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| REPORT OF THE COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON A STABLE CONSTITUTION | |
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In accordance with Resolution 163 (Guadalajara, 2010), enclosed please find the Final Report of the Council Working Group on a Stable Constitution (CWG STB-CS) to Council 2013. The summary records of the discussion that took place at Council 2013 on the Final Report are contained in [Document PP-14/51](http://www.itu.int/md/S14-PP-C-0051/en).

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| Report by the Chairman of the Council Working Group on a Stable ITU Constitution | |

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| Summary  Pursuant to Resolution 163 (Guadalajara, 2010), the extraordinary session of Council in 2010 established a Council Working Group on a Stable ITU Constitution open to all Member States of the Union. The terms of reference and mandate of the Group are set forth in the Annex to such Resolution.  As per the terms of Resolution 163, the Group submitted annual reports to the 2011 and 2012 sessions of the Council. The present document, which contains two Annexes and one Appendix, is the **final report** of the Group to Council.  Action required  Council is requested to **consider** this final report, and **make any comments** it considers appropriate before this final report is transmitted to the Member States, Sector Members and 2014 Plenipotentiary Conference (see *instructs the Council,* paragraph 4, Resolution 163 (Guadalajara, 2010)).  References  [*Resolution 163 (Guadalajara, 2010)*](http://www.itu.int/council/Basic-Texts/ResDecRec-PP10-e.doc#res163) |

1. **Overview of the Five Meetings of the Group:**
   1. Pursuant to Resolution 163 (Guadalajara, 2010), the extraordinary session of Council in 2010 established a Council Working Group on a Stable ITU Constitution (the “Group”), open to all Member States of the Union. The terms of reference and mandate of the Group are set forth in the Annex to such Resolution.
   2. The first, second, third, fourth and fifth meetings of the Group took place in Geneva on 27‑29 June 2011, 5-7 October 2011, 12-15 June 2012, 5-7 November 2012, and 8-12 April 2013 respectively. The list of participants at, as well as the documents for, each of these meetings are available on the Group’s website located at <http://www.itu.int/council/groups/cwg-stb-cs/index.html>.
   3. The work of the Group at its first meeting primarily consisted of: (1) discussing the meaning of the terms “stable” and “fundamental” in Resolution 163; (2) establishing the Group’s Work Programme for 2011 to 2013; and (3) elaborating and adopting a template to facilitate the submission and study of Member States’ contributions in respect to the provisions of the Constitution and Convention.
   4. The main tasks of the Group at its second and third meetings consisted of: (1) reviewing and discussing each provision of the Constitution and the Convention to determine whether such provision is fundamental and stable; (2) elaborating and adopting preliminary drafts of the stable Constitution and the “other document/convention”; and (3) considering possible titles to be given to such “other document/convention”.
   5. At its fourth meeting, the Group determined that “General Provisions and Rules” is the most appropriate title to be accorded to the “other document/convention”. The Group also adopted a draft stable Constitution and a draft “other document/convention” based on the decisions by the Group at its previous meetings concerning whether or not each provision in the current Constitution and Convention is stable and fundamental. Finally, the Group identified several consequential changes necessary to be made to the draft stable Constitution and draft “other document/convention”, as instructed under the Annex to Resolution 163.
   6. During its fifth and final meeting, the Group reviewed, discussed and finally approved the consequential changes necessary to be made to the draft stable Constitution and draft General Provisions and Rules.
2. **Outputs of the Group Pursuant to its Terms of Reference** :
   1. Pursuant to paragraphs 1, 2, 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 of the Annex to Resolution 163 (the “Annex”), the Group was required:

*“1 To examine the provisions of the current ITU Constitution and those of the current ITU Convention, without proposing modifications to their text, and carry out studies of these provisions in order to prepare the draft of the stable Constitution and the draft of another “document/convention”; the latter would not be subject to the ratification, acceptance, approval or accession stipulated in Articles 52 and 53 of the Constitution.*

*2 To this effect, CWG-STB-CS, without proposing modifications to the text of the Constitution and Convention, shall:*

*2.1 Examine the provisions of the Constitution and Convention, including those amendments approved by the 2010 Plenipotentiary Conference, in order to identify those provisions which are of a stable and fundamental nature and should continue to be of a stable and fundamental nature in the future.*

*2.2 Consolidate and include all provisions identified under § 2.1 above, without proposing modifications to their text, in a document labeled “Draft stable Constitution”, which will be subject to ratification, acceptance, approval or accession as stipulated in Articles 52 and 53 of the Constitution.*

