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| PROPOSAL FOR STRUCTURE OF FINAL REPORT | |
| **Purpose**  To present a proposal for the structure of the final report of the EG-ITRs to Council.  **Action required**  The Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations is invited to **discuss** this document.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Reference**  *Council* [*Resolution 1379*](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0121/en) *(Terms of Reference)*  *Document* [*C22/26*](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0026/en) *(Final report of previous EG-ITRs)* | |

**Summary**

This contribution proposes a structure for the final report to Council of the EG-ITRs. The structure proposed below is based on the structure of Document [C22/26](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0026/en), which is the Final report of the previous EG-ITRs.

The proposed structure follows.

**1.** **Introduction**

1.1 In accordance with [ITU Plenipotentiary Resolution 146 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-146-E.pdf), and [Council Resolution 1379 (Mod. 2023)](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0121/en), the Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRs), open to all Member States and Sector Members, was reconvened in 2023. This document is the final report of the Expert Group to Council 2026.

1.2 In the sections below, the report provides an overview of the background of the Group, the review carried out by the Group, and the views on the way forward in respect of the ITRs.

1.3 The Council is invited to examine the final report of EG-ITRs and submit it to the 2026 Plenipotentiary Conference with the Council’s comments.

**2. Background**

**2.1** In accordance with Article 4 “Instruments of the Union” of the ITU Constitution, the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) are one of the two Administrative Regulations included in the list of Instruments of the Union (paragraph 29 of the Constitution).

Two versions of the ITRs exist: the 1988 ITRs and the 2012 ITRs. Background information concerning the two versions are available [here](https://www.itu.int/en/wcit-12/Pages/itrs.aspx).

**2.2** At its 2016 session, the ITU Council, in accordance with ITU Plenipotentiary Resolution 146 (Rev. Busan, 2014), created an Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations, open to all Member States and Sector Members. The Group held four meetings in 2017-2018. The final report of the Group, along with the comments of Council 2018, was submitted to ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2018 and is available [here](https://www.itu.int/en/council/eg-itrs/Pages/default.aspx).

**2.4** At the 2018 Plenipotentiary Conference, [Resolution 146 (Rev. Dubai, 2018)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts/RES-146-E.pdf), recalling the report of the Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations, resolved that the ITRs should normally be reviewed periodically and to conduct a comprehensive review of the ITRs with a view to achieving consensus on the way forward in respect of the ITRs. As per the instructions of [Resolution 146 (Rev. Dubai, 2018)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts/RES-146-E.pdf), the Council 2019 reconvened the [Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRs)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Pages/eg-itrs.aspx), open to all Member States and Sector Members for this purpose. The final report of the Group, along with the comments of Council 2022, was submitted to ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2022 and is available [here](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0035/en).

**2.6** At the 2022 Plenipotentiary Conference, [Resolution 146 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-146-E.pdf) recalling the report of the Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations, resolved to continue consideration of issues relating to the ITRs, including their review. As per the instructions of [Resolution 146 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-146-E.pdf), the Council 2023 reconvened the [Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRs)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Pages/eg-itrs.aspx), open to all Member States and Sector Members for this purpose.

**2.5** The Terms of Reference for the EG-ITRs, specified in [Council Resolution 1379 (Mod. 2023)](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0121/en), are as follows:

*1 On the basis of contributions submitted by Member States, Sector Members and inputs from the Directors of the Bureaux if necessary, the EG-ITRs shall continue to review the ITRs.*

*2 Taking into consideration the work of the previous two Expert Groups, the review may consider, among others:*

*a) new trends in telecommunications/ICT and emerging issues in international telecommunications/ICT environment which may impact the ITRs,*

*b) empirical data on the current use of the ITRs by operating agencies and/or administrations and the proportion of global telecommunication services which now rely on the ITRs, and*

*c) the relevance of the ITRs which “consist of high-level guiding principles” in the current telecommunication/ICT environment.*

*3 The EG-ITRs will present a progress report reflecting all views on the ITRs review to Council 2024 and Council 2025, and a final report to Council 2026 for examination and submission to the 2026 Plenipotentiary Conference with the Council’s comments.*

**2.6** Council 2023 appointed Ms Shahira Selim (Egypt) as the Chair of the Group. Council 2023 appointed Vice-Chairs as follows:

a. Mr Guy-Michel Kouakou (Africa Region)

b. Mr Ena Dekanic (Americas Region)

c. Mr Sunil Singhal (Asia-Pacific Region)

d. *Vacant* (CIS Region)

e. Mr Vilem Vesely (Europe Region)

f. Omar Ali Alnemer (Arab States)

**2.7** In accordance with [Council Resolution 1379 (Mod. 2023)](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0121/en), EG-ITRs held five meetings. All documents and reports related to the meetings of the EG-ITRs can be found on the [EG-ITRs website](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Pages/eg-itrs.aspx), as well as webcast archives of all the meetings.

**3. Review of the ITRs**

3.1 The reports of the five meetings held by the EG-ITRs are transmitted to the Council for information:

3.1.1 **First meeting, 16 October 2023 (**[**see report**](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-EGITR1-C-0013/en)**)**: At the first meeting, the EG-ITRs SUMMARIZE REPORT.

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| **Contributions Received at the First Meeting** | * Draft Agenda ([EG-ITRs-1/1](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-EGITRS1-C-0001/en)): Contribution by the Chair * Overall considerations [EG-ITRs-1/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-EGITRS1-C-0002/en)): Contribution by Hill * Proposal for working methods and work plan of EG-ITRs ([EG-ITRs-1/3](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-EGITRS1-C-0003/en)): Contribution by Hill * On the structure of the interim and final reports of the EG-ITRs to the Council on the results of studying issues relating the ITRs, including its consideration, and the work plan of the Eg- ITRs for the period of 2024-2026 ([EG-ITRs-1/4](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-EGITRS1-C-0004/en)): Contribution by Armenia and the Russian Federation * Review of the International Telecommunication Regulations and working methods ([EG-ITRs-1/5](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-EGITRS1-C-0005/en)): Contribution by Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom * Work plan proposal for EG-ITRs ([EG-ITRs-1/6](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-EGITRS1-C-0006/en)): Contribution by Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom * Support to the Revision of the ITRs ([EG-ITRs-1/7](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-EGITRS1-C-0007/en)): Contribution by Ghana * Proposal for the work of the EG-ITRs ([EG-ITRs-1/8](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-EGITRS1-C-0008/en)): Contribution by Egypt and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia * Periodic Review of the International Telecommunication Regulation - Discussion on working plan and terms of reference of EG-ITRs, based on PP Res. 146 (Rev. Dubai, 2022) and Council Res. 1379 (Mod. 2023) ([EG-ITRs-1/9](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-EGITRS1-C-0009/en)): Contribution by China and South Africa   The following contribution was submitted late and was not considered at the first meeting:   * Proposal for working methods and work plan of EG-ITRs ([EG-ITRs-1/10](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-EGITRS1-C-0010/en)): Contribution by Hill |

3.1.2 **Second Meeting, 29 – 30 January 2024 (**[**see report**](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-EGITR2-C-0013/en)**)**: At the second meeting, SUMMARIZE REPORT.

