final decision for appointment or dismissal rests with the Secretary-General.
- **803** 3. The Director shall participate as of right, but in an advisory capacity, in meetings of the Plenary Assembly and of the study groups. He shall make all necessary preparations for meetings of the Plenary Assembly and of the study groups.
- **804** 4. The Director shall submit to the Plenary Assembly a report on the activities of the Consultative Committee since the last meeting of the Plenary Assembly. After approval, this report shall be sent to the Secretary-General for transmission to the Administrative Council.
- **805** 5. The Director shall submit to the Administrative Council at its annual session a report on the activities of the Committee during the previous year for the information of the Council and of the Members and Associate Members of the Union.
- **806** 6. The Director shall submit for the approval of the Plenary Assembly an estimate of the financial needs of the Consultative Committee up to the next meeting of the Plenary Assembly; this estimate, after approval by the Plenary Assembly, shall be sent to the Secretary-General for submission to the Administrative Council.
- **807** 7. The Director shall prepare, for inclusion by the Secretary-General in the annual budget of the Union, an estimate of the expenses of the Committee for the following year, based on the estimate of the financial needs of the Committee approved by the Plenary Assembly.
- **808** 8. The Director shall participate as necessary in technical cooperation activities of the Union within the framework of the Convention.

## **Proposals for Administrative Conferences**

- **809** 1. In accordance with **191**, the Plenary Assemblies of the Consultative Committees may make proposals for modification of the Regulations mentioned in **203**.
- 810 2. Such proposals shall be sent to the Secretary-General in good time for assembly, coordination and communication, as laid down in 627.

# CHAPTER 19

## Relations of Consultative Committees between themselves and with other International Organizations

- **811** 1. (1) Plenary Assemblies of Consultative Committees may set up joint study groups to study and make recommendations on questions of common interest.
- **812** (2) The Directors of Consultative Committees may, in collaboration with the Group Chairmen, organize joint meetings of study groups of both Consultative Committees, to study and prepare draft recommendations on questions of common interest. Such draft recommendations shall be submitted to the next meeting of the Plenary Assembly of each Consultative Committee.
- 813 2. When one of the Consultative Committees is invited to participate in a meeting of the other Consultative Committee or of another international organization, the Plenary Assembly or Director of the invited Consultative Committee is authorized to make arrangements for such representation in an advisory capacity, taking into account the provisions of 156.
- **814** 3. The Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General, the Chairman of the International Frequency Registration Board, and the Director of the other Consultative Committee, or their representatives, may attend meetings of a Consultative Committee in an advisory capacity. If necessary, a Consultative Committee may invite to attend its meetings, in an advisory capacity, representatives of any permanent organ of the Union which has not considered it necessary to be represented.

# FINAL PROTOCOL

## to the

## International Telecommunication Convention

# (Montreux, 1965)

At the time of signing the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965), the undersigned plenipotentiaries take note of the following statements forming part of the Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Montreux, 1965):

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### For Afghanistan:

The Delegation of the Royal Government of Afghanistan to the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965) reserves for its Government the right not to accept any financial measure which might lead to an increase in its contributory share to defraying the expenses of the Union, and to take any measures it may deem necessary to protect its telecommunication services should any Member or Associate Member fail to observe the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965).

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#### For Algeria (Algerian Democratic and Popular Republic):

The Delegation of the Algerian Democratic and Popular Republic declares that its Government reserves the right to take such action as it may consider necessary to protect its interests, should a Member or Associate Member fail in any way to observe the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965), or should the reservations made by such Member or Associate Member jeopardize its telecommunication services or lead to an increase in Algeria's share in defraying the expenses of the Union.

### III

For Algeria (Algerian Democratic and Popular Republic), the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Iraq, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the State of Kuwait, Lebanon, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Arab Republic, the Republic of the Sudan and Tunisia:

The above-mentioned Delegations declare that the signature, and possible subsequent ratification by their respective Governments to the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965), are not valid with respect to the Member appearing in Annex 1 to this Convention under the name of Israel, and in no way imply its recognition.

## IV

For Algeria (Algerian Democratic and Popular Republic), the Federal Republic of Cameroon, the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Republic of the Congo (Brazzaville), the Republic of the Ivory Coast, the Republic of Dahomey, Ethiopia, the Gabon Republic, Ghana, the Republic of Guinea, the Republic of Upper Volta, Kenya, the Republic of Liberia, Malawi, the Malagasy Republic, the Republic of Mali, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, the Republic of the Niger, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Uganda, the United Arab Republic, the Somali Republic, the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of the Senegal, Sierra Leone, the Republic of the Sudan, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of the Chad, the Togolese Republic, Tunisia and the Republic of Zambia:

The Delegations of the above-mentioned countries declare that their signature of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) and subsequent ratification of that document by their respective Governments in no way imply recognition by these States of the present Government of the Republic of South Africa, and do not entail any obligation towards that Government.

## For the Argentine Republic:

The Argentine Delegation declares:

The International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965)

provides in Number 4 that any country or group of territories listed in Annex 1 thereto is a Member of the Union. Annex 1 lists as such the Overseas Territories for the international relations of which the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland are responsible.

As is its custom, the Government in question includes in this group of territories the "Falkland Islands and Dependencies" and the "British Antarctic Territories".

The Argentine Delegation wishes to place on record that this practice in no way affects Argentine sovereignty over the Malvinas Islands, the South Sandwich Islands and the South Georgia Islands, occupied by the United Kingdom as the result of an act of force never accepted by the Argentine Government, which hereby reaffirms the inalienable rights of the Argentine Republic and declares that these territories and the land lying in the Argentine Sector of the Antarctic are not the colony or possession of any nation but form an integral part of Argentine territory.

With regard to the name used in the aforementioned document to designate the Malvinas Islands, the Argentine Delegation wishes to draw attention to the decision of the United Nations Special Committee on the situation with regard to the implementation of the declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples; this Committee, in approving by general agreement the report of Sub-Committee III on the Malvinas Islands, dated 13 November 1964, decided by a majority vote that the word "Malvinas" should appear beside the name "Falkland" in all documents of the Special Committee, it having been proposed that such a compromise be adopted for all United Nations documents.

This declaration holds good for any other mention of the same kind which may be made in the Convention or in its Annexes.

## $\mathbf{VI}$

## For the Argentine Republic, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, the Republic of Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and the Republic of Venezuela:

The above Delegations declare that they do not accept the principle that Members of the Union not belonging to the region concerned should take part in regional conferences and meetings with voting rights.

## VII

For the Commonwealth of Australia, Malawi, Malta, New Zealand, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of the Philippines, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Trinidad and Tobago:

The Delegations of the above-mentioned countries reserve for their Governments the right to take such action as they may consider necessary to safeguard their interests, should certain Members or Associate Members not share in defraying the expenses of the Union, or should they fail in any other way to comply with the requirements of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) or its Annexes or the Protocols attached thereto, or should reservations by other countries jeopardize their telecommunication services.

## VIII

For Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Norway, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Federal Republic of Germany, Sweden and the Confederation of Switzerland:

The Delegations of the above-mentioned countries formally declare with regard to Article **15** of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) that they maintain the reservations indicated on behalf of their administrations when the Regulations mentioned in Article **15** were signed.

## $\mathbf{IX}$

## For Belgium:

In signing the present Convention, the Delegation of the Kingdom of Belgium declares, on behalf of its Government, that it cannot accept any consequences of reservations which might lead to an increase in its contributory share in defraying the expenses of the Union.

#### Х

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

The Delegations of the above-mentioned countries hereby declare on behalf of their Governments:

1. that the decision taken by the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965), to recognize the credentials of Chiang Kai-shek's representatives to take part in the Conference and to sign the Final Acts on behalf of China, is illegal in so far as the legal representatives of China in the International Telecommunication Union, as in other international organizations, can only be the representatives appointed by the Government of the People's Republic of China;

2. that the Saigon authorities do not really represent South Viet-Nam and cannot therefore speak on its behalf in the International Telecommunication Union. In consequence, the signature of the Final Acts of this Plenipotentiary Conference by the representatives of these authorities, or accession thereto on behalf of South Viet-Nam, is unlawful;

3. that in signing the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965), the Bielorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics leave open the question of the acceptance of the Radio Regulations (Geneva, 1959).

## XI

For the Bielorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the People's Republic of Bulgaria, Cuba, the Hungarian People's Republic, the Mongolian People's Republic, the People's Republic of Poland, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Socialist Republic of Roumania, the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics:

The Delegations of the above-mentioned countries declare, on behalf of their Governments, that they consider the claims of the representatives of South Korea to speak on behalf of the whole of Korea, within the International Telecommunication Union, to be without foundation and completely devoid of legal validity, since the puppet régime of South Korea does not represent, and cannot represent, the Korean people.

#### XII

#### For the Union of Burma:

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

## XIII

For the People's Republic of Bulgaria, Cuba, the Hungarian People's Republic, the Mongolian People's Republic, the People's Republic of Poland, the Socialist Republic of Roumania and the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic:

The Delegations of the above-mentioned countries declare that they reserve for their Governments the right to accept, or not to accept, the Radio Regulations, in whole or in part.

## XIV

For the People's Republic of Bulgaria, Cuba, the Hungarian People's Republic, the Mongolian People's Republic, the People's Republic of Poland, the Socialist Republic of Roumania and the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic:

The Delegations of the above-mentioned countries consider signature of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) on behalf of China, by the representatives of Chinag Kai-shek, to be illegal and void, since the sole legal representatives of China, which have the right to sign international agreements on behalf of China, are the representatives appointed by the Central Government of the People's Republic of China.

At the same time, the Delegations of the above-mentioned countries declare that, in view of the present situation on the territory of South Viet-Nam and the Geneva Agreements, their Governments cannot consider the Government of Saigon as representing the interests of the people of South Viet-Nam.

#### $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{V}$

## For the Federal Republic of Cameroon:

The Delegation of the Federal Republic of Cameroon to the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965) declares on behalf of its Government that it reserves the right to take all necessary steps to safeguard its interests should the reservations made by other delegations on behalf of their governments, or failure to comply with the Convention tend to jeopardize the proper operation of its telecommunication services.

Moreover, the Government of the Federal Republic of Cameroon accepts no consequences of any reservations made by other governments at the present Conference which would lead to an increase in its share in defraying the expenses of the Union.