*2.3 Consolidate and include the remaining provisions contained in the current Constitution and the current Convention, including those amendments approved by the 2010 Plenipotentiary Conference, not identified as being of a stable and fundamental nature, nor identified as being of a continued/permanent stable and fundamental nature as a result of the activities carried out under § 2.1 above in another “document/convention”. This “document/convention” would not be subject to the ratification, acceptance, approval or accession as stipulated in Articles 52 and 53 of the Constitution.”*

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| **First Output**: In compliance with its mandate under paragraphs 1, 2, 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 of the Annex to Resolution 163 (Guadalajara, 2010), the Group prepared and approved Annex I of this Report. |

* 1. Pursuant to footnote 1 in Resolution 163, the Group was further required:

*“to examine these terms[[1]](#footnote-1) and to propose options[[2]](#footnote-2) in its report to the Council for consideration by the 2014 Plenipotentiary Conference for the required action, as appropriate.”*

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| **Second Output**: In compliance with its mandate under footnote 1 of Resolution 163 (Guadalajara, 2010), the Group identified and selected “General Provisions and Rules” as the most appropriate title for the “other document/convention”. In this respect, the Group also raised the issues described under Part 3(B) of this Report. |

* 1. Pursuant to paragraph 3 of the Annex, the Group was mandated:

*“To suggest consequential changes to the draft stable Constitution and the draft “document/convention” as a result of actions taken when performing the tasks contained in §§ 2.2 and 2.3 above, together with corresponding cross-references, in a separate section of the report, for consideration and required action by the 2014 Plenipotentiary Conference, as appropriate.”*

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| **Third Output**: In compliance with its mandate under paragraph 3 of the Annex to Resolution 163 (Guadalajara, 2010), the Group prepared and approved Annex II of this Report. Additionally, in order to facilitate the review of Annex II to this Report, the Group prepared and approved a table of equivalence, attached as Appendix 1 to Annex II to this Report. Such table of equivalence indicates the specific provisions of the draft stable Constitution and draft General Provisions and Rules to which the Group transferred certain provisions of the current Convention and the current Constitution, respectively. |

1. **Important Issues Identified by the Group During its Work:**

The following key issues have been identified by the Group during the preparation of Annex II. These issues are brought to the attention of the Council and the Plenipotentiary Conference for further consideration, as appropriate.

1. ***Will the Stable Constitution be a new treaty or an amendment to the current Constitution?*** 
   1. Pending a decision by the Plenipotentiary Conference concerning Question A, the following provisions remain unchanged and within square brackets in Annex II to this Report: CS21 and Articles 52, 53, 54, 55 and 58 of the draft stable Constitution.
   2. The Group noted that certain provisions of the stable Constitution (including, without limitation, the provisions identified by the Group and set forth in paragraph 3.1) would need to be further reviewed and modified, as necessary, following the relevant determination by the Plenipotentiary Conference concerning the question of whether the stable Constitution would constitute an amendment to the current Constitution or, alternatively, a new treaty that would entirely abrogate and replace the current Constitution.
   3. Certain Member States within the Group were of the opinion that, irrespective of the decision regarding Question A, CS21 could be modified to read as set forth below; with the proposed modifications to the current text of CS21 appearing in italics:

“a) any State which is a Member State of the International Telecommunication Union as a Party to any International Telecommunication Convention prior to the entry into force of *the* Constitution and the Convention *adopted by the Additional Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1992) and/or a Party to them prior to the entry into force of this Constitution*;”

* 1. Notwithstanding the foregoing proposal, the Group recognized that any decisions concerning or arising from the question of whether the stable Constitution constitutes an amendment or a new treaty fall outside the mandate of the Group. Rather, these decisions should be made, as necessary, by the Plenipotentiary Conference. The Group noted the proposal contained in Document 5/12 regarding the procedure for adopting new instruments at the 2014 Plenipotentiary Conference.