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| **Contributions Received at the Second Meeting** | FILL IN |

3.1.3 **Third meeting, Fill In** **(**[**see report**](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-EGITR3-C-0012/en)**):** At the third meeting, SUMMARIZE REPORT.

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| **Contributions Received at the Third Meeting** | FILL IN |

3.1.4 **Fourth meeting, Fill In** **(**[**see report**](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-EGITR4-C-0008/en)**):** At the fourth meeting, SUMMARIZE REPORT.

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| **Contributions Received at the Fourth Meeting** | FILL IN |

3.1.5 **Fifth meeting, Fill In** **(**[**see report**](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-EGITR5-C-0010/en)**):** At the fifth meeting, the EG-ITRs discussed and finalized this Report and also approved the Sixth Meeting Report.

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| **Contributions Received at the Fifth Meeting** | FILL IN |

**3.2** A table, reflecting the different views of the EG-ITRs members, with respect to the items listed in 2 of its Terms of Reference is attached as Annex 1 to this Report.

**3.3 Summary of views on the items listed in 2 of the EG-ITRs Terms of Reference**

3.3.1The detailed outcome of work under the group’s Terms of Reference is reflected in the table set forth in Annex 1 to this Report.

3.3.3 Members thanked the Sector Members who had participated actively in the discussions of the Group and presented contributions that aided the review process.

3.3.4Broadly, divergent views were expressed by the members while studying the items listed under 2 of the EG-ITRs Terms of Reference:

a. *With respect to**new trends in telecommunications/ICT and emerging issues in international telecommunications/ICT environment which may impact the ITRs*, some members were of the opinion WHAT, some members were of the opinion WHAT.

b. *With respect to* *empirical data on the current use of the ITRs by operating agencies and/or administrations and the proportion of global telecommunication services which now rely on the ITRs,* some members were of the opinion WHAT, some members were of the opinion WHAT.

c. *With respect to* *the relevance of the ITRs which “consist of high-level guiding principles” in the current telecommunication/ICT environment,* some members were of the opinion WHAT, some members were of the opinion WHAT.

d. *With respect to* *the other issues considered,* some members were of the opinion WHAT, some members were of the opinion WHAT.

**3.4Overall Observations on the ITRs**

3.4.1Members agreed that the views reflected in the Annex 1 are representative of the different perspectives on the ITRs within the Group.

3.4.2 Some members expressed WHAT.

3.4.2 Some members expressed WHAT.

**3.5 Way forward in respect of the ITRs**

3.5.1 The Group discussed the different views of the members on the matter of achieving consensus on the way forward in respect of the ITRs, including related to the scope of work of the EG-ITRs.

Some members were of the view WHAT.

Some members were of the view WHAT.

**4. Summary**

**4.1** TO DO

a.Some members WHAT.

b. Some members WHAT.

**4.2** The Group has completed its review of the ITRs, and a factual report of this review is set out in this Report.

**4.3** Members expressed different views on the matter of achieving consensus on the way forward in respect of the ITRs.

Some members WHAT.

Some members WHAT.

**4.4** The Expert Group expressed its sincere appreciation to the Chair and Vice Chairs of the Group as well as to the Secretariat who have tirelessly and devotedly contributed to the completion of this task.