## XVI

## For Canada:

The signature of Canada to the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) is subject to the reservation that Canada does not agree to be bound by the Telephone Regulations but does agree to be bound by the other Administrative Regulations except where specific reservations are made therein.

## XVII

## For Chile:

The Delegation of Chile expressly states that, whenever the International Telecommunication Convention, its Annexes and Regulations, or documents of any kind, mention, or refer to "Antarctic Territories" as dependencies of any State, the said mentions or references do not, and cannot, apply to the Chilean Antarctic Sector, which is an integral part of the national territory of the Republic of Chile, over which that Republic holds inalienable rights.

#### XVIII

#### For China:

The Delegation of the Republic of China to the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union at Montreux, 1965, as at Atlantic City, Buenos Aires and Geneva, is the only legitimate representation of China therein, and is recognized as such by the Conference. Any declarations or reservations made in connection with or attached to the present Convention by any Members of the Union, incompatible with the position of the Republic of China as set forth above, are illegal and therefore null and void. To those Members of the Union, the Republic of China does not, by signature of this Convention, accept any obligation arising out of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) or any of the Protocols annexed thereto.

## XIX

#### For the Republic of Cyprus:

The Delegation of Cyprus declares that the Government of the Republic of Cyprus cannot accept any financial consequences that might arise as a result of reservations made by other governments taking part in the Plenipotentiary Conference (Montreux, 1965).

## XX

## For the Republic of Colombia and for Spain:

The Delegations of Colombia and Spain declare, on behalf of their respective Governments, that they can accept no consequences of any reservations that might lead to an increase in the shares they take in defraying the expenses of the Union.

## XXI

#### For the Republic of Korea:

The Delegation of the Republic of Korea declares that it is, as at the previous Conferences since the accession of Korea to the Union, the only legitimate representation throughout Korea and recognized as such by the Conference. Any declaration or reservation made in connection with or attached to the present Convention by any Member of the Union, incompatible with the position of the Republic of Korea as set forth above, is illegal and therefore null and void.

#### XXII

## For Costa Rica:

The Delegation of the Republic of Costa Rica reserves its Government's right to accept or not to accept the consequences of any reservations made by other governments which might lead to an increase in its share in defraying the expenses of the Union, or should the reservations by these countries jeopardize its telecommunication services.

## XXIII

#### For the Republic of the Ivory Coast:

The Delegation of the Republic of the Ivory Coast declares that it reserves for its Government the right to accept or refuse to accept the consequences of any reservations made by other governments which might lead to an increase in its contributory share to defraying the expenses of the Union.

## XXIV

#### For Cuba:

The Delegation of Cuba, in signing the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cuba, formally reserves its position with regard to acceptance of the Telegraph Regulations, Telephone Regulations, and Additional Radio Regulations, mentioned in Number **203** and thereafter of Article **15** of that Convention.

## XXV

# For Cuba, the Hungarian People's Republic, the Mongolian People's Republic and the People's Republic of Poland:

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

## XXVI

# For the Republic of Dahomey:

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

1. not to accept any financial measure which might lead to an increase in its contributory share in defraying Union expenses;

2. to take any measure it deems necessary to protect its telecommunication services if any Member or Associate Member does not observe the terms of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965).

## XXVII

## For Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden:

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

#### XXVIII

#### For the United States of America:

The United States of America formally declares that the United States of America does not, by signature of this Convention on its behalf, accept any obligations in respect of the Telephone Regulations or the Additional Radio Regulations referred to in Article **15** of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965).

#### XXIX

## For Ethiopia:

The Delegation of Ethiopia hereby reserves the right of its Government to take any action it deems necessary to safeguard its interests should Members or Associate Members in any way fail to comply with the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) or should reservations by other countries jeopardize its telecommunication services.

## XXX

#### For Greece:

The Greek Delegation declares on behalf of its Government that it accepts no consequences of any reservations made by other Governments, which might lead to an increase in its share in defraying the expenses of the Union.

It also reserves for its Government the right to take such action as it may consider necessary to protect its interests, should certain Members or Associate Members of the Union not take their share in defraying Union expenses, or in any other way fail to comply with the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965), its Annexes or Protocols attached thereto, or if the reservations made by other countries should jeopardize the proper operation of its own telecommunication services.

#### XXXI

## For the Republic of Guinea and the Republic of Mali:

The Delegations of the above-mentioned countries reserve for their respective Governments the right to take such action as they may consider necessary to safeguard their interests, should Members or Associate Members fail in any way to observe the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965), or should reservations made by them jeopardize their telecommunication services.

## XXXII

#### For the Republic of India:

1. Upon signing the Final Acts of the International Telecommunication Plenipotentiary Conference (Montreux, 1965), the Republic of India does not accept any financial implications resulting from any reservation that might be made on the budgetary matters of the Union by any delegation participating in the present Conference.

2. The Delegation of the Republic of India states that the signature by the Delegation to this Convention is also subject to the reservation that the Republic of India may or may not be in a position to accept certain provisions of the Telegraph and the Telephone Regulations (Geneva, 1958), referred to in Article **15** of this Convention.

3. The Delegation of the Republic of India further reserves the right of its Government to take appropriate steps if necessary to ensure proper functioning of the Union and its permanent organs and implementation of the Regulations, listed in Article **15** of the Convention, should any country reserve and/or not accept the provisions of the Convention and of the Regulations mentioned above.

#### XXXIII

### For the Republic of Indonesia:

1. The Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia declares hereby, that the signature by the said delegation, and the possible subsequent ratification by its Government of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965), are not to be construed as a recognition by the Republic of Indonesia towards the Government of the "Federation of Malaysia", "China", and of other countries not recognized by the Republic of Indonesia.

2. The Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia hereby reserves the right of its Government to take any action it deems necessary to safeguard its interests should Members or Associate Members in any way fail to comply with the requirements of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) or should reservations by other countries jeopardize its telecommunication services.

## XXXIV

### For Iran:

The Delegation of Iran hereby reserves the right of its Government to take any action it deems necessary to safeguard its interests should Members or Associate Members in any way fail to comply with the requirements of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) or should reservations by other countries jeopardize its telecommunication services.

# For the State of Israel: XXXV

The declarations made by the Governments of Algeria (Algerian Democratic and Popular Republic), the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Iraq, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the State of Kuwait, Lebanon, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Arab Republic, the Republic of the Sudan and by Tunisia, being in flagrant contradiction to the principles and purposes of the International Telecommunication Union and therefore void of any legal validity, the Government of Israel wishes to put on record that it rejects these declarations outright and will proceed on the assumption that they can have no validity as to the rights and duties of any Member State of the International Telecommunication Union.

In any case, the Government of Israel will avail itself of its rights to safeguard its interests should the Governments of Algeria (Algerian Democratic and Popular Republic), the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Iraq, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the State of Kuwait, Lebanon, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Arab Republic, the Republic of the Sudan and Tunisia in any way violate any of the articles of the International Telecommunication Convention.

## For Italy:

#### XXXVI

The Delegation of Italy reserves for its Government the right to take such action as it may consider necessary to safeguard its interests should certain Members or Associate Members of the Union not take their share in defraying the expenses of the Union, or fail in any other way to comply with the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965), and the Annexes or Protocols appended thereto, or should reservations made by other countries jeopardize its own telecommunication services.

#### For Jamaica:

## XXXVII

The Delegation of Jamaica reserves for its Government the right to take such action as it may consider necessary to safeguard its interests, should certain Members or Associate Members not share in defraying the expenses of the Union, or should they fail in any other way to comply with the requirements of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) or its Annexes or the Protocols attached thereto, or should reservations by other countries jeopardize the telecommunication services of Jamaica.

#### For Kenya:

## XXXVIII

The Delegation of Kenya reserves the right of the Kenya Government to take any action it deems necessary to safeguard its interests in the event of Members or Associate Members failing in any way to comply with the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) or the Annexes and Regulations attached thereto or should reservations by other countries jeopardize its telecommunication services.

## XXXIX

## For the Republic of Liberia:

The Delegation of the Republic of Liberia hereby reserves the right of its Government to take any action it deems necessary to safeguard its interests should Members or Associate Members in any way fail to comply with the requirements of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) or should reservations by other countries jeopardize its telecommunication services.

#### For Malaysia:

The Delegation of the Government of Malaysia hereby reserves the right of its Government to take any action it deems necessary to safeguard its interests should Members or Associate Members in any way fail to comply with the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965).

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## XLI

## For the Islamic Republic of Mauritania:

The Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on signing the present Convention, reserves for its Government the right to take such action as may be necessary to protect its telecommunication interests should Members or Associate Members fail to observe the provisions of the present Convention; and not to accept any reservation made by other Governments tending to increase the amount of the contributory share towards defraying the expenses of the Union.

#### For Nepal:

## XLII

The Delegation of the Kingdom of Nepal reserves the right of its Government to take any action it may deem necessary to safeguard its interests should reservations made by other countries jeopardize its telecommunication services.

#### XLIII

# For the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

In signing this Convention the Delegation of the Federal Republic of Nigeria hereby declares that its Government reserves the right to take any action which it considers necessary to safeguard its interests should certain Members or Associate Members not share in defraying the expenses of the Union or should they fail in any other way to comply with the requirements of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) or its Annexes or the Protocols attached thereto or should reservations by other countries endanger the telecommunication services of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

## XLIV

#### For Uganda:

The Delegation of Uganda reserves the right of the Uganda Government to take any action it deems necessary to safeguard its interests in the event of Members or Associate Members failing in any way to comply with the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) or the Annexes and Regulations attached thereto or should reservations by other countries jeopardize its telecommunication services.

#### For Pakistan:

#### XLV

The Government of Pakistan declares that by signature of this Convention on its behalf it reserves the right to adhere to all or to some of the provisions of the Telephone and of the Radio Regulations.

The Government of Pakistan further declares that it reserves the right of accepting the implications that might arise through the non-adherence by any other country Member of the Union to the provisions of this Convention or of its related Regulations.

#### For Panama:

The Delegation of the Republic of Panama to the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965) declares that the Government of the Republic of Panama accepts

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no financial consequences which may result from reservations made by other governments taking part in the present Conference, concerning any aspect of the finances of the Union.