1. ***Should the General Provisions and Rules be regrouped, under a single document, with General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings of the Union?*** 
   1. Pending a decision by the Plenipotentiary Conference concerning Question B, the following provisions remain unchanged and within square brackets in Annex II to this Report: CS58A and Article 32 of the stable Constitution, as well as GP&R339A and GP&R340.
   2. In light of the nature of and legal status proposed to be accorded to the General Provisions and Rules, some members of the Group were of the opinion that the current General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings of the Union could be regrouped, within the framework of a single document, with the General Provisions and Rules.
   3. If such regrouping is approved by the Plenipotentiary Conference, the Group noted that the single document resulting therefrom could be comprised of two separate parts, as follows:
      1. Part I, proposed to be titled “General Provisions,” which could contain the provisions of the General Provisions and Rules (i.e., of the “other document/convention”); and
      2. Part II, proposed to be titled “General Rules,” which could contain the provisions of the current General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings of the Union.
   4. Furthermore, the Group remarked that, in the event of such regrouping, certain provisions of the draft stable Constitution and draft General Provisions and Rules (including, without limitation, the provisions identified by the Group and set forth in paragraph 3.5) would need to be further reviewed and modified, as necessary, by the Plenipotentiary Conference.
   5. In particular, the Group elaborated the following two examples of the way in which CS58A could be modified, depending on whether or not such regrouping occurs:
      1. Example 1 – If the General Provisions and Rules are regrouped, under a single document, with the General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings of the Union:

“j bis) adopt and amend the General Provisions and Rules, including the General rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules;”

* + 1. Example 2 – If the General Provisions and Rules are not regrouped with the General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings of the Union:

“j bis) adopt and amend the General Provisions and Rules, and the General rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, in accordance with their respective relevant provisions;”

* 1. Notwithstanding the various proposals under this Part 3(B), the Group recognized that decisions relating to or arising from such regrouping fall outside the mandate of the Group, and should be properly made by the Plenipotentiary Conference.

1. ***The nature, binding effect and order of precedence (hierarchy) of the General Provisions and Rules could be set forth in a new Article 4A of the stable Constitution.*** 
   1. The Group considered it would be advisable to create a new Article 4A, proposed to be titled “General Provisions and Rules,” under the draft stable Constitution.
   2. In the opinion of the Group, this proposed new Article 4A could set forth the nature, binding effect and order of precedence (i.e., hierarchy) of the General Provisions and Rules. By doing so, proposed new Article 4A would serve a similar purpose and effect as those of current Article 4 of the draft stable Constitution; which sets forth, among other things, the nature and order of precedence of the treaty instruments of the Union.
   3. The Group prepared the following two options for the text of proposed new Article 4A of the draft stable Constitution:
      1. Option 1 – If the General Provisions and Rules are regrouped, under a single document, with the General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings of the Union:

“ARTICLE 4A  
**General Provisions and Rules**

The General Provisions and Rules of the International Telecommunication Union, including the General rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference, regulate and govern the procedural and operational aspects relating to the functioning of the Union, including the organization of the conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, and election matters. These provisions and rules shall be binding on all Member States.

In the case of inconsistency between a provision of any of the Instruments of the Union referred to in Article 4 of this Constitution, and a provision of the General Provisions and Rules, the relevant Instrument of the Union shall prevail.”

* + 1. Option 2 – If the General Provisions and Rules are not regrouped with the General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings of the Union:

“ARTICLE 4A  
**General Provisions and Rules**

The General Provisions and Rules of the International Telecommunication Union, adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference, regulate and govern the procedural and operational aspects relating to the functioning of the Union. These provisions and rules shall be binding on all Member States.

In the case of inconsistency between a provision of any of the Instruments of the Union referred to in Article 4 of this Constitution, and a provision of the General Provisions and Rules, the relevant Instrument of the Union shall prevail.”

* 1. It should be noted that one Member State within the Group was of the opinion that the binding nature of the General Provisions and Rules, as set forth in the text of current CS24 and proposed new Article 4A of the draft stable Constitution, could be worded with a spirit similar to Article 26 of the General Provisions and Rules.
  2. Notwithstanding the various proposals under this Part 3(C), the Group recognized that the making of any modifications (other than necessary consequential changes) to the text of the current Constitution and Convention falls outside the mandate of the Group. With regard to the hierarchy of the General Provisions and Rules vis-à-vis the stable Constitution and the Administrative Regulations, the Group noted the diagram contained in Addendum 1 to Document 5/7 which is available on the Group’s website.