**Annex 1: Table**

| **2012 Provisions** | **Sub article and Provision** | **Related 1988 sub article and provision** | **New trends which may impact the ITRs** | **Empirical data on use of the ITRs** | **Relevance of the ITRs** | **Summary** |
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|  | **1. While the sovereign right of each State to regulate its telecommunications is fully recognized, the provisions of the present International Telecommunication Regulations (hereafter referred to as "Regulations") complement the Constitution and the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union, with a view to attaining the purposes of the International Telecommunication Union in promoting the development of telecommunication services and their most efficient operation while harmonizing the development of facilities for worldwide telecommunications.** | While the sovereign right of each country to regulate its telecommunications is fully recognized, the provisions of the present Regulations supplement the International Telecommunication Convention, with a view to attaining the purposes of the International Telecommunication Union in promoting the development of telecommunication services and their most efficient operation while harmonizing the  development of facilities for world-wide telecommunications. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Member States affirm their commitment to implement these Regulations in a manner that respects and upholds their human rights obligations.** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **These Regulations recognize the right of access of Member States to international telecommunication services.** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **1.1 (a) These Regulations establish general principles which relate to the provision and operation of international telecommunication services offered to the public as well as to the underlying international telecommunication transport means used to provide such services. These Regulations do not address the content-related aspects of telecommunications.** | 1.1 a) These Regulations establish general principles which relate to the provision and operation of international telecommunication services offered to the public as well as to the underlying international telecommunication transport means used to provide such services. They also set rules applicable to administrations\*.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
|  | **1.1 (b) These Regulations also contain provisions applicable to those operating agencies, authorized or recognized by a Member State, to establish, operate and engage in international telecommunications services to the public, hereinafter referred as "authorized operating agencies".** | 1.1 b) These Regulations recognize in Article 9 the right of Members to allow special arrangements. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **1.1 (c) These Regulations recognize in Article 13 the right of Member States to allow special arrangements.** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **1.2 In these Regulations, "the public" is used in the sense of the population, including governmental and legal bodies.** | 1.2 In these Regulations, "the public" is used in the sense of the population, including governmental and legal bodies. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **1.3 These Regulations are established with a view to facilitating global interconnection and interoperability of telecommunication facilities and to promoting the harmonious development and efficient operation of technical facilities, as well as the efficiency, usefulness and availability to the public of international telecommunication services.** | 1.3 These Regulations are established with a view to facilitating global interconnection and interoperability of telecommunication facilities and to promoting the harmonious development and efficient operation of technical facilities, as well as the efficiency, usefulness and availability to the public of international telecommunication services. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **1.4 References to Recommendations of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) in these Regulations are not to be taken as giving to those Recommendations the same legal status as these Regulations.** | 1.4 References to CCITT Recommendations and Instructions in these Regulations are not to be taken as giving to those Recommendations and Instructions the same legal status as the Regulations. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **1.5 Within the framework of these Regulations, the provision and operation of international telecommunication services in each relation is pursuant to mutual agreement between authorized operating agencies.** | 1.5 Within the framework of the present Regulations, the provision and operation of international telecommunication services in each relation is pursuant to mutual agreement between administrations\*.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
|  | **1.6 In implementing the principles of these Regulations, authorized operating agencies should comply with, to the greatest extent practicable, the relevant ITU-T Recommendations.** | 1.6 In implementing the principles of these Regulations, administrations\* should comply with, to the greatest extent practicable, the relevant CCITT Recommendations, including any Instructions forming part of or derived from these Recommendations.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
|  | **1.7 (a) These Regulations recognize the right of any Member State, subject to national law and should it decide to do so, to require that authorized operating agencies which operate in its territory and provide an international telecommunication service to the public be authorized by that Member State.** | 1.7 (a) These Regulations recognize the right of any Member, subject to national law and should it decide to do so, to require that administrations and private operating agencies, which operate in its territory and provide an international telecommunication service to the public, be authorized by that Member. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **1.7 (b) The Member State concerned shall, as appropriate, encourage the application of relevant ITU-T Recommendations by such service providers.** | 1.7 (b) The Member concerned shall, as appropriate, encourage the application of relevant CCITT Recommendations by such service providers. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **1.7 (c) The Member States, where appropriate, shall cooperate in implementing these Regulations.** | 1.7 (c) The Members, where appropriate, shall cooperate in implementing the International Telecommunication Regulations (For interpretation, also see Resolution No. 2). |  |  |  |  |
|  | **1.8 These Regulations shall apply, regardless of the means of transmission used, so far as the Radio Regulations do not provide otherwise.** | 1.8 The Regulations shall apply, regardless of the means of transmission used, so far as the Radio Regulations do not provide otherwise. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **2.1 For the purpose of these Regulations, the following definitions shall apply. These terms and definitions do not, however, necessarily apply for other purposes.** | For the purpose of these Regulations, the following definitions shall apply. These terms and definitions do not, however, necessarily apply for other purposes. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **2.2 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.** | 2.1 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. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **2.3 International telecommunication service: The offering of a telecommunication capability between telecommunication offices or stations of any nature that are in or belong to different countries.** | 2.2 International telecommunication service: The offering of a telecommunication capability between telecommunication offices or stations of any nature that are in or belong to different countries. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **2.4 Government telecommunications: Telecommunications originating with any: Head of State; Head of a government or members of a government; Commanders-in-Chief of military forces, land, sea or air; diplomatic or consular agents; the Secretary-General of the United Nations; Heads of the principal organs of the United Nations; the International Court of Justice, or replies to government telecommunications mentioned above.** | 2.3 Government telecommunication: A telecommunication originating with any: Head of a State; Head of a government or members of a government; Commanders-in-Chief of military forces, land, sea or air; diplomatic or consular agents; the Secretary-General of the United Nations; Heads of the principal organs of the United Nations; the International Court of Justice, or reply to a government telegram. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **2.5 Service telecommunication: A telecommunication that relates to public international telecommunications and that is exchanged among the following:**   * **Member States;** * **authorized operating agencies; and** * **the Chairman of the Council, the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General, the Directors of the Bureaux, the members of the Radio Regulations Board, and other representatives or authorized officials of the Union, including those working on official matters outside the seat of the Union.** | 2.4 Service telecommunication: A telecommunication that relates to public international telecommunications and that is exchanged among the following:   * Administrations; * recognized private operating agencies, * and the Chairman of the Administrative Council, the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General, the Directors of the International Consultative Committees, the members of the International Frequency Registration Board, other representatives or authorized officials of the Union, including those working on official matters outside the seat of the Union. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **N/A** | 2.5 Privilege telecommunication  2.5.1 A telecommunication that may be exchanged during:  - sessions of the ITU Administrative Council,  - conferences and meetings of the ITU between, on the one hand, representatives of Members of the Administrative Council, members of delegations, senior officials of the permanent organs of the Union and their authorized colleagues attending conferences and meetings of the ITU and, on the other, their administrations or recognized private operating agency or the ITU, and relating either to matters under discussion by the Administrative Council, conferences and meetings of the ITU or to public international telecommunications.  2.5.2 A private telecommunication that may be exchanged during sessions of the ITU Administrative Council and conferences and meetings of the ITU by representatives of Members of the Administrative Council, members of delegations, senior officials of the permanent organs of the Union attending ITU conferences and meetings, and the staff of the Secretariat of the Union seconded to ITU conferences and meetings, to enable them to communicate with their country of residence. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **2.6 International route: Technical facilities and installations located in different countries and used for telecommunication traffic between two international telecommunication terminal exchanges or offices.** | 2.6 International route: Technical facilities and installations located in different countries and used for telecommunication traffic between two international telecommunication terminal exchanges or offices. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **2.7 Relation: Exchange of traffic between two terminal countries, always referring to a specific service, if there is between their authorized operating agencies:** | 2.7 Relation: Exchange of traffic between two terminal countries, always referring to a specific service if there is between their administrations\*:  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