#### For Peru:

## XLVII

The Delegation of Peru reserves for its Government the right:

1. to take such action as it may consider necessary to protect its interests, should other Members or Associate Members fail in any way to comply with the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) or of its Annexes or Additional Protocols, or should the reservations made by them lead to any increase in its share in defraying the expenses of the Union, or jeopardize Peru's telecommunication services;

2. to accept or not to accept all or any one of the provisions of the Administrative Regulations mentioned in Article **15** of the Convention.

## XLVIII

## For the Republic of the Philippines:

In view of the reservations made by certain countries which may affect the telecommunication services of the Republic of the Philippines, the Delegation of the Republic of the Philippines in signing this Convention on behalf of its Government, formally reserves its right to accept or reject any or all of the provisions of the Telegraph and Telephone Regulations, and Additional Radio Regulations, mentioned and made a part of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965).

#### For Portugal:

## XLIX

The Portuguese Delegation to the I.T.U. Plenipotentiary Conference (Montreux, 1965),

## considering

a) that Resolution No. 46 adopted by the Conference deals with questions of an exclusively political character, entirely outside the scope of the Union;

b) that the said Resolution was adopted without any decision by the Conference under the terms of Number **611** of the General Regulations annexed to the Geneva Convention 1959, concerning the question of competence, which was raised in writing by the Portuguese Delegation (Minutes of the 7th Plenary Meeting, 21 September 1965, Document No. 158);

### declares

on behalf of its Government that, in signing the Convention, it considers Resolution No. 46 to be illegal and, therefore, non-existent.

#### L

## For the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

The Delegation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland declares that it does not accept the statement of the Argentine Delegation contained in its declaration in so far as this statement disputes the sovereignty of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom over the Falkland Islands and the Falkland Islands Dependencies and the British Antarctic Territory and it wishes formally to reserve the rights of Her Majesty's Government on this question. The Falkland Islands and the Falkland Islands Dependencies and the British Antarctic Territory are and remain an integral part of the territories together making up the Member known as "Overseas Territories for the international relations of which the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland are responsible", on behalf of which the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland acceded to the International Telecommunication Convention (Geneva, 1959) on 9 December, 1961, and which is described in the same manner in Annex 1 to the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965).

The United Kingdom Delegation also cannot accept the view expressed by the Argentine Delegation that the term "(Malvinas)" should be used in association with the name of the Falkland Islands and Falkland Islands Dependencies. The decision to add "(Malvinas)" after this name related solely to the documents of the United Nations Special Committee on the situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples and has not been adopted by the United Nations for all United Nations documents. It therefore in no way affects the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) or its Annexes or any other documents published by the International Telecommunication Union.

In so far as the statement of the Argentine Delegation refers to sovereignty over the British Antarctic Territory, the United Kingdom Delegation wishes to bring to the attention of the Argentine Government Article IV of the Antarctic Treaty to which both the Argentine Government and the United Kingdom Government are parties.

## For the Republic of Rwanda:

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The Delegation of the Republic of Rwanda reserves for its Govern-

ment the right to take such action as it considers necessary to protect its interests, should Members or Associate Members fail to observe in any way the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) or of the Annexes and Regulations, or should the reservations made by other countries jeopardize the proper operation of its telecommunication services.

# For the Republic of the Senegal:

The Delegation of the Republic of the Senegal declares, on behalf of its Government, that it accepts no consequence of any reservations made by other governments at the present Conference which might lead to an increase in its share in defraying Union expenditure.

Furthermore, the Republic of the Senegal reserves the right to take any action it deems fit to safeguard its interests if the reservations made by other countries, or failure to respect the Convention, should jeopardize the proper working of its telecommunication services.

## LIII

#### For Sierra Leone:

The Delegation of Sierra Leone hereby declares that it reserves the right of the Government of Sierra Leone to take any action which it deems necessary to safeguard its interests should Members or Associate Members of the Union in any way fail to comply with the requirements of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) or should reservations by other Member countries jeopardize its telecommunication services.

LIV

#### For Singapore:

In signing the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) the Delegation of the Government of Singapore reserves for its Government the right to take such action as it may consider necessary to safeguard its interests should any country fail in any way to comply with the requirements of this Convention or should reservations by any country jeopardize its telecommunication services or lead to an increase in its share towards defraying the expenses of the Union.

#### LV

## For the Somali Republic:

The Delegation of the Somali Republic reserves for its Government the right to take such action as it considers necessary to protect its interests, should Members or Associate Members fail to observe in any way the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) or the attached Annexes and Regulations, or should the reservations made by other countries jeopardize the proper operation of its telecommunication services.

## LVI

## For the Republic of the Sudan:

The Delegation of the Republic of the Sudan reserves the right of its Government to take any action that it deems necessary to safeguard its interests should any country fail in any way to comply with the requirements of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965), or should reservations by any country jeopardize its telecommunication services or lead to an increase in its share towards defraying the expenses of the Union.

## LVII

# For the Confederation of Switzerland:

Respect for the law being a constant principle of the policy followed by the Swiss Confederation, the Swiss Delegation declares that it cannot accept Resolutions Nos. 44, 45 and 46, which it considers to be contrary to Articles 2 and 4 of the Convention.

In adopting this position, the Swiss Delegation passes no judgment on the substance of the resolutions in question, but considers that political disputes should in principle be strictly excluded from technical agencies.

## LVIII

## For the United Republic of Tanzania:

The Delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania reserves the right of its Government to take any action it deems necessary to safeguard its interests in the event of Members or Associate Members failing in any way to comply with the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) or the Annexes and Regulations annexed thereto or should reservations by other countries jeopardize its telecommunication services.

## LIX

## For the Territories of the United States of America:

The Territories of the United States of America formally declare that the Territories of the United States of America do not, by signature of this Convention on their behalf, accept any obligations in respect of the Telephone Regulations or the Additional Radio Regulations referred to in Article **15** of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965).

#### LX

#### For Thailand:

Thailand reserves the right to take any action it may consider necessary to protect its interests if reservations made by other countries should lead to an increase in its contributory share in defraying Union expenses.

#### LXI

## For the Togolese Republic:

The Delegation of the Togolese Republic reserves the right for its Government to take such steps as it may deem expedient should any country not respect the provisions of the present Convention, or if reservations made during the Conference or upon signature by certain Members or Associate Members should lead to situations hampering its telecommunication services or to an excessive increase in its contributory share in defraying the expenses of the Union.

## LXII

#### For Turkey:

Turkey reserves the right to take any action it may deem necessary to protect its interests if reservations made by other countries should lead to an increase in its contributory share in defraying the expenses of the Union.

#### LXIII

### For the Republic of Venezuela:

1. The Delegation of the Republic of Venezuela reserves for its Government the right to accept or not to accept the provisions of Number 204 of the present Convention, concerning the Administrative Regulations.

2. The Delegation of the Republic of Venezuela declares that its Government reserves the right to take such action as it may consider necessary to protect its interests, should other countries not observe the provisions of this Convention.

#### LXIV

## For the Federal Socialist Republic of Yugoslavia:

The Delegation of the Federal Socialist Republic of Yugoslavia states on behalf of its Government that it considers that:

a) the Representatives of Taiwan have no right to sign the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) on behalf of China;

b) the Representatives of South Viet-Nam have no right to sign the present Convention on behalf of the whole of Viet-Nam;

c) the Representatives of South Korea have no right to sign the present Convention on behalf of the whole of Korea.

## LXV

## For the Republic of Zambia:

The Delegation of the Republic of Zambia declares that it reserves the right of its Government to take any action that it deems necessary to safeguard its interests should Members or Associate Members in any way fail to comply with the requirements of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) or should reservations by other countries jeopardize its telecommunication services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective plenipotentiaries have signed this Final Protocol in each of the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages, in a single copy, which shall remain deposited in the archives of the International Telecommunication Union, which shall forward a copy to each of the signatory countries.

Done at Montreux, 12 November 1965.

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

# **ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS**

## to the

## International Telecommunication Convention

# (Montreux, 1965)

The undersigned plenipotentiaries have signed the following Additional Protocols forming part of the Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Montreux, 1965):

# ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL I

#### **Expenses of the Union for the Period 1966 to 1971**

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

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

do not exceed the following amounts for the years 1966 and onwards until the next Plenipotentiary Conference of the Union:

> 17,900,000 Swiss francs for the year 1966 18,125,000 Swiss francs for the year 1967 18,610,000 Swiss francs for the year 1968 19,185,000 Swiss francs for the year 1969 19,955,000 Swiss francs for the year 1970 20,400,000 Swiss francs for the year 1971.

For the years after 1971, the annual budgets shall not exceed the sum specified for the preceding year by more than  $3 0/_0$  per annum.

(Additional Protocol I)

2. The limits fixed for 1966 and 1967 each include the sum of 500,000 Swiss francs for any payments that might be rendered necessary by the provisions of Resolution No. 3 of this Conference. Any credits left over after these payments have been made may not be used for other purposes.

3. The Administrative Council is authorized to exceed the limits established in paragraph 1 above to cover the cost of preparing a draft constitutional Charter of the Union (See Resolution No. 35 of this Conference).

4. Expenditure on conferences and meetings referred to in **208** and **209** of the Convention may be authorized by the Administrative Council.

4.1 During the years 1966 to 1971, the Administrative Council shall, subject if necessary to the provisions of sub-paragraph 4.3 below, restrict such expenditure within the following amounts:

4,185,000 Swiss francs for the year 1966 2,815,000 Swiss francs for the year 1967 4,985,000 Swiss francs for the year 1968 5,035,000 Swiss francs for the year 1969 1,555,000 Swiss francs for the year 1970 5,310,000 Swiss francs for the year 1971.

4.2 If the Plenipotentiary Conference, a world administrative conference dealing with telegraph or telephone questions or a world administrative conference dealing with radio questions is not held between 1968 and 1971, the total amount authorized for these years shall be reduced by 2,500,000 Swiss francs for the Plenipotentiary Conference, 1,500,000 Swiss francs for a world administrative conference dealing with telegraph or telephone questions, and 2,000,000 Swiss francs for a world administrative conference dealing with radio questions.

If no Plenipotentiary Conference is held in 1971, the Administrative Council shall authorize for each year after 1971 such sums as they consider appropriate for the purposes of the conferences and meetings referred to in **208** and **209** of the Convention.

