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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;
 - 6 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;
 - 8 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;
 - 9 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.

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;
- 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 recom-
mendations 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:
- 27 1. the Plenipotentiary Conference, which is the supreme organ of the Union;
- 28 2. Administrative Conferences;
- 29 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 com-
posed of delegations representing Members and Associate Members.
- 34 2. The Plenipotentiary Conference shall:
- a) determine 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;
53 b) exceptionally, the complete revision of one or more of those Regulations;
54 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.
- 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;
- 66 b) on the recommendation of a previous world or regional administrative conference;
- 67 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:
- 81 a) when a Council Member does not have a representative in attendance at two consecutive annual sessions of the Administrative Council;
- 82 b) when a Member of the Union resigns its membership on the Council.
- 83 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.
- 84 3. Each Member of the Administrative Council shall have one vote.
- 85 4. The Administrative Council shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure.
5. The Administrative Council shall elect its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman at the beginning of each annual session. They shall serve until the opening

of the next annual session and shall be eligible for re-election. The Vice-Chairman shall serve as Chairman in the absence of the latter.

- 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:
98 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 Agree-
ment 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;
100 d) draw up such regulations as it may consider necessary for the adminis-
trative 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;
103 g) arrange for the annual audit of the accounts of the Union prepared by the Secretary-General and approve them for submission to the next Plenipotentiary Conference;
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;
105 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;
106 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;
107 4. the allowances for all staff of the Union, in accordance with any changes adopted in the United Nations Common System;
108 5. the contributions payable by the Union and the staff to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, in accordance with the decisions of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board;
109 6. the cost-of-living allowances granted to beneficiaries of the Union Staff Superannuation and Benevolent Funds on the basis of practice in the United Nations.
110 i) arrange for the convening of plenipotentiary and administrative conferences of the Union in accordance with Articles 6 and 7;
111 j) offer to the Plenipotentiary Conference of the Union any recommendations deemed useful;
112 k) coordinate the activities of the permanent organs of the Union, take such action as it deems appropriate on requests or recommendations made to it by such organs, and review their annual reports;
113 l) provide, if it considers it desirable, for the filling ad interim of a vacancy for Deputy Secretary-General;
114 m) provide for the filling ad interim of vacancies for Directors of the International Consultative Committees;
115 n) perform the other functions prescribed for it in this Convention and, within the framework of the Convention and the Regulations, any functions deemed necessary for the proper administration of the Union;
116 o) take the necessary steps, with the agreement of a majority of the 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;
119 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 pro-

grammes 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 nor-
mally remain in office until dates determined by the following Plenipo-
tentiary 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 Con-
ference 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 con-
ditions 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 colla-
boration 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 com-

municated to him by the parties thereto, and keep up-to-date records of these agreements;

- 135 1) 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:
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 radio-communication 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 deter-
mined 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 repla-
cement 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 con-
ferences which elect members of the Board.
- 181 4. 1) The working arrangements of the Board are defined in the Radio Regula-
tions.
- 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-Chair-
man 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.

- 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 recommenda-
188 tions on them.
- 189 3) In the performance of its duties, each Consultative Committee shall pay
due attention to the study of questions and to the formulation of recom-
mendations directly connected with the establishment, development and
improvement of telecommunication in new or developing countries in both
the regional and international fields.
- 190 4) At the request of the countries concerned, each Consultative Committee may
also study and offer advice concerning their national telecommunication
problems. The study of such problems should be in accordance with 190.
- 191 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 Ad-
ministrative Council, by the other Consultative Committee, or by the Inter-
national 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.
- 192 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.
- 193 3. The International Consultative Committees shall have as members:
- 194 a) of right, the administrations of all Members and Associate Members of
the Union;
- 195 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.
- 196 4. Each Consultative Committee shall work through the medium of:
- 197 a) The Plenary Assembly, normally meeting every three years. When a cor-
responding world administrative conference has been convened, the Plenary
Assembly should meet, if possible, at least eight months before this con-
ference;
- 198 b) study groups, which shall be set up by the Plenary Assembly to deal
with questions to be examined;
- 199 c) a Director elected by the Plenary Assembly initially for a period equal to
twice the interval between two consecutive Plenary Assemblies, i.e. nor-
mally 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;
- 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 inter-
national telecommunication services. They shall refer to the International Con-

sultative 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.

Article 15 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 — —	4 — —
18 — —	3 — —
15 — —	2 — —
13 — —	1 — —
10 — —	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.

- 218 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% (three per cent) per annum during the first six months, and at 6% (six per cent) per annum from the beginning of the seventh month.

- 223 10. The following provisions shall apply to contributions by recognized private operating agencies, scientific or industrial organizations and international organizations:

- 224 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;

- 225 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;

- 226 c) Recognized private operating agencies, scientific or industrial organiza-

- tions 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;
- 228 e) No reduction in the number of contributory units shall take effect during the life of the Convention;
- 229 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;
- 231 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.

Article 17

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 Adminis-
240 trative Regulations shall be published in the five official languages.
241 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.
242 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.
243 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.
244 2) When all participants in a meeting agree, the debates may be conducted
in fewer than the four languages mentioned above.
245 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 Mem-
bers 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 instru-
ments 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 ratifica-
tion.
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.

- 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.

Article 21

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.

Article 23

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.

Article 27

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

Article 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.

Article 32**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.

Article 35**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 telecommunication circuits within its control.

Article 37

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.

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.

Article 43

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 radiocom-

munications 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.

Article 48

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.

Article 51

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.

Done at Montreux, 12 November 1965.

AUGLÝSING

um fullgildingu Norðurlandasamnings um flutning milli sjúkrasamlaga o. fl.

Hinn 7. apríl 1967 var fullgildingarskjal Íslands að samningi milli Íslands, Danmerkur, Finnlands, Noregs og Svíþjóðar um flutning milli sjúkrasamlaga og um sjúkrahjálp vegna dvalar um stundarsakir afhent danska utanríkisráðuneytinu, en samningur þessi var undirritaður í Kaupmannahöfn hinn 24. febrúar sl. Samkvæmt ákvæðum samningsins miðast gildistaka hans við hinn 1. apríl 1967. Samningurinn er birtur sem fylgiskjal með auglýsingu þessari.

Þetta er hér með gert almenningi kunnugt.

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