|  | **(a) means for the exchange of traffic in that specific service:**   * **over direct circuits (direct relation), or** * **via a point of transit in a third country (indirect relation),** | a) a means for the exchange of traffic in that specific service:  - over direct circuits (direct relation), or  - via a point of transit in a third country (indirect relation), and |  |  |  |  |
|  | **(b) normally, the settlement of accounts.** | b) normally, the settlement of accounts |  |  |  |  |
|  | **2.8 Accounting rate: The rate agreed between authorized operating agencies, in a given relation that is used for the establishment of international accounts.** | 2.8 Accounting rate: The rate agreed between administrations\* in a given relation that is used for the establishment of international accounts.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
|  | **2.9 Collection charge: The charge established and collected by an authorized operating agency from its customers for the use of an international telecommunication service.** | 2.9 Collection charge: The charge established and collected by an administration\* from its customers for the use of an international telecommunication service.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
|  | **N/A** | 2.10 Instructions: A collection of provisions drawn from one or more CCITT Recommendations dealing with practical operational procedures for the handling of telecommunication traffic (e.g., acceptance, transmission, accounting). |  |  |  |  |
|  | **3.1 Member States shall endeavour to ensure that authorized operating agencies cooperate in the establishment, operation and maintenance of the international network to provide a satisfactory quality of service.** | 3.1 Members shall ensure that administrations\* cooperate in the establishment, operation and maintenance of the international network to provide a satisfactory quality of service.  \*or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
|  | **3.2 Member States shall endeavour to ensure the provision of sufficient telecommunication facilities to meet the demand for international telecommunication services.** | 3.2 Administrations\* shall endeavour to provide sufficient telecommunication facilities to meet the requirements of and demand for international telecommunication services.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies)] |  |  |  |  |
|  | **3.3 Authorized operating agencies shall determine by mutual agreement which international routes are to be used. Pending agreement and provided that there is no direct route existing between the terminal authorized operating agencies concerned, the origin authorized operating agency has the choice to determine the routing of its outgoing telecommunication traffic, taking into account the interests of the relevant transit and destination authorized operating agencies.** | 3.3 Administrations\* shall determine by mutual agreement which international routes are to be used. Pending agreement and provided that there is no direct route existing between the terminal administrations\* concerned, the origin administration\* has the choice to determine the routing of its outgoing telecommunication traffic, taking into account the interests of the relevant transit and destination administrations\*.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies)] |  |  |  |  |
|  | **3.4 Subject to national law, any user, by having access to the international network, has the right to send traffic. A satisfactory quality of service should be maintained to the greatest extent practicable, corresponding to the relevant ITU-T Recommendations.** | 3.4 Subject to national law, any user, by having access to the international network established by an administration\* has the right to send traffic. A satisfactory quality of service should be maintained to the greatest extent practicable, corresponding to relevant CCITT Recommendations. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **3.5 Member States shall endeavour to ensure that international telecommunication numbering resources specified in ITU-T Recommendations are used only by the assignees and only for the purposes for which they were assigned; and that unassigned resources are not used.** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **3.6 Member States shall endeavour to ensure that international calling line identification (CLI) information is provided taking into account the relevant ITU-T Recommendations.** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **3.7 Member States should create an enabling environment for the implementation of regional telecommunication traffic exchange points, with a view to improving quality, increasing the connectivity and resilience of networks, fostering competition and reducing the costs of international telecommunication interconnections.** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **4.1 Member States shall promote the development of international telecommunication services and shall foster their availability to the public.** | 4.1 Members shall promote the implementation of international telecommunication services and shall endeavour to make such services generally available to the public in their national network(s). |  |  |  |  |
|  | **4.2 Member States shall endeavour to ensure that authorized operating agencies cooperate within the framework of these Regulations to provide, by agreement, a wide range of international telecommunication services which should conform, to the greatest extent practicable, to the relevant ITU-T Recommendations.** | 4.2 Members shall ensure that administrations\* cooperate within the framework of these Regulations to provide by mutual agreement, a wide range of international telecommunication services which should conform, to the greatest extent practicable, to the relevant CCITT Recommendations.  \*or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
|  | **4.3 Subject to national law, Member States shall endeavour to ensure that authorized operating agencies provide and maintain, to the greatest extent practicable, a satisfactory quality of service corresponding to the relevant ITU-T Recommendations with respect to:** | 4.3 Subject to national law, Members shall endeavour to ensure that administrations [or recognized private operating agency(ies)] provide and maintain, to the greatest extent practicable, a minimum quality of service corresponding to the relevant CCITT Recommendations with respect to: |  |  |  |  |
|  | **4.3 (a) access to the international network by users using terminals which are permitted to be connected to the network and which do not cause harm to technical facilities and personnel;** | 4.3 (a) access to the international network by users using terminals which are permitted to be connected to the network and which do not cause harm to technical facilities and personnel; |  |  |  |  |
|  | **4.3 (b) international telecommunication facilities and services available to customers for their dedicated use;** | 4.3 (b) international telecommunication facilities and services available to customers for their dedicated use; |  |  |  |  |
|  | **4.3 (c) at least a form of telecommunication service which is reasonably accessible to the public, including those who may not be subscribers to a specific telecommunication service; and** | 4.3 (c) at least a form of telecommunication which is reasonably accessible to the public, including those who may not be subscribers to a specific telecommunication service; and |  |  |  |  |