- 4.3 The Administrative Council may authorize expenditure in excess of the annual limits specified in sub-paragraph 4.1 above, if the excess can be compensated by credits:
  - accrued from a previous year; or
  - foreseen in a future year.

5. The Council may also exceed the limits established in paragraphs 1 and 4 above to take account of:

- 5.1 increases in the salary scales, pension contributions or allowances including post adjustments established by the United Nations for application to their staff employed in Geneva;
- 5.2 fluctuations in the exchange rate between the Swiss franc and the U.S. dollar which would involve additional expenses for the Union.

6. The Administrative Council shall be entrusted with the task of effecting every possible economy. To this end, it shall be the duty of the Administrative Council annually to establish the lowest possible authorized level of expenditure commensurate with the needs of the Union, within the limits established by paragraphs 1 and 4 above, taking account of the provisions of paragraph 5, if need be.

7. If the credits which may be used by the Council by virtue of paragraphs 1 to 5 above prove insufficient to ensure the efficient operation of the Union, the Council may exceed those credits only with the approval of a majority of the Members of the Union after they have been duly consulted. Whenever Members of the Union are consulted, they shall be presented with a full statement of the facts justifying the step.

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

9. No decision of an Administrative Conference or of a Plenary Assembly of a Consultative Committee shall be put into effect if it will result in a direct or indirect increase in the expenses beyond the credits that the Administrative Council may authorize under the terms of paragraphs 1 to 5 above or in the circumstances envisaged in paragraph 7.

# ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL II

## Procedure to be followed by Members and Associate Members in choosing their Contributory Class

1. Every Member and Associate Member shall inform the Secretary-General before 1 July 1966 of the class of contribution it has chosen from the table of classes of contributions shown in **212** of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965).

2. Members and Associate Members who have failed to make known their decision before 1 July 1966 in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 1 above, will be required to contribute the same number of units as they contributed under the Geneva Convention.

# ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL III

## Date on which the Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General shall take Office

The Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General elected by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Montreux, 1965), in the manner prescribed thereby, shall take office on 1 January 1966.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective plenipotentiaries have signed these Additional Protocols in each of the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages, in a single copy, which shall remain deposited in the archives of the International Telecommunication Union, which shall forward a copy to each of the signatory countries.

Done at Montreux, 12 November 1965.

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

# ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL IV

## **Temporary Arrangements**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965), has agreed to the following arrangements to be applied on a provisional basis until the coming into force of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965):

1. (1) The Administrative Council shall be composed of twenty-nine Members, who shall be elected by the Conference in the manner prescribed in that Convention. The Council may meet immediately thereafter and perform the duties assigned to it under the Convention.

(2) The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman to be elected by the Administrative Council during the course of its first session shall remain in office until the election of their successors at the opening of the annual Administrative Council session of 1967.

2. The International Frequency Registration Board shall be composed of five members who shall be elected by this Conference in the manner prescribed thereby and shall take office on 1 January 1967.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective plenipotentiaries have signed this Additional Protocol in each of the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages, in a single copy, which shall remain deposited in the archives of the International Telecommunication Union, which shall forward a copy to each of the signatory countries.

Done at Montreux, 21 October 1965.

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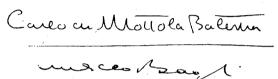
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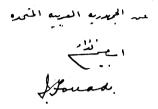
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# RESOLUTIONS, RECOMMENDATION AND OPINIONS

## **RESOLUTION No. 1**

## Salaries of Elected Officials

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

# resolves

that the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General, the Directors of the International Consultative Committees and the members of the International Frequency Registration Board shall be paid the following annual net salaries with effect from 1 January 1966:

	U.S. dollars per year
Secretary-General	20,000
Deputy Secretary-General, Directors of the	
Consultative Committees	17,500
I.F.R.B. members	16,500

# instructs the Administrative Council

if a relevant adjustment is made in Common System salary scales, to propose, for the approval of the majority of the Members of the Union, suitable adjustments to the above salaries;

#### further resolves

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

	Swiss francs per year
Secretary-General	10,000
Deputy Secretary-General, Directors of the	
Consultative Committees	5,000
I.F.R.B. (for the Board as a whole	
at the discretion of the Chairman)	5,000

## further instructs the Administrative Council

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

#### Mandate of the Director of the C.C.I.T.T.

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### considering that

a) the present Director of the C.C.I.T.T. would normally retire at the end of 1967;

b) the IIIrd Plenary Assembly of the C.C.I.T.T. expressed the wish that his term of office be extended until the end of the IVth Plenary Assembly;

c) the IVth Plenary Assembly of the C.C.I.T.T. is foreseen for 1968;

## resolves

that the mandate of the present Director of the C.C.I.T.T. shall be extended until the date determined by the IVth Plenary Assembly of the C.C.I.T.T. for his successor to take up his duties.

# **RESOLUTION No. 3**

# Separation from Service of the Members of the International Frequency Registration Board (I.F.R.B.)

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### resolves

that members of the International Frequency Registration Board not re-elected to take office on 1 January 1967 and who are not re-employed by the Union as from that date, shall cease office on 31 December 1966 or, at their request, at an earlier date as agreed upon by the Secretary-General, and shall be paid, in full and final settlement of any claim in respect of their separation from service, a termination indemnity at the rate of one month of basic salary per year of service with a maximum of nine months' salary in addition to any other emoluments to which they may be entitled,

#### decides

to include the necessary credits in the 1966 and 1967 budgets.

# Provisional Staff Regulations for Elected Officials of the Union

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### considering

a) that provisional Staff Regulations for Elected Officials were established by the Administrative Council in pursuance of Resolution No. 1 adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1959);

b) that the decisions taken by this Conference entail amendments to these provisional Staff Regulations;

# instructs the Administrative Council

to review the provisional Staff Regulations for Elected Officials in order to determine what provisions they should embody, taking into account the decisions of this Conference;

# authorizes the Administrative Council

to apply such Regulations, in whole or in part, with provisional effect until the next Plenipotentiary Conference.

#### **RESOLUTION No. 5**

#### Assimilation to the United Nations Common System

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### having examined

the Report of the Administrative Council on the implementation of Resolution No. 7 and other texts of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1959) dealing with "Assimilation of the International Telecommunication Union Conditions of Service, Salaries, Allowances and Pensions to those of the United Nations Common System";

#### notes

that the decisions and instructions of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1959) were faithfully executed by the Administrative Council, the Secretary-General, and the Management Board of the Union Staff Superannuation and Benevolent Funds, and

#### declares

that the measures taken in this respect are in accordance with the intent, decisions and instructions of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1959).

## **RESOLUTION No. 6**

## **Grading Standards**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

## noting and approving

the action taken by the Administrative Council since the Plenipotentiary Conference of Geneva 1959, as regards the regrading of Union posts;

#### considering

that the classification of Union posts must be based on grading standards established in conformity with those applied in the United Nations Common System;

## instructs the Administrative Council

in the light of developments within the United Nations Common System, to take whatever steps it considers necessary, without incurring unreasonable expense, in order to ensure that such grading standards are established and applied for all Union posts.

#### Geographical Distribution of Union Staff

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### considering

a) the provisions of **164** of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965);

b) the present geographical distribution of Union staff; and

c) the need to improve geographical distribution both generally and for particular regions of the world;

## resolves

I. in order to improve the geographical distribution of appointed staff in grades P1 and above:

1. that, in general, vacancies in these grades shall be advertised to the administrations of all the Members and Associate Members of the Union. However, reasonable promotion possibilities for the staff in service must also be ensured;

2. that, in filling these posts by international recruitment, preference should be given, other qualifications being equal, to candidates from regions of the world which are not at present represented or are insufficiently represented; in particular, special attention should be given to securing equitable geographical representation of the five Regions of the Union when filling posts in grades P5 and above;

II. 1. that officials in grades G1 to G7 shall, so far as is possible, be recruited from among persons resident in Switzerland, or in French territory within twenty-five kilometres of Geneva;

2. in exceptional cases where the vacancies in grades G7, G6 and G5 are of a technical character, consideration shall be given in the first place to recruitment on an international basis;

3. where the recruitment of staff with the requisite qualifications is not possible in accordance with paragraph II. 1. above, the Secretary-General should recruit them from as near a place to Geneva as possible. Where this is not possible, he should notify all administrations of the

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vacancy but should, in selecting the recruit, have regard to the financial implications;

4. staff recruited in grades G1 to G7 shall be regarded as internationally recruited and entitled to the benefits of international recruitment, as provided in the Staff Regulations, if they are not of Swiss nationality, and if they are recruited from outside the area referred to in paragraph II. 1. above;

## instructs the Administrative Council

to keep this matter under review in order that the objective of a wider and more representative geographical distribution be achieved.

## **RESOLUTION No. 8**

#### Manning Table Posts

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### having considered

a) the figures reflecting the evolution of the manning table over past years following the development of the activities of the Union;

b) the present distribution of permanent and fixed-term posts in the manning table;

c) the considerable number of short-term contracts granted every year;

## having noted with appreciation

the steps taken by the Administrative Council in order not to prejudice any decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference for the reorganization of the structure of the Union;

#### bearing in mind

a) the policy of the Union that tasks of a permanent nature should be performed by staff members holding permanent contracts;

b) the desirability of a manning table which combines maximum stability with economic staffing;

## instructs the Administrative Council

in the light of the decisions of this Conference, especially those concerning the I.F.R.B. and technical cooperation, to review without delay the general staffing of the Union and the manning table and to create permanent posts for duties which it is satisfied are still justified and are of a permanent nature.

# **RESOLUTION No. 9**

## Approval of the Union Accounts for the Years 1959 to 1964

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### considering

a) the provisions of **38** of the International Telecommunication Convention (Geneva, 1959);

b) the Report by the Administrative Council to the Plenipotentiary Conference, Document No. 52 concerning the financial management of the Union during the years 1959 to 1964, and the report of the Finance Committee of this Conference (Document No. 262);

#### resolves

1. to give final approval to the accounts of the Union for the years 1959 to 1964;

2. to express to the Secretary-General and to the staff of the Finance Division its satisfaction at the way in which the accounts have been kept.