|  | **4.3 (d) a capability for interworking between different services, as appropriate, to facilitate international telecommunication services.** | 4.3 (d) a capability for interworking between different services, as appropriate, to facilitate international communications. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **4.4 Member States shall foster measures to ensure that authorized operating agencies provide free-of-charge, transparent, up-to-date and accurate information to end users on international telecommunication services, including international roaming prices and the associated relevant conditions, in a timely manner.** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **4.5 Member States shall foster measures to ensure that telecommunication services in international roaming of satisfactory quality are provided to visiting users.** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **4.6 Member States should foster cooperation among authorized operating agencies in order to avoid and mitigate inadvertent roaming charges in border zones.** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **4.7 Member States shall endeavour to promote competition in the provision of international roaming services and are encouraged to develop policies that foster competitive roaming prices for the benefit of end users.** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **5.1 Safety-of-life telecommunications, such as distress telecommunications, shall be entitled to transmission as of right and, where technically practicable, have absolute priority over all other telecommunications, in accordance with the relevant articles of the Constitution and the Convention and taking due account of the relevant ITU-T Recommendations.** | 5.1 Safety of life telecommunications, such as distress telecommunications, shall be entitled to transmission as of rightand shall, where technically practicable, have absolute priority over all other telecommunications, in accordance with the relevant Articles of the Convention and taking due account of the relevant CCITT Recommendations. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **5.2 Government telecommunications, including telecommunications relative to the application of certain provisions of the United Nations Charter, shall, where technically practicable, enjoy priority over telecommunications other than those referred to in No. 45 (5.1) above, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Constitution and the Convention and taking due account of the relevant ITU-T Recommendations.** | 5.2 Government telecommunications, including telecommunications relative to the application of certain provisions of the United Nations Charter, shall, where technically practicable, enjoy priority over telecommunications other than those referred to in No. 39, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention and taking due account of relevant CCITT Recommendations. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **5.3 The provisions governing the priority enjoyed by any other telecommunication services are contained in the relevant ITU-T Recommendations.** | 5.3 The provisions governing the priority enjoyed by all other telecommunications are contained in the relevant CCITT Recommendations. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **5.4 Member States should encourage authorized operating agencies to inform all users, including roaming users, in good time and free of charge, of the number to be used for calls to the emergency services.** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **6.1 Member States shall individually and collectively endeavour to ensure the security and robustness of international telecommunication networks in order to achieve effective use thereof and avoidance of technical harm thereto, as well as the harmonious development of international telecommunication services offered to the public.** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **7.1 Member States should endeavour to take necessary measures to prevent the propagation of unsolicited bulk electronic communications and minimize its impact on international telecommunication services.** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **7.2 Member States are encouraged to cooperate in that sense.** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **8.1 International telecommunication arrangements** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **8.1.1 Subject to applicable national law, the terms and conditions for international telecommunication service arrangements may be established through commercial agreements or through accounting-rate principles established pursuant to national regulation.** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **8.1.2 Member States shall endeavour to encourage investments in international telecommunication networks and promote competitive wholesale pricing for traffic carried on such telecommunication networks.** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **8.2 Accounting-rate principles** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Terms and conditions** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **8.2.1 The following provisions may apply where the terms and conditions of international telecommunication service arrangements are established through accounting-rate principles, established pursuant to national regulation. These provisions do not apply to arrangements established through commercial agreements.** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **8.2.2 For each applicable service in a given relation, authorized operating agencies shall, by mutual agreement, establish and revise accounting rates to be applied between them, in accordance with the provisions of Appendix 1 and taking into account the relevant ITU-T Recommendations.** | 6.2.1 For each applicable service in a given relation, administrations\* shall by mutual agreement establish and revise accounting rates to be applied between them, in accordance with the provisions of Appendix 1 and taking into account relevant CCITT Recommendations and relevant cost trends.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
|  | **8.2.3 Unless otherwise agreed, parties engaged in the provision of international telecommunication services shall follow the relevant provisions as set out in Appendices 1 and 2.** | 6.4.1. Unless otherwise agreed, administrations\* shall follow the relevant provisions as set out in Appendices 1 and 2.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
|  | **8.2.4 In the absence of special arrangements concluded between authorized operating agencies, the monetary unit to be used in the composition of accounting rates for international telecommunication services and in the establishment of international accounts shall be:**  **– either the monetary unit of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), currently the Special Drawing Right (SDR), as defined by that organization;**  **– or freely convertible currencies or other monetary unit agreed between the authorized operating agencies.** | 6.3.1 In the absence of special arrangements concluded between administrations\*, the monetary unit to be used in the composition of accounting rates for international telecommunication services and in the establishment of international accounts shall be:  – either the monetary unit of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), currently the Special Drawing Right (SDR), as defined by that organization;  – or the gold franc, equivalent to 1/3.061 SDR.  6.3.2 In accordance with relevant provisions of the InternationalTelecommunication Convention, this provision shall not affect the possibility open to administrations\* of establishing bilateral arrangements for mutually acceptable coefficients between the monetary unit of the IMF and the gold franc.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Collection charges** | 6.1 Collection charges |  |  |  |  |
|  | **8.2.5 The charges levied on customers for a particular communication should in principle be the same in a given relation, regardless of the international route used for that communication. In establishing these charges, Member States should try to avoid dissymmetry between the charges applicable in each direction of the same relation.** | 6.1.1 Each administration\* shall, subject to applicable national law, establish the charges to be collected from its customers. The level of the charges is a national matter; however, in establishing these charges, administrations\* should try to avoid too great a dissymmetry between the charges applicable in each direction of the same relation.  6.1.2 The charges levied by an administration\* on customers for a particular communication should in principle be the same in a given relation, regardless of the route chosen by that administration\*.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
|  | **8.3 Taxation** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **8.3.1 Where, in accordance with the national law of a country, a fiscal tax is levied on collection charges for international telecommunication services, this tax shall normally be collected only in respect of international services billed to customers in that country, unless other arrangements are made to meet special circumstances.** | 6.1.3. Where, in accordance with the national law of a country, a fiscal tax is levied on collection charges for international telecommunication services, this tax shall normally be collected only in respect of international services billed to customers in that country, unless other arrangements are made to meet special circumstances. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **8.4 Service telecommunications** | 6.5 Service and privilege telecommunications |  |  |  |  |
|  | **8.4.1 Authorized operating agencies may in principle forego the inclusion of service telecommunications in international accounting, under the relevant provisions of the Constitution and the Convention and these Regulations, having due regard for the need for reciprocal arrangements. Authorized operating agencies may provide service telecommunications free of charge.** | 6.5.1 Administrations\* shall follow the relevant provisions as set out in Appendix 3.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
|  | **8.4.2 The general operational, charging and accounting principles applicable to service telecommunications should take account of the relevant ITU-T Recommendations.** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **9.1 If a Member State exercises its right in accordance with**  **the Constitution and the Convention to suspend international telecommunication services partially or totally, that Member State**  **shall immediately notify the Secretary-General of the suspension and**  **of the subsequent return to normal conditions by the most appropriate means of communication.** | 7.1 If a Member exercises its right in accordance with the Convention to suspend international telecommunication services partially or totally, that Member shall immediately notify the Secretary-General of the suspension and of the subsequent return to normal conditions by the most appropriate means of communication. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **9.2 The Secretary-General shall immediately bring such information to the attention of all other Member States, using the most appropriate means of communication.** | 7.2 The Secretary-General shall immediately bring such information to the attention of all other Members, using the most appropriate means of communication. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **10.1 Using the most suitable and economical means, the**  **Secretary-General shall disseminate information provided, of an**  **administrative, operational, or statistical nature, concerning international telecommunication services. Such information shall be disseminated in accordance with the relevant provisions of the**  **Constitution and the Convention and of this Article, on the basis of**  **decisions taken by the Council or by competent ITU conferences, and**  **taking account of conclusions or decisions of ITU assemblies. If so**  **authorized by the Member State concerned, the information may be transmitted to the Secretary-General directly by an authorized operating agency, and shall then be disseminated by the Secretary-General. Member States should transmit such information to the**  **Secretary-General in a timely manner, taking into account the relevant ITU-T Recommendations.** | 8. Using the most suitable and economical means, the Secretary-General shall disseminate information, provided by administrations\*, of an administrative, operational, tariff or statistical nature, concerning international telecommunication routes and services. Such information shall be disseminated in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention and of this Article, on the basis of decisions taken by the Administrative Council or by competent administrative conferences, and taking account of conclusions or decisions of Plenary Assemblies of the International Consultative Committees.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
|  | **11.1 Member States are encouraged to adopt energy efficiency and e-waste best practices taking into account the relevant ITU-T Recommendations.** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **12.1 Member States should promote access for persons with disabilities to international telecommunication services, taking into account the relevant ITU-T Recommendations.** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **13.1 a)Pursuant to Article 42 of the Constitution, special arrangements may be entered into on telecommunication matters which do not concern Member States in general. Subject to national laws, Member States may allow authorized operating agencies or other organizations or persons to enter into such special mutual arrangements with Member States and authorized operating**  **agencies, or other organizations or persons that are so allowed in**  **another country for the establishment, operation and use of special international telecommunication networks, systems and services, in**  **order to meet specialized international telecommunication needs within and/or between the territories of the Member States concerned, and including, as necessary, the financial, technical or operating conditions to be observed.** | 9.1 a) Pursuant to Article 31 of the International Telecommunication Convention (Nairobi, 1982), special arrangements may be entered into on telecommunication matters which do not concern Members in general. Subject to national laws, Members may allow administrations\* or other organizations or persons to enter into such special mutual arrangements with Members, administrations\* or other organizations or persons that are so allowed in another country for the establishment, operation and use of special international telecommunication networks, systems and services, in order to meet specialized international telecommunication needs within and/or between the territories of the Members concerned, and including, as necessary, those financial, technical or operating conditions to be observed.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
|  | **13.1 (b) Any such special arrangements shall endeavour to avoid technical harm to the operation of the telecommunication facilities of third countries.** | b) Any such special arrangements should avoid technical harm to the operation of the telecommunication facilities of third countries. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **13.2 Member States should, where appropriate, encourage the parties to any special arrangements that are made pursuant to No. 73 (13.1) above to take into account relevant provisions of ITU-T Recommendations.** | 9.2 Members should, where appropriate, encourage the parties to any special arrangements that are made pursuant to No. 58 to take into account relevant provisions of CCITT Recommendations. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **14.1 These Regulations, of which Appendices 1 and 2 form integral parts, shall enter into force on 1 January 2015, and shall be applied as of that date, consistent with all the provisions of Article 54 of the Constitution.** | 10.1 These Regulations, of which Appendices 1, 2 and 3 form integral parts, shall enter into force on 1 January 1990 at 0001 hours UTC. |  |  |  |  |
|  | **14.2 If a Member State makes reservations with regard to the application of one or more of the provisions of these Regulations, other Member States shall be free to disregard the said provision or provisions in their relations with the Member State which has made such reservations.** | 10.2 On a date specified in No. 61, the Telegraph Regulations (Geneva, 1973) and the Telephone Regulations (Geneva, 1973) shall be replaced by these International Telecommunication Regulations (Melbourne, 1988) pursuant to the International Telecommunication Convention. |  |  |  |  |
| 1/1 | **1. Accounting rates** | 1. Accounting rates |  |  |  |  |
| 1/2 | **1.1 For each applicable service in a given relation, Member States shall endeavour to ensure that authorized operating agencies, by mutual agreement, establish and revise accounting rates to be applied between them, taking into account ITU-T Recommendations and trends in the cost of providing the specific telecommunication service, and divide such rates into terminal shares payable to the authorized operating agencies of terminal countries and, where appropriate, into transit shares payable to the authorized operating agencies of transit countries.** | 1.1 For each applicable service in a given relation, administrations\* shall by mutual agreement establish and revise accounting rates to be applied between them, taking into account the Recommendations of the CCITT and trends in the cost of providing the specific telecommunication service, and shall dividesuch rates into terminal shares payable to the administrations\* of terminal countries and, where appropriate, into transit shares payable to the administrations\* of transit countries.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
| 1/3 | **1.2 Alternatively, in traffic relations where ITU-T cost studies can be used as a basis, the accounting rate may be determined in accordance with the following method:** | 1.2 Alternatively, in traffic relations where CCITT cost studies can be used as a basis, the accounting rate may be determined in accordance with the following method: |  |  |  |  |
| 1/4 | **a) authorized operating agencies shall establish and revise their terminal and transit shares taking into account ITU-T Recommendations;** | a) administrations\* shall establish and revise their terminal and transit shares taking into account theRecommendations of the CCITT;  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
| 1/5 | **b) the accounting rate shall be the sum of the terminal shares and any transit shares.** | b) the accounting rate shall be the sum of the terminal shares and any transit shares. |  |  |  |  |
| 1/6 | **1.3 When one or more authorized operating agencies acquire, either by flat-rate remuneration or other arrangements, the right to utilize a part of the circuit and/or installations of another authorized operating agency, the former have the right to establish their share as mentioned in Nos. 1/2 (1.1) and 1/3 (1.2) above, for this part of the relation.** | 1.3 When one or more administrations\* acquire, either by flat rate remuneration or other arrangements, the right to utilize a part of the circuit and/or installations of another administration\*, the former have the right to establish their share as mentioned in 1.1 and 1.2 above, for this part of the relation.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
| 1/7 | **1.4 In cases where one or more international routes have been established by agreement between authorized operating agencies and where traffic is diverted unilaterally by the authorized operating agency of origin to an international route which has not been agreed with the authorized operating agency of destination, the terminal shares payable to the authorized operating agency of destination shall be the same as would have been due to it had the traffic been routed over the agreed primary route, and the transit costs are borne by the authorized operating agency of origin, unless the authorized operating agency of destination is prepared to agree to a different share.** | 1.4 In cases where one or more routes have been established by agreement between administrations\* and where traffic is diverted unilaterally by the administration\* of origin to a route which has not been agreed with the administration\* of destination, the terminal shares payable to the administration\* of destination shall be the same as would have been due to it had the traffic been routed over the agreed primary route and the transit costs are borne by the administration\* of origin, unless the administration\* of destination is prepared to agree to a different share.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
| 1/8 | **1.5 In cases where traffic is routed via a transit point without authorization and/or agreement to the transit share, the transit authorized operating agency has the right to set the level of the transit share to be included in the international accounts.** | 1.5 In cases where the traffic is routed via a transit point without authorization and/or agreement to the transit share, the transit administration\* has the right to set the level of the transitshare to be included in the international accounts.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
| 1/9 | **1.6 Where an authorized operating agency has a duty or fiscal tax levied on its accounting-rate shares or other remunerations, it shall not in turn impose any such duty or fiscal tax on other authorized operating agencies.** | 1.6 Where an administration\* has a duty or fiscal tax levied on its accounting rate shares or other remunerations, it shall not in turn impose any such duty or fiscal tax on other administrations\*.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
| 1/10 | **2 Establishment of accounts** | 2 Establishment of accounts |  |  |  |  |
| 1/11 | **2.1 Unless otherwise agreed, the authorized operating agencies responsible for collecting the charges shall establish a monthly account showing all the amounts due, and send it to the authorized operating agencies concerned.** | 2.1 Unless otherwise agreed, the administrations\* responsible for collecting the charges shall establish a monthly account showing all the amounts due and send it to the administrations\* concerned.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