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

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

## considering

a) that during the years 1959, 1960 and 1962, the Government of the Swiss Confederation placed funds at the disposal of the Union;

b) that the Federal Finance Control Department of the Swiss Confederation carefully, competently and accurately audited the Union accounts for the years 1959 to 1964;

#### expresses

1. its warmest thanks to the Government of the Swiss Confederation for its cooperation with the Union in financial matters, which is of great assistance to the Union and conducive to economy;

2. the hope that this cooperation may be maintained in the future;

#### instructs the Secretary-General

to bring this Resolution to the notice of the Government of the Swiss Confederation.

## **RESOLUTION No. 11**

#### Finances of the Union

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### considering

a) that the Union at present encounters difficulty in obtaining payment of the contributory shares freely chosen by its Members;

b) that the method of fixing contributions defined in the 1959 Geneva Convention (voluntary choice of class of contribution) may give rise to undesirable fluctuations in the total of the contributory shares for defraying Union expenses;

#### instructs the Secretary-General

1. to study possible amendments to Article 16 of the Convention to improve the method of financing Union expenditure, with due regard to the views expressed at this Conference;

2. to submit the results of this study to the Administrative Council;

#### instructs the Administrative Council

1. to study the report submitted by the Secretary-General;

2. to submit to the next Plenipotentiary Conference specific suggestions for any amendments likely to improve the method of financing of Union expenditure.

# **RESOLUTION No. 12**

#### **Auditing of Union Accounts**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### considering

that in the light of the proposals of the Swiss Administration which were presented to the Administrative Council and renewed to the Plenipotentiary Conference, Montreux, and of the discussions which have taken place at this Conference, it is advisable to re-examine the question of an internal audit of Union accounts, together with the question of the external audit;

## instructs the Secretary-General

1. to study these two questions in collaboration with the Coordination Committee and with the Swiss Administration, taking account of the different points of view, ideas and proposals on this subject put forward at the Plenipotentiary Conference, Montreux; 2. to present a report and any detailed proposals to the Administrative Council as soon as possible;

## authorizes the Administrative Council

to adopt such decisions as it may consider appropriate in the interests of the Union, after examining the Secretary-General's report and proposals;

## it being understood

that, should the internal system of auditing Union accounts be changed, this change should be made using as far as possible the staff already available in the General Secretariat.

#### **RESOLUTION No. 13**

## **Contributions in Arrears**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### noting

the amounts still outstanding but not queried, owed by certain Members of the Union;

#### considering

that the timely payment of contributions is necessary to maintain the financial stability of the Union;

## invites

Members still in arrears with their contributions for previous years to notify the Secretary-General by 28 February 1966, for the information of the 21st Session of the Administrative Council, of their plans for liquidating those arrears; and, should their financial situation make it impossible for them to discharge their obligations at an early date, to be so good as to submit to the Secretary-General a plan for their settlement in annual instalments;

# instructs the Administrative Council

to continue its efforts to obtain payment as soon as possible of contributions due and to give the Secretary-General any necessary instructions.

## Amounts owed by the Republic of San Marino

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### taking into account

that the Republic of San Marino ceased to be a Member of the International Telecommunication Union on 31 December 1948;

#### having noted

that approaches to the Republic of San Marino have produced no tangible results with respect to the settlement of the arrears charged to it;

## decides

that the sum of 22,690.38 Swiss francs, representing the sum owed by the Republic of San Marino, shall be passed to Profits and Losses and offset by withdrawal of the same sum from the Reserve Account of the Union.

# **RESOLUTION No. 15**

# Classification of Countries for their Contribution to defraying Union Expenses

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

in view of

the provisions of Article **16** of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965), which uphold the principle that Members and Associate Members of the Union shall be free to choose the class of contribution in which they will share in defraying the expenses of the Union;

#### considering

a) that it may be that not all Members and Associate Members have so far chosen a class from the present scale of classes of contribution commensurate with their economic resources, having regard to the stage of development of their telecommunication services;

b) that the inevitable increase to be expected in Union expenditure in the next few years calls for as equitable a distribution as possible of the contributions borne by the different Members and Associate Members;

#### expresses the hope.

that the Members and Associate Members which, having regard to the stage of development of their telecommunication services, might choose a class higher than their present one, will consider the possibility of choosing for the future the class of contribution most in keeping with their economic resources.

#### **RESOLUTION No. 16**

# Participation by International Organizations in the Expenses of Conferences and Meetings of the Union

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### in view of

a) the Report by the Administrative Council to the Plenipotentiary Conference;

b) 212 of the International Telecommunication Convention (Geneva, 1959);

c) Administrative Council Resolution No. 222 (amended);

#### considering

that the number of international organizations, which, in accordance with the provisions of the above mentioned **212**, are exempt from all contributions to the expenses of conferences and meetings, has become excessive, and that this may not be in the interest of the Union;

## instructs the Administrative Council

to review the list of international organizations exempt from all contributions.

# Approval of the Agreement between the Swiss Administration and the Secretary-General concerning the Plenipotentiary Conference (Montreux, 1965)

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

## considering

a) that by virtue of Administrative Council Resolution No. 83 (amended) an Agreement was concluded between the Swiss P.T.T. Administration and the Secretary-General relating to the steps to be taken for the organization of this Conference;

b) that the said Agreement was adopted by the Administrative Council at its 19th Session, 1964;

c) that the Budget Control Committee of the Conference has examined the Agreement;

#### decides

to approve the Agreement concluded between the Swiss P.T.T. Administration and the Secretary-General.

# **RESOLUTION No. 18**

# Travelling Expenses and Subsistence Allowances for the Representatives of Members of the Administrative Council

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

## resolves

that the subsistence allowance payable by the Union to the representatives of Members of the Administrative Council to meet the living expenses necessarily incurred by them in connection with the work of the Administrative Council, in accordance with the provisions of Article **9** of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965), shall be at the rate of 100 Swiss francs per day for the duration of the session, reduced to 30 Swiss francs per day while travelling. Travel to Geneva shall be first class by the most direct and economical route; generally this will be by air except when short distances are involved. Fares and subsistence while travelling shall be paid on this basis.

# Invitations to hold Conferences or Meetings away from Geneva

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

## considering

that there are advantages in holding certain conferences and meetings of a regional nature in the region concerned;

## considering, however,

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

#### noting

that the General Assembly of the United Nations, in Resolution No. 1202 (XII), decided that meetings of organs of the United Nations should, as a general rule, be held at the headquarters of the organ concerned, but that a meeting could be held away from headquarters if an inviting government agreed to defray the additional expenditure involved;

#### recommends

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

#### resolves

that invitations to hold conferences or meetings of the Union away from Geneva should not be accepted unless the host government provides at least prepared premises and the necessary furniture and equipment free of charge.

# World Administrative Radio Conference to deal with Matters relating to the Maritime Mobile Service

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### in view of

the Report by the Administrative Council (Part VI, section 1.2);

#### having examined

the report by the Secretary-General on the result of the consultation carried out in accordance with Administrative Council Resolution No. 564;

## decides

1. that a World Administrative Radio Conference to deal with matters relating to the Maritime Mobile Service shall be held in Geneva in the second quarter of 1967, for not more than eight weeks;

2. that the purposes of such a conference shall be to consider the provisions of the Radio Regulations pertaining to the Maritime Mobile Service and in particular to consider:

— the use of single sideband technique in the maritime mobile service in the bands available to that service between 1605 and 4000 kc/s and in the exclusive HF maritime mobile radio-telephone bands;

— the adoption of the pertinent portions of the revised International Code of Signals;

— the necessary revisions to Appendices 15, 17, 18 and 25 to the Radio Regulations and consequential amendments to the Radio Regulations related thereto;

— the desirability of accommodating the HF requirements for oceanographic communication in the HF maritime mobile bands:

## invites the Administrative Council

1. to draw up the detailed agenda for the Conference at its 1966 annual session;

2. to fix the opening date and the duration of the Conference.

# Execution of the C.C.I.T.T.—C.C.I.R. Telecomunication Plan for Latin America

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### considering

the recommendations made by the meetings of the Plan Committee for Latin America held in Mexico City (1960), Bogotá (1963) and Santiago de Chile (1965), particularly with regard to the structure of the Inter-American Telecommunication Network (I.T.N.);

#### bearing in mind

a) that, in pursuance of the recommendations of the Santiago Meeting, a Regional Telecommunication Group for Latin America (GRETAL) has been set up to further the establishment of the I.T.N., as part of the Plan for Latin America; and

b) that effective cooperation between the Union and the abovementioned inter-governmental group is highly desirable;

## resolves .

to authorize the Secretary-General to establish with the approval of the Administrative Council the terms of cooperation between the Union and the Regional Telecommunication Group for Latin America (GRETAL).

# **RESOLUTION No. 22**

#### **Regional Administrative Conference for Latin America**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### considering

a) that for the execution of the Telecommunication Plan for Latin America and other related telecommunication development plans, the closest possible cooperation is desirable and necessary between the work of the Plan Committee (C.C.I.T.T.—C.C.I.R.), the work of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL), the Economic Commission for Latin America, the Regional Telecommunication Group for Latin America (GRETAL) and other organizations that may be concerned with telecommunications;

b) that in order to execute the Plan, it is necessary to have a unified approach to technical assistance matters, such as requirements with regard to experts, training and seminars, and to establish the degree of possible cooperation by the permanent organs of the Union so as to give the latter a sense of regional integration;

c) that it is advisable to frame certain recommendations and agreements, which can only be drawn up at a conference of the countries of the Region;

#### resolves

1. to convene, in accordance with **65** of the Convention, a Regional Administrative Conference for Latin America, with the task, inter alia, of:

- a) coordinating the activities of international organizations concerned with telecommunications in Latin America;
- b) studying questions of technical assistance, such as requirements with regard to experts, training, seminars; and
- c) examining the progress made by the Plan Committee for Latin America;

2. that the duration of the Conference shall be ten working days and it shall be prepared for by a small group of representatives of Latin American countries and of the appropriate organs of the Union;

#### instructs the Secretary-General

to take the necessary steps to convene such a Conference;

## invites the Administrative Council

1. to take such financial action as it deems necessary;

2. to set up a small group of representatives of the Latin American countries and of the appropriate organs of the Union, with precise instructions for the preparation of the Conference.