| 1/12 | **2.2 The accounts should be sent as promptly as possible, taking into account relevant ITU-T Recommendations, and, except in cases of force majeure, before the end of a period of 50 days following the month to which they relate, unless otherwise mutually agreed.** | 2.2 The accounts shall be sent as promptly as possible and, except in cases of force majeure, before the end of the third month following that to which they relate. |  |  |  |  |
| 1/13 | **2.3 In principle, an account shall be considered as accepted without the need for specific notification of acceptance to the authorized operating agency which sent it.** | 2.3 In principle an account shall be considered as accepted without the need for specific notification of acceptance to the administration\* which sent it.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
| 1/14 | **2.4 However, any authorized operating agency has the right to question the contents of an account within a period of two calendar months after the receipt of the account, but only to the extent necessary to bring any differences within mutually agreed limits.** | 2.4 However, any administration\* has the right to question the contents of an account for a period of two calendar months after the receipt of the account, but only tothe extent necessary to bring any differences within mutually agreed limits.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
| 1/15 | **2.5 In relations where there are no special agreements, a quarterly settlement statement showing the balances of the monthly accounts for the period to which it relates shall be prepared and issued as soon as possible by the creditor authorized operating agency, and shall be sent to the debtor authorized operating agency, which, after verification, shall return a copy endorsed with its acceptance.** | 2.5 In relations where there are no special agreements, a quarterly settlement statement showing the balances of the monthly accounts for the period to which it relates shall be prepared as soon as possible by the creditor administration\* and shall be sent in duplicate to the debtor administration\*,which, after verification, shall return on of the copies endorsed with its acceptance.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
| 1/16 | **2.6 In indirect relations where a transit authorized operating agency acts as an accounting intermediary between two terminal points, Member States shall endeavour to ensure that authorized operating agencies include accounting data for transit traffic in the relevant outgoing traffic account to authorized operating agencies beyond it in the routing sequence as soon as possible after receiving the data from the originating authorized operating agency, in accordance with the relevant ITU-T Recommendations.** | 2.6 In indirect relations where a transit administration\* acts as an accounting intermediary between two terminal points, it shall include accounting data for transit traffic in the relevant outgoing traffic account to administrations\* beyond it in the routing sequence as soon as possible after receiving that data from the originating administration\*.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
| 1/17 | **3 Settlement of balances of accounts** | 3 Settlement of balances of accounts |  |  |  |  |
| 1/18 | **3.1 Choice of the currency of payment** | 3.1 Choice of the currency of payment |  |  |  |  |
| 1/19 | **3.1.1 The payment of balances of international telecommunication accounts shall be made in the currency selected by the creditor, after consultation with the debtor. In the event of disagreement, the choice of the creditor shall prevail in all cases, subject to the provisions in No. 1/20 (3.1.2) below. If the creditor does not specify a currency, the choice shall rest with the debtor.** | 3.1.1 The payment of balances of international telecommunication accounts shall be made in the currency selected by the creditor after consultation with the debtor. In the event of disagreement, the choice of the creditor shall prevail in all cases, subject to the provisions in 3.1.2 below. If the creditor does not specify a currency, the choice shall rest with the debtor. |  |  |  |  |
| 1/20 | **3.1.2 If a creditor selects a currency with a value fixed unilaterally or a currency the equivalent value of which is to be determined by its relationship to a currency with a value also fixed unilaterally, the use of the selected currency must be acceptable to the debtor.** | 3.1.2 If a creditorselects a currency with a value fixed unilaterally or a currency the equivalent value of which is to be determined by its relationship to a currency with a valuealso fixed unilaterally, the use of the selected currency must be acceptable to the debtor. |  |  |  |  |
| 1/21 | **3.1.3 Provided the periods of payment are observed, authorized operating agencies have a right, by mutual agreement, to settle their balances of various kinds by offsetting:** | 3.4.1 Provided the periods of payment are observed, administrations\* may by mutual agreement settle their balances of various kinds by offsetting:  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
| 1/22 | **a) credits and debits in their relations with other authorized operating agencies;** | 3.4.1 – credits and debits in their relations with other administrations\*; and/or  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
| 1/23 | **b) any other mutually agreed settlements, if appropriate.** | 3.4.1 - debts arising from postal services, if appropriate. |  |  |  |  |
| 1/24 | **This rule also applies in case payments are made through specialized payment agencies in accordance with arrangements with authorized operating agencies.** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1/25 | **3.2 Determination of the amount of payment** | 3.2 Determination of the amount of payment |  |  |  |  |
| 1/26 | **3.2.1 The amount of the payment in the selected currency, as determined below, shall be equivalent in value to the balance of the account.** | 3.2.1 The amount of the payment in the selected currency, as determined below, shall be equivalent in value to the balance of the account. |  |  |  |  |
| 1/27 | **3.2.2 If the balance of the account is expressed in the monetary unit of the IMF, the amount of the selected currency shall be determined by the relationship in effect on the day before payment, or by the latest relationship published by the IMF, between the monetary unit of the IMF and the selected currency.** | 3.2.2 If the balance of the account is expressed in the monetary unit of the IMF, the amount of the selected currency shall be determined by the relationship in effect on the day before payment, or by the latest relationship published by the IMF, between the monetary unit of the IMF and the selected currency. |  |  |  |  |
| 1/28 | **3.2.3 However, if the relationship of the monetary unit of the IMF to the selected currency has not been published, the amount of the balance of account shall, at a first stage, be converted into a currency for which a relationship has been published by the IMF, using the relationship in effect on the day before payment or the latest published relationship. The amount thus obtained shall, at a second stage, be converted into the equivalent value of the selected currency, using the closing rate in effect on the day prior to payment or the most recent rate quoted on the official or generally accepted foreign-exchange market of the main financial centre of the debtor country.** | 3.2.3 However, if the relationship of the monetary unit of the IMF to the selected currency has not been published, the amount of the balance of account shall, at a first stage, be converted into a currency for which a relationship has been published by the IMF, using the relationship in effect on the day before payment or the latest published relationship. The amount thus obtained shall, at a second stage, be converted into the equivalent value of the selected currency, using the closing rate in effect on the day prior to payment or the most recent rate quoted on the official or generally accepted foreign-exchange market of the main financial centre of the debtor country.  3.2.4 If the balance of the account is expressed in gold francs, the amount shall, in the absence of special arrangements, be converted into the monetary unit of the IMF in accordance with the provisions of section 6.3 of the Regulations. The amount of payment shall then be determined in compliance with the provisions of 3.2.2. above. |  |  |  |  |
| 1/29 | **3.2.4 If, in accordance with a special arrangement, the balance of the account is not expressed in the monetary unit of the IMF, the payment shall also be the subject of this special arrangement and:** | 3.2.5 If, in accordance with a special arrangement, the balance of the account is expressed neither in the monetary unit of the IMF nor in gold francs, the payment shall also be the subject of this special arrangement and: |  |  |  |  |
| 1/30 | **a) if the selected currency is the same as the currency of the balance of account, the amount of the selected currency shall be the amount of the balance of account;** | 3.2.5 a) if the selected currency is the same as the currency of the balance of account, the amount of the selected currency shall be the amount of the balance of account; |  |  |  |  |
| 1/31 | **b) if the selected currency for payment is different from the currency in which the balance is expressed, the amount shall be determined by converting the balance of account to its equivalent value in the selected currency in accordance with the provisions of No. 1/28 (3.2.3) above.** | 3.2.5 b) if the selected currency for payment is different from the currency in which the balance is expressed, the amount shall be determined by converting the balance of account to its equivalent value in the selected currency in accordance with the provisions of 3.2.3 above. |  |  |  |  |
| 1/32 | **3.3 Payment of balances** | 3.3 Payment of balances |  |  |  |  |
| 1/33 | **3.3.1 Payment of balances of account shall be effected as promptly as possible, but in no case later than two calendar months after the day on which the settlement statement is dispatched by the creditor authorized operating agency. Beyond this period, the creditor authorized operating agency may, subject to prior notification in the form of a final demand for payment, and unless otherwise agreed, charge interest at a rate of up to 6 per cent per annum, reckoned from the day following the date of expiry of the said period.** | 3.3.1 Payment of balances of account shall be effected as promptly as possible, but in no case later than two calendar months after the day on which the settlement statement is dispatched by the creditor administration\*. Beyond this period, the creditor administration\* may, subject to prior notification in the form of a final demand for payment, and unless otherwise agreed, charge interest at a rate of up to6% per annum, reckoned from the day following the date of expiry of the said period.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