# Possible Revision of Article IV, Section 11,

# of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

## in view of

Resolution No. 28 of the Plenipotentiary Conference of Buenos Aires (1952), and Resolution No. 31 of the Plenipotentiary Conference of Geneva (1959);

#### bearing in mind

Resolution No. 33 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1959);

## considering

a) the seeming conflict between the definition of Government Telegrams and Government Telephone Calls contained in Annex 2 of the International Telecommunication Convention of Atlantic City (1947) and the provisions of Article IV, Section 11, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies;

b) that the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies has not been amended in the manner requested by the Plenipotentiary Conferences of Buenos Aires (1952) and Geneva (1959);

#### having examined

proposals, including a request by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to extend government telecommunication privileges to the Heads of the specialized agencies;

#### decides

to confirm the decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conferences of Buenos Aires (1952) and Geneva (1959) not to include, in Annex 2 to the Convention, the Heads of the specialized agencies among the authorities entitled to send government telegrams or to request government telephone calls;

#### expresses the hope

that the United Nations will agree to reconsider the matter and, bearing in mind the above decision, will make the necessary amendment to Article IV, Section 11, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies;

# instructs the Administrative Council

to take the necessary steps with the appropriate organs of the United Nations with a view to reaching a satisfactory solution.

# **RESOLUTION No. 24**

# Telecommunication and the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### mindful

of the problems which arise in the international field from the use of outer space for peaceful purposes;

### considering

the importance of the role that telecommunications, and in consequence the Union, necessarily play in this sphere;

#### recalling

a) the principle set forth in Resolution No. 1721 (XVI) of the United Nations General Assembly that telecommunications by means of satellites should be available to the nations of the world as soon as practicable on a global and non-discriminatory basis;

b) the declaration of legal principles governing the activities of States in the exploration and use of outer space set forth in Resolution No. 1962 (XVIII) of the United Nations General Assembly;

# notes with satisfaction

a) the measures taken by the various organs of the Union in order to allow telecommunications to serve the various peaceful uses of outer space in the best manner possible;

b) the progress made by various countries in the technology and use of telecommunication satellites;

# instructs the Administrative Council and the Secretary-General

# to take the necessary steps in order to:

1. continue to inform the United Nations and its interested specialized agencies of the progress made in space telecommunication;

2. offer the cooperation of the Union, within its field of competence, to the United Nations and those specialized agencies interested in space telecommunication and in particular to the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;

#### considering further

that, from the economic as well as the technical point of view, it is highly desirable that, for the full satisfaction of their needs, all countries should have equal opportunity to use space telecommunication facilities;

#### calls upon

all the Members of the Union to join their efforts in this connection, guided by the United Nations Resolutions mentioned above.

# **RESOLUTION No. 25**

# Use of the United Nations Telecommunication Network for the Telegraph Traffic of the Specialized Agencies

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### in view of

Resolution No. 26 of the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union of Buenos Aires (1952) based on a request by the United Nations that the International Telecommunication Union should sanction the carriage of the traffic of the specialized agencies over the United Nations point-to-point telecommunication network at a charge equal to the pro rata proportion of the cost of operating, according to the traffic carried;

#### noting

that as from 1 January 1954, the Secretary-General of the United Nations withdrew the offer he had formerly made to the specialized agencies to carry their traffic over the United Nations network;

#### reaffirms

the views enunciated in the above-mentioned Resolution No. 26, namely:

1. that in normal circumstances, the United Nations point-to-point telecommunication network should not be used to carry the traffic of the specialized agencies in competition with existing commercial telecommunication networks;

2. that the Union does not favour any departure from the provisions of Article XVI of the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Telecommunication Union;

3. that the Union would nevertheless have no objection if, in cases of emergency, the traffic of the specialized agencies were carried over the United Nations point-to-point telecommunication network at a tariff composed as prescribed in Article 7 of the Telegraph Regulations, or free of charge; and

instructs the Secretary-General

to take appropriate action.

# **RESOLUTION No. 26**

#### **Telegrams and Telephone Calls of the Specialized Agencies**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

# considering

a) that the Heads of the specialized agencies are not mentioned in the definition of Government Telegrams and Government Telephone Calls, which appears in 420 of Annex 2 to the Convention;

b) that there may be circumstances in which the urgency or importance of the telecommunications of the specialized agencies warrants special treatment for their telegrams or telephone calls;

# resolves

that if a specialized agency wishing to obtain special privileges for its telecommunications informs the Administrative Council, justifying the particular cases in which special treatment is necessary, the Administrative Council:

1. shall inform Members and Associate Members of the Union of the requests which, in its opinion, should be accepted;

2. shall take a final decision on these requests, bearing in mind the opinion of the majority of Members and Associate Members;

#### instructs the Secretary-General

to notify Members and Associate Members of any decisions taken by the Council.

#### **RESOLUTION No. 27**

# Participation by the Union in the United Nations Development Programme

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

in view of

the Report by the Administrative Council (Part IV and Annexes 16 to 29);

### having endorsed

the action taken by the Administrative Council, in application of Resolutions Nos. 25 and 29 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1959), as regards participation of the Union in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and collaboration in the activities of the United Nations Special Fund;

# noting

that the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations has proposed in its Resolution No. 1020 (XXXVII) that the Programme and the Fund should be amalgamated into a United Nations Development Programme, the resolution having been approved by the United Nations General Assembly;

## authorizes the Administrative Council

to continue full participation by the Union in the United Nations Development Programme, within the framework of the Convention, and to call on the various permanent organs of the Union as appropriate to facilitate this participation;

# requests the Administrative Council

1. to coordinate in this field the activities of the permanent organs of the Union and to prepare each year a report on the participation of the Union in the United Nations Development Programme;

2. to ensure, at each of its sessions, that the duties thus assumed by the Union are carried out so as to give maximum efficiency to its participation in the United Nations Development Programme, making the best use of the funds granted to the Union;

3. to take any action that might be required to maintain such efficiency.

# **RESOLUTION No. 28**

#### Methods of improving Technical Cooperation

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### considering

the important role of telecommunications in the economic, social and cultural development of a country;

#### realizing

that telecommunications officials in the new or developing countries should have maximum opportunities for acquiring, and keeping up-to-date, knowledge of developments in telecommunications techniques;

#### aware

that the allocation of funds for the development of telecommunications is dependent on the priority assigned to those activities by the respective governments;

# bearing in mind

the provisions of **18**, **23** and **25** of the International Telecommunication Convention;

# invites the governments of the technically advanced Member countries

to institute arrangements to facilitate visits to suitable institutions and installations in their countries by appropriate telecommunications personnel from the new or developing countries;

urges the governments of Member countries on the governing bodies of the United Nations technical cooperation financing agencies

to give consideration to the desire of governments of Member countries of the Union that administrative procedures in connection with the approval and implementation of requests to those agencies be simplified to the maximum extent possible;

# instructs the Secretary-General

1. to collect and disseminate to the governments of all Member countries of the Union information on opportunities offered to telecommunications personnel from the new or developing countries for visiting, or receiving training at, private or governmental institutions and installations in technically more advanced countries;

2. to explore all sources of capital financing which might be made available to new or developing countries for the development of their telecommunication plans and to inform the interested countries of the existence of these sources;

3. to recommend to the Administrative Council the creation of any posts which he considers necessary to improve the services offered by the various organs of the Union to the new or developing countries; 4. to submit annually to the Administrative Council information on the technical cooperation activities of the Union in a form that will permit an adequate review of the operation of those activities, with particular attention being given to a breakdown of project and overhead costs, including information on the staffing pattern and on expenditures for travel, supplies and equipment, and the rental of office space;

5. to consult with the Coordination Committee on those questions which require coordination between the various organs of the Union;

# requests the Administrative Council

1. to keep under close review all technical cooperation activities of the Union in order to ensure maximum effectiveness of those activities;

2. to give increased emphasis to the holding and coordinating of seminars by the Union and by Member countries, whether at Union Headquarters or elsewhere, on subjects of interest to new or developing countries;

3. to direct the Secretary-General to make such changes in the operation of all technical cooperation activities of the Union as it considers would better serve the interests of the Member countries; and

4. to review the organization of the Technical Cooperation Department of the General Secretariat in the light of the decisions of this Conference and in that connection:

- 4.1 to ensure that the Head of that department is assigned a grade appropriate to the importance of his task, and
- 4.2 to request the Secretary-General to consider all available candidates for the post and to make the appointment to that post with the approval of the Administrative Council;

recommends that the International Consultative Committees

consider ways of improving their operation and procedures to enable them to respond more quickly to questions raised by the new or developing countries;

# encourages the governments of new or developing Member countries

1. to plan as far in advance as possible their requests for technical cooperation from United Nations sources in order to leave available a maximum amount of those funds for meeting urgent requests;

2. to participate more regularly in the study groups of the International Consultative Committees.

### **RESOLUTION No. 29**

# Improvement of Union Facilities for providing Information and Advice to New or Developing Countries

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### considering

a) the valuable assistance given by the International Consultative Committees to the new or developing countries through the preparation of handbooks and the formulation of recommendations directly connected with the establishment, development and improvement of those countries' telecommunications in the national, regional and international fields in accordance with **188** and **189** of the Convention;

b) the extensive assistance rendered to new or developing countries through the Union's participation in the United Nations programmes of technical cooperation;

c) that it is desirable to provide facilities to enable senior telecommunication engineers of new or developing countries to develop their latent capacities, so that they may work out solutions to their local problems in their own way;

d) that existing Union facilities do not, however, fully meet the present needs for information and advice of the new or developing countries, Members of the Union, on different specific national problems in telecommunication development as they arise, in particular in the fields of network planning, preparation of specifications and evaluation of systems; e) that information and practical advice on such specific problems can be provided only by drawing on the accumulated experience of telecommunication specialists actively engaged in such work within the developed countries. Members of the Union;

f) that, in order to make such information and advice readily available at the headquarters of the Union, it would be necessary to bring such specialists into the service of the Union;

g) that, in view of the difficulty of keeping fully abreast of the latest technological advances without being actively engaged in such work, such specialists recruited for Union headquarters should be appointed for limited periods only;

#### resolves

that the facilities of the Union for providing information and advice to new or developing countries, Members of the Union, on the problems referred to in d) above should be improved;

#### considering further

a) that these improved facilities could be provided by recruiting for the headquarters of the Union four telecommunication specialist engineers qualified in the fields referred to in d) above, whose duties would be:

- 1. to work with the technical staff of the specialized secretariats of the International Consultative Committees and of the International Frequency Registration Board in providing information and advice of a practical nature on subjects of importance to new or developing countries for the planning, organization and development of their telecommunications systems;
- 2. to advise quickly and constructively on practical questions within the fields of competence of these specialists addressed to it by new or developing countries, Members of the Union;
- 3. to provide the opportunity for expert and high level consultation for senior personnel from the new or developing countries, Members of the Union, visiting the headquarters of the Union;
- 4. to participate in seminars organized at the headquarters of the Union or in the regions on specialized aspects of telecommunication problems, taking advantage of the presence of delegations of Members at regional conferences or meetings of the Union;

b) that if the above-mentioned engineers deemed it necessary to call on outside specialists to assist in dealing with specialized questions beyond their competence, additional highly qualified specialist engineers may be engaged for this purpose for periods not normally exceeding one month at a time;

# accordingly instructs the Administrative Council

1. to study the structural, procedural and financial arrangements necessary for the most effective utilization of these specialists:

2. to prescribe the conditions for the recruitment according to established practice of the four telecommunication specialist engineers and fix their term of office, bearing in mind g) above;

3. to take the necessary decisions, including provision of the necessary credits in the annual budget of the Union, with a view to introducing the new arrangements as soon as practicable and not later than early 1968.

# **RESOLUTION No. 30**

# Debiting of Administrative and Operational Costs resulting from the Union's Participation in the United Nations Development Programme

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### having taken note

of Resolutions Nos. 702 (XXVI), 737 (XXVIII), 950 (XXXVI) and 1060 (XXXIX) of the United Nations Economic and Social Council relative to the Debiting of the Administrative and Operational Costs of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance;

# noting particularly

that, in its Resolution No. 1060 (XXXIX), the Economic and Social Council proposed the allocation of a lump sum to the organizations taking part in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance to cover their administrative and operational expenses incurred under that programme for the years 1965 and 1966 and that, further, this Resolution contains the following provisions:

"that the provisions concerning the determination of the sum should be applied with some flexibility to the International Civil Aviation Organization, the Universal Postal Union, the International Telecommunication Union, the World Meteorological Organization, the Inter-governmental Maritime Consultative Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency, and that these organizations, together with the Technical Assistance Board, will take this factor into account in preparing their requests for allocations to cover administrative and operational service costs";

#### observing

that, in accordance with the Agreement between the Union and the United Nations Special Fund, the latter will refund to the Union its administrative and operational costs for the projects;

# resolves

that these expenses cannot at present be borne by the Union budget;

# further resolves

1. that the administrative and operational costs resulting from the Union's participation in the United Nations Development Programme shall be included in the budget of the Union, on the understanding that the compensatory payments from the United Nations shall be included as income in the said budget;

2. that, to the extent that these costs are refunded by the United Nations, they shall not be taken into consideration in fixing the limits on Union expenditure;

3. that the Union's organs of financial control shall also check all the expenditure and income relative to participation by the Union in the United Nations Development Programme;

4. that the Administrative Council shall also examine this expenditure and take whatever steps it deems appropriate to guarantee that the funds thus assigned by the United Nations are used exclusively for administrative and operational costs.

#### **Training Standards**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### noting

a) the Report by the Administrative Council (Part IV, section 5.4);

b) the establishment in Member countries of a number of centres for training telecommunication personnel;

#### recognizing

that with the rapid increase of international telecommunication circuits necessitating interconnection of the networks of different countries it is necessary that such circuits should be well maintained and operated;

#### recognizing further

a) that for that purpose it is desirable to apply the same or equivalent technical standards, both for operation and maintenance;

b) that this can be achieved only if comparable technical talent is available in the countries concerned;

# instructs the Secretary-General

to formulate recommendations for the accomplishment of the following tasks:

1. to collect information on the requirements for appropriate training of technical and operational personnel in new or developing countries;

2. to draw upon the accumulated experience of Members and Associate Members in establishing training facilities, methods and aids;

3. to make this experience available to Members and Associate Members as widely as practicable; 4. to study, in consultation with Members and Associate Members as appropriate, the development of training standards for comparable levels. of personnel;

5. to provide a central point to deal with training problems referred to him by new or developing countries;

#### invites the Administrative Council

1. to examine the recommendations of the Secretary-General and to take such financial and administrative decisions as it deems advisable;

2. subsequently to review the progress made.

# **RESOLUTION No. 32**

# Application of Telecommunication Science and Technology in the Interest of Developing Countries

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### in view of

the provisions adopted pursuant to Resolution No. 980 (XXXVI) of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in order to expedite the application of science and technology in the interest of developing countries;

#### considering

that the International Telecommunication Union should, in its own field, associate itself in every way possible with the efforts being thus undertaken by the organizations of the United Nations family;

### instructs the Administrative Council

to take the necessary measures, within the limit of the available resources, to ensure that:

1. the Union co-operates to the greatest extent possible with the appropriate organs of the United Nations and, in particular, with the Advisory Committee for the Application of Science and Technology to Development;

2. the permanent organs of the Union, by the publication of appropriate documents, such as monographs and selected bibliographies, contribute to the greatest extent possible to expediting the transfer to, and assimilation in, the developing countries of the scientific knowledge and technological experience in telecommunications which are available in the more developed countries.

### **RESOLUTION No. 33**

# Assessment of Progress and Results in carrying out the Technical Cooperation Programmes and the Activities of Experts on Mission

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

## in view of

the Report by the Administrative Council (Part IV);

#### taking into account

a) the work of the General Secretariat in administering the technical cooperation projects approved by the United Nations;

b) that the fulfilment of this task would be facilitated and accelerated if the General Secretariat were to receive adequate and up-to-date information on the progress or results of the projects;

#### considering

a) that, for a sound assessment of such progress and results, information is needed from the following sources:

- 1. regional experts and experts on mission;
- 2. the supervisors at Union headquarters and those engaged in assessment in the field;
- 3. the administrations with which the experts are working;

b) that the information from sources 1. and 2. above can become fully satisfactory if adequate internal action is taken at Union headquarters, whereas information from administrations can be put to full use only if it is given at the proper time and with the requisite detail;

#### bearing in mind

Resolution No. 567 adopted by the Administrative Council at its 20th Session;

## requests the administrations of Member countries

to provide, in a form and at intervals determined by the Administrative Council, the requisite information to estimate as precisely as possible the efficiency of the technical cooperation provided through the Union (fellowships, experts, training and research centres, etc.). This information should refer:

- 1. in the case of current programmes, to the speed and efficiency with which they are progressing, and
- 2. in the case of completed programmes, to their effects in their own field and in those of other activities;

# requests the Administrative Council

to take the necessary action to ensure:

1. that the information given by the regional experts and the experts on mission, as also by the administrations, is in such a form as to be rapidly and efficiently examined;

2. the early examination of all the information;

3. that, with this information, an assessment can be made which will provide a basis for deciding on the most suitable steps to ensure the most efficient conduct of the work and the activities of the missions.

# **RESOLUTION No. 34**

#### Seminars

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### noting

the Report by the Administrative Council (Part VI, section 4.2);

# recognizing

a) that seminars provide for the technicians of new or developing countries a very valuable means of acquiring knowledge of the latest developments in telecommunication technique;

b) that this is an activity of the Union which should be continued and expanded;

# thanks the administrations

that have already conducted or plan to conduct seminars for new or developing countries;

# urges administrations

to continue and increase their efforts in this direction in consultation with the Secretary-General;

# instructs the Secretary-General

1. to coordinate the efforts of the Members of the Union to hold seminars so as to avoid duplication and overlapping;

- 2. to arrange:
- a) for the progressive planning of seminars both at and away from the headquarters of the Union, in close collaboration with the Members concerned and with special attention to the language problem;
- b) to publish the documents of seminars:
- c) to take such follow-up action in connection with seminars as may be desirable;
- 3. to submit an annual report to the Administrative Council,

### requests the Administrative Council

to see that any credits necessary for the accomplishment of the above tasks are included in the annual budgets of the Union.

#### **Preparation of a Draft Constitutional Charter**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

instructs the Administrative Council:

1. to set up as soon as possible a study group of not more than ten experts (two from each Region) with the following terms of reference:

— to prepare a draft Constitutional Charter and General Regulations for the International Telecommunication Union, based upon the decisions taken by, and the discussions which took place at the Plenipotentiary Conference (Montreux, 1965), the Convention and the experience of the Union, the Constitutions and the experience of other specialized agencies of the United Nations, and the comments, suggestions and proposals submitted by Member countries;

— to prepare this draft in sufficient time to enable it to be distributed to Members of the Union at least one year before the next Plenipotentiary Conference;

2. to make the necessary administrative arrangements to enable the study group to carry out its work;

3. to invite Members of the Union to submit to the study group, through the Secretary-General, comments, suggestions and proposals in regard to the draft Constitutional Charter and General Regulations;

4. to direct the Secretary-General to transmit the draft prepared by the study group to the Administrative Council for information and to the Members of the Union for their study and later consideration at the next Plenipotentiary Conference;

5. to meet the travel and subsistence expenses of the experts from the budget of the Union.

#### **Telegraph and Telephone Regulations**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### considering

a) that certain provisions of the Telegraph and Telephone Regulations revised by world administrative conferences cover the same ground as certain Recommendations of the C.C.I.T.T.;

b) that most technical and operational questions and certain tariff questions relating to telegraphy and telephony are dealt with in C.C.I.T.T. Recommendations;

c) that it is advisable to reduce Union expenditure by shortening the duration of world administrative conferences dealing with telegraph or telephone questions;

# is of the opinion

that it would be desirable to simplify the Telegraph and Telephone Regulations annexed to the International Telecommunication Convention;

instructs the International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee

1. to ascertain which provisions of the Telegraph and Telephone Regulations are, or could be, the subject of C.C.I.T.T. Recommendations and could accordingly be omitted from the Regulations; and

2. to submit proposals for this purpose to the next Plenary Assembly of the C.C.I.T.T.;

# resolves

that after consideration and approval by the C.C.I.T.T. Plenary Assembly, the proposals for simplification shall be submitted to the next world administrative conference dealing with telegraph or telephone questions.