| 1/34 | **3.3.2 The payment due on a settlement statement shall not be delayed pending settlement of a query on that account. Adjustments which are later agreed shall be included in a subsequent account.** | 3.3.2 The payment due on a settlement statement shall not be delayed pending settlement of a query on that account. Adjustments which are later agreed shall be included in a subsequent account. |  |  |  |  |
| 1/35 | **3.3.3 On the date of payment, the debtor shall transmit the amount of the selected currency as computed above by a bank cheque, transfer or any other means acceptable to the debtor and the creditor. If the creditor expresses no preference, the choice shall fall to the debtor.** | 3.3.3 On the date of payment, the debtor shall transmit the amount of the selected currency as computed above by a bank cheque, transfer or any other means acceptable to the debtor and the creditor. If the creditor expresses no preference, the choice shall fall to the debtor. |  |  |  |  |
| 1/36 | **3.3.4 The payment charges imposed in the debtor country (taxes, clearing charges, commissions, etc.) shall be borne by the debtor. Any such charges imposed in the creditor country, including payment charges imposed by intermediate banks in third countries, shall be borne by the creditor.** | 3.3.4 The payment charges imposed in the debtor country (taxes, clearing charges, commissions, etc.) shall be borne by the debtor. Any such charges imposed in the creditor country, including payment charges imposed by intermediate banks in third countries, shall be borne by the creditor. |  |  |  |  |
| 1/37 | **3.4 Additional provisions** | 3.4 Additional provisions  - |  |  |  |  |
| 1/38 | **3.4.1 If, between the time the remittance (bank transfer, cheques, etc.) is effected and the time the creditor is in receipt of that remittance (account credited, cheque encashed, etc.), a variation occurs in the equivalent value of the selected currency calculated as indicated in No. 1/25 (3.2) above, and if the difference resulting from such variations exceeds 5 per cent of the amount due as calculated following such variations, the total difference shall be shared equally between debtor and creditor.** | 3.4.2 If, between the time the remittance (bank transfer, cheques, etc.) is effected and the time the creditor is in receipt of that remittance (account credited, cheque encashed, etc.), a variation occurs in the equivalent value of the selected currency calculated as indicated in paragraph 3.2, and if the difference resulting from such variations exceeds 5% of the amount due as calculated following such variations, the total difference shall be shared equally between debtor and creditor. |  |  |  |  |
| 1/39 | **3.4.2 Should there be a radical change in the international monetary system which invalidates or makes inappropriate one or more of the foregoing paragraphs, authorized operating agencies are free to adopt, by mutual agreement, a different monetary basis and/or different procedures for the settlement of balances of accounts, pending a revision of the above provisions.** | 3.4.3 If there should be a radical change in the international monetary system which invalidates or makes inappropriate one or more of the foregoing paragraphs, administrations\* are free to adopt, by mutual agreement, a different monetary basis and/or different procedures for the settlement of balances of accounts, pending a revision of the above provisions.  \* or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
| 2/1 | **1. General** | 1. General |  |  |  |  |
| 2/2 | **1.1 The provisions contained in Article 8 and Appendix 1,**  **taking into account the relevant ITU-T Recommendations, shall also apply to maritime telecommunications when establishing and settling accounts under this Appendix, insofar as the following provisions do not provide otherwise.** | The provisions contained in Article 6 and Appendix 1, taking into account the relevant CCITT Recommendations, shall also apply to maritime telecommunications in so far as the following provisions do not provide otherwise. |  |  |  |  |
| 2/3 | **2. Accounting Authority** | 2. Accounting Authority |  |  |  |  |
| 2/4 | **2.1 Charges for maritime telecommunications in the**  **maritime mobile service and the maritime mobile-satellite service**  **shall, in principle, and subject to national law and practice, be collected from the maritime mobile station licensee:** | 2.1 Charges for maritime telecommunications in the maritime mobile service and the maritime mobile-satellite service shall in principle, and subject to national law and practice, be collected from the maritime mobile station licensee: |  |  |  |  |
| 2/5 | **a) by the administration that has issued the licence; or** | a) by the administration that has issued the licence; or |  |  |  |  |
| 2/6 | **b) by an authorized operating agency; or** | b) by a recognized private operating agency; or |  |  |  |  |
| 2/7 | **c) by any other entity or entities designated for this purpose by the administration referred to in No. 2/5 (2.1.*a)*) above.** | c) by any other entity or entities designated for this purpose by the administration referred to in (a) above. |  |  |  |  |
| 2/8 | **2.2 The administration or the authorized operating agency or**  **the designated entity or entities listed in 2.1 above are referred to in this Appendix as the "accounting authority".** | 2.2 The administration or the recognized private operating agency or the designated entity or entities listed in paragraph 2.1 are referred to in this Appendix as the "accounting authority". |  |  |  |  |
| 2/9 | **2.3 References to authorized operating agency contained in**  **Article 8 and Appendix 1 shall be read as "accounting authority" when applying the provisions of Article 6 and Appendix 1 to maritime telecommunications.** | 2.3 References to administration\* contained in Article 6 and Appendix 1 shall be read as "accounting authority" when applying the provisions of Article 6 and Appendix 1 to maritime telecommunications.  \*or recognized private operating agency(ies) |  |  |  |  |
| 2/10 | **2.4 Member States shall designate their accounting authority or authorities for the purposes of implementing this Appendix and notify their names, identification codes and addresses to the Secretary-General for inclusion in the List of Ship Stations and Maritime Mobile Service Identity Assignments. The number of such**  **names and addresses shall be limited, taking into account the relevant ITU-T Recommendations** | 2.4 Members shall designate their accounting authority or authorities for the purposes of implementing this Appendix and notify their names, identification codes and addresses to the Secretary-General for inclusion in the List of Ship Stations; the number of such names and addresses shall be limited taking into account the relevant CCITT Recommendations. |  |  |  |  |
| 2/11 | **3. Establishment of accounts** | 3. Establishment of accounts |  |  |  |  |
| 2/12 | **3.1 In principle, an account shall be considered as accepted without the need for specific notification of acceptance to the service provider that sent it.** | 3.1 In principle, an account shall be considered as accepted without the need for specific notification of acceptance to the accounting authority that sent it. |  |  |  |  |
| 2/13 | **3.2 However, any accounting authority has the right to**  **question the contents of an account for a period of six calendar months after dispatch of the account, even after the account has been paid.** | 3.2 However, any accounting authority has the right to question the contents of an account for a period of six calendar months after dispatch of the account. |  |  |  |  |
| 2/14 | **4 Settlement of balances of account** | 4 Settlement of balances of account |  |  |  |  |
| 2/15 | **4.1 All international maritime telecommunication accounts**  **shall be paid by the accounting authority without delay and in any case within six calendar months after dispatch of the account, except where the settlement of accounts is undertaken in accordance with No. 2/17 (4.3) below.** | 4.1 All international maritime telecommunication accounts shall be paid by the accounting authority without delay and in any case within six calendar months after dispatch of the account, except where the settlement of accounts is undertaken in accordance with paragraph 4.3 below. |  |  |  |  |
| 2/16 | **4.2 If international maritime telecommunication accounts**  **remain unpaid after six calendar months, the administration that has licensed the mobile station shall, on request, take steps, within the limits of applicable national law, to ensure settlement of the accounts from the licensee.** | 4.2 If international maritime telecommunication accounts remain unpaid after six calendar months, the administration that has licensed the mobile station shall, on request, take all possible steps, within the limits of applicable national law, to ensure settlement of the accounts from the licensee. |  |  |  |  |
| 2/17 | **4.3 If the period between the date of dispatch and receipt exceeds one month, the receiving accounting authority should at once notify the originating service provider that queries and**  **payments may be delayed. The delay shall, however, not exceed three calendar months in respect of payment, or five calendar months in respect of queries, both periods commencing from the date of receipt of the account.** | 4.3 If the period between the date of dispatch and receipt exceeds one month, the receiving accounting authority should at once notify the originating accounting authority that queries and payments may be delayed. The delay shall, however, not exceed three calendar months in respect of payment, or five calendar months in respect of queries, both periods commencing from the date of receipt of the account. |  |  |  |  |
| 2/18 | **4.4 The debtor accounting authority may refuse the settlement and adjustment of accounts presented more than twelve calendar months after the date of the traffic to which the accounts relate, unless provided otherwise under national law in which case the maximum deadline can be within eighteen calendar months.** | 4.4 The debtor accounting authority may refuse the settlement and adjustment of accounts presented more than eighteen calendar months after the date of the traffic to which the accounts relate. |  |  |  |  |

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