# Study of the Transfer of Certain Provisions of the Additional Radio Regulations into the Telegraph, Telephone or Radio Regulations and Transfer of Certain Provisions of the Radio Regulations into the Telegraph or Telephone Regulations

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### considering

a) that certain provisions of the Radio Regulations and the Additional Radio Regulations similar in scope to provisions of the Telegraph Regulations and the Telephone Regulations might better be included in these latter Regulations;

b) the desirability that regulations relating to classification of services of public correspondence in the Mobile Services enter into effect at the same time as similar regulations in the Fixed Services of public correspondence;

# instructs the Secretary-General

in collaboration with the C.C.I.T.T., C.C.I.R. and I.F.R.B. to make a study of the Radio Regulations and of the Additional Radio Regulations for the purpose of recommending to the administrations as soon as possible which provisions, if any, of these Regulations should be transferred into the Telegraph Regulations or into the Telephone Regulations and from the Additional Radio Regulations into the Radio Regulations.

# **RESOLUTION No. 38**

#### Purchase of the Building of the International Telecommunication Union

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### considering

a) Resolution No. 38 of the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1959); b) the Agreement between the Republic and Canton of Geneva and the Union concerning the land and building placed at the disposal of the Union to accommodate its services;

c) that the said Agreement provides that if the option to purchase be exercised on or before 31 December 1965, the price of the building shall be 5 million Swiss francs, which shall be payable by annual instalments based on a  $3^{1/4}$  per cent rate of interest;

d) that, because of the financial advantages which would accrue, the Union should be the owner of its Headquarters building;

e) Administrative Council Resolution No. 571 adopted at its 20th Session, 1965;

# decides

to accept the principle that the building should be purchased with surface rights over the land and to exercise the option to purchase on or before 31 December 1965;

# instructs the Secretary-General

- 1. a) to negotiate with the competent authorities of the Republic and Canton of Geneva, with a view to completing the said purchase on or before 31 December 1965, on the basis of equal annual instalments spread over a period of 10 years;
  - b) to specify in the purchase contract a surface right over the land for a period of 99 years with all the associated rights, and in particular the right of transfer;

2. to report to the Administrative Council at its next session on the results of his negotiations with the Cantonal authorities of Geneva;

# instructs the Administrative Council

to examine and approve at its next session the purchase contract of the Union building;

#### further decides

to provide for this purpose, within the limits of the recurrent expenditure for the years 1966 to 1975, an annual credit of 575,000 Swiss francs.

#### **Headquarters Accommodation**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### recalling

Administrative Council Resolution No. 572;

#### considering

the need to provide adequate accommodation for the staff at the Headquarters of the Union and space for meetings held at the Headquarters;

# instructs the Secretary-General

to submit to the Administrative Council, not later than 1967, a study, with particular attention to the financial aspects, of all possible arrangements for accommodating the staff at the Headquarters of the Union and for providing space for meetings held at Headquarters;

# authorizes the Administrative Council

1. to adopt, as soon as possible after its review of the study submitted by the Secretary-General, a decision as to the most appropriate method of meeting the accommodation needs indicated above;

2. to formulate the administrative and financial arrangements necessary to execute its decision. The financial implications of this decision shall be submitted to Members and Associate Members of the Union in accordance with paragraph 7 of Additional Protocol I to the Convention.

#### **Regional Offices**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

# considering

the proposals concerning the creation of regional offices presented to the Conference and the importance attached thereto by many countries:

#### instructs the Secretary-General

to study the advisability of setting up regional offices and to report on the matter to the Administrative Council;

# requests the Administrative Council

to submit, on the basis of the Secretary-General's report, its own recommendations to the next Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union.

#### **RESOLUTION No. 41**

#### **Juridical Status**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### considering

a) that the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations concluded between the Swiss Federal Council and the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 19 April 1946, which applies by analogy to the Union as from 1 January 1948, does not meet the present requirements of the Union and is not suited to its future development; b) that the decision of this Conference to acquire the building now occupied by the Union (Resolution No. 38) makes more evident the need for concluding a legal instrument which will put an end to this provisional state of affairs and guarantee the harmonious and stable development of the Union;

#### instructs the Secretary-General

1. to negotiate on behalf of the Union, with the competent authorities of the Swiss Confederation, an agreement establishing the privileges and immunities of the International Telecommunication Union in Switzerland;

2. to report to the Administrative Council at its next session on the results of such negotiations;

#### instructs the Administrative Council

to study and, if satisfied, approve the agreement negotiated by the Secretary-General.

#### **RESOLUTION No. 42**

# Reorganization of the Specialized Secretariat of the International Frequency Registration Board (I.F.R.B.)

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### considering

a) its decision to reduce the number of members of the I.F.R.B. from eleven to five;

b) that the above decision may necessitate a reorganization of the specialized secretariat of the Board;

c) that, in the interests of efficiency and economy, it would be desirable to create in the specialized secretariat a post for a senior appointed official who would be responsible for the effective progress and coordination of the secretariat's work;

#### resolves

1. to instruct the Administrative Council to study at its ordinary session in 1966 the organization of the specialized secretariat of the International Frequency Registration Board to determine what measures, if any, need to be taken to ensure that, following the reduction of the number of Board members from eleven to five, the secretariat works efficiently and economically;

2. to recommend that the Council consider, without prejudice to the normal Union recruitment and promotion procedures, the possibility of filling vacant posts, or any newly created posts that the Administrative Council may consider necessary, in the specialized secretariat of the I.F.R.B. or in the other specialized secretariats, by members of the Board not re-elected at this Conference.

# **RESOLUTION No. 43**

#### **Requests to the International Court of Justice for Advisory Opinions**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

in view of

a) Article VII of the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Telecommunication Union which provides that requests for advisory opinions may be addressed to the International Court of Justice by the Plenipotentiary Conference, or by the Administrative Council acting in pursuance of an authorization by the Plenipotentiary Conference;

b) the decision of the Administrative Council "to affiliate the Union to the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organisation", and the declaration recognizing the jurisdiction of the Tribunal which was made by the Secretary-General pursuant to that decision;

c) the provisions in the Annex to the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organisation under which that Statute applies in its entirety to any international governmental organization which has recognized the jurisdiction of the Tribunal in accordance with paragraph 5 of Article II of the Statute of the Tribunal; d) Article XII of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organisation under which, in consequence of the above-mentioned declaration, the Administrative Council of the International Telecommunication Union may submit to the International Court of Justice the question of the validity of a decision given by the Tribunal;

#### notes

that the Administrative Council is authorized to request advisory opinions from the International Court of Justice as provided under Article XII of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organisation.

# **RESOLUTION No. 44**

# Participation of the Republic of South Africa in Regional Conferences for Africa

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### considering

a) the impossibility of holding African regional conferences or meetings called by the Union, or under its auspices, owing to the presence of representatives of the Government of the Republic of South Africa;

b) the financial implications entailed if conferences or meetings should waste time in discussing the presence of representatives of the Government of the Republic of South Africa;

# recalling

a) Resolution No. 45 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Montreux, 1965);

b) Resolution No. 974 (XXXVI), Part IV, adopted by the United Nations Economic and Social Council on 30 July 1963;

#### instructs the Secretary-General

to take the necessary steps so that the Republic of South Africa shall not be invited to take part in the work of any regional conference or meeting for Africa called by the Union, or under its auspices, until the Administrative Council, taking into account the decisions taken by the United Nations and after consulting the Members and Associate Members of the Union, shall find that the conditions for constructive cooperation have been restored by the abandonment of the present policy of racial discrimination exercised by the Government of the Republic of South Africa.

# **RESOLUTION No. 45**

# Exclusion of the Government of the Republic of South Africa from the Plenipotentiary Conference

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### considering

that the racial policy in South Africa perpetuating or accentuating discrimination constitutes a flagrant violation of the United Nations Charter and the Declaration of Human Rights;

#### noting

that the Government of the Republic of South Africa has paid no attention to the repeated requests and demands of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and worldwide public opinion and has not accordingly reconsidered or revised its racial policy;

# deploring

the fact that the Government of the Republic of South Africa thus continues to pay no attention to these requests and, furthermore, deliberately aggravates the racial question by more discriminatory measures and by their application accompanied by violence and bloodshed;

# recalling

the fact that a number of subsidiary organs of the United Nations and the specialized agencies have excluded the Government of the Republic of South Africa from their work until such time as it should give up its apartheid policy;

#### resolves

that the Government of the Republic of South Africa shall be excluded from the Plenipotentiary Conference.

# **RESOLUTION No. 46**

# Concerning the Territories under Portuguese Administration

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

#### considering

that the situation in the African territories under Portuguese administration is a serious danger to peace and security in Africa;

# recalling

the declaration of the United Nations General Assembly on 14 December 1960 on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples, which states: "subjecting peoples to foreign subjugation, domination and exploitation constitutes a denial of the fundamental human rights, is contrary to the United Nations Charter and jeopardizes the cause of peace and world co-operation";

### condemns

without appeal the colonial policy of the retrograde Government of Portugal;

# asks Portugal,

in accordance with the very terms of a resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its XVIIIth Session, to apply the following measures:

a) immediate recognition of the right of the peoples in the territories under its domination to self-determination and independence;

b) immediate cessation of all acts of repression and withdrawal of all military forces and others at present used for this purpose;

c) promulgation of an unconditional political amnesty and establishment of conditions allowing the free functioning of political parties;

d) negotiation on the basis of recognition of the right to self-determination with the real representatives of the nationalist fighting forces of these territories, so as to transfer power to freely elected political institutions representative of the peoples of these territories.

# RECOMMENDATION

#### Unrestricted Transmission of News

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

# in view of

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

b) Articles 30, 31 and 32 of the International Telecommunication Convention (Geneva, 1959);

# conscious of

the noble principle that news should be freely transmitted;

# recommends

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

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# OPINION No. 1

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

# **OPINION** No. 2

#### Study of Space Telecommunications

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Montreux, 1965),

# recognizing

the advisability of organizing in the different regions of the world, through the United Nations Special Fund, centres for the study of space telecommunications similar to that which Latin America plans to organize in its region,

# is of the opinion

that such centres should be established as soon as possible. To that end, the Union will cooperate as far as may be practicable within the scope of its competence.

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