1. ***Possible unintended consequences of requiring compliance with the General Provisions and Rules.***
   1. In Annex II to this Report, the Group also retained within square brackets the following provisions (or portions thereof) of the draft stable Constitution: CS92, CS115, CS142, CS145A, CS147, CS193, CS194 and CS207.
   2. If each reference to the Convention contained in the above-mentioned provisions is substituted with a reference to the General Provisions and Rules, then decisions of conferences and assemblies of the Sectors, as well as decisions of world conferences on international telecommunications (CS147) and special and regional arrangements between Member States (CS193 and CS194), would be subject to compliance and conformity with, and thereby would become subordinate to, a non-treaty instrument (i.e., the General Provisions and Rules).
   3. The Group decided to keep these provisions in square brackets in order to highlight the need for additional guidance from the Plenipotentiary Conference concerningpossible unintended consequences of requiring compliance with the General Provisions and Rules under the provisions identified in paragraph 3.16.
2. ***The General Provisions and Rules should include an article with a spirit and effect similar to those of Article 6 of the draft stable Constitution.*** 
   1. In determining consequential changes necessary to be made to Article 6 of the draft stable Constitution, the Group concluded that it would not be appropriate to mechanically replace cross-references to the Convention found in such article with cross-references to the General Provisions and Rules.
   2. The Group noted that Article 6 of the draft stable Constitution deals with the execution of instruments (i.e. treaties) of the Union. In light of the foregoing and of the fact that the General Provisions and Rules will not have treaty status, the Group arrived at the conclusion under paragraph 3.19.
   3. Notwithstanding such conclusion, certain members of the Group were of the opinion that a new article, with a spirit and effect similar to those of Article 6 of the draft stable Constitution, should be introduced under the General Provisions and Rules, as follows:

“Article 32A  
**Execution of these General Provisions and Rules**

The Member States are bound to abide by the relevant provisions of these General Provisions and Rules 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 [Article 48] of the Constitution.

The Member States are also bound to take the necessary steps to impose the observance of the relevant provisions of these General Provisions and Rules upon 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.”

* 1. Notwithstanding the observations appearing under this Part 3(E), the Group acknowledged that the making of any modifications (other than necessary consequential changes) to the text of the current Constitution and Convention falls outside the mandate of the Group.

1. ***Should all financial provisions included in Article 28 of the current Constitution remain in the stable Constitution?***
   1. The following provisions of the draft General Provisions and Rules, which certain members of the Group felt were of an operational and procedural nature, have been retained by the Group within square brackets in Annex II to this Report: GP&R469A to GP&R469M.
   2. After adoption of Annex I by the Group, other members of the Group expressed the opinion that the provisions identified above should not be separated from the remaining provisions of Article 28 of the draft stable Constitution, as that article currently appears in Annex II to this Report. Rather, all provisions under Article 28 of the current Constitution should remain under Article 28 of the stable Constitution.
   3. It was specifically mentioned by certain members of the Group that the provisions contained in Article 28 of the current Constitution are of specific importance both for the Union and for the Member States and the Sector Members. These members also noted that the Constitution contains specific provisions in Article 55 for the amendment and acceptance of changes to the Constitution, and that these provisions need to be maintained and applied for any change to Article 28. Finally, these members stated that the provisions of Article 42 of the current Convention (now Article 34 in the General Provisions and Rules) would not be sufficient to safeguard the interest of the Member States and the Sector Members in this case.
   4. Depending on the Plenipotentiary Conference’s decision concerning the question presented under this Part 3(F), the draft stable Constitution and draft General Provisions and Rules (including, without limitation, those provisions and articles identified by the Group and set forth under paragraph 3.23) should be further reviewed and modified, as necessary, to give effect to such decision.
2. ***What amendment procedures will apply to the stable Constitution and to the General Provisions and Rules, respectively?***
   1. Article 55 of the draft stable Constitution, as well as Article 42 of the current Convention (now Article 34 of the draft General Provisions and Rules), remain unchanged and within square brackets in Annex II to this Report; pending the Plenipotentiary Conference’s decision concerning the amendment procedures applicable to the stable Constitution and the General Provisions and Rules, respectively.
   2. Certain members of the Group considered that, to preserve the stability of the Constitution, the provisions for amending the Constitution found in Article 55 of the draft stable Constitution should be reviewed and modified by the Plenipotentiary Conference. In particular, two Member States contributing to the work of the Group submitted specific proposals concerning the manner in which Article 55 could be amended in light of such objective. These specific proposals are contained in Documents 3/7 and 4/3, which are available on the Group’s website.
   3. Notwithstanding the contributions referred to under this Part 3(G), the Group recognized that the making of any modifications to the text of the current Constitution (including its Article 55) and the current Convention (including its Article 42) falls outside the mandate of the Group, and properly correspond to the Plenipotentiary Conference.
3. ***Will the “Settlement of Disputes” provisions contained in CS233 of the draft stable Constitution apply to the General Provisions and Rules?***
   1. In Annex II to this Report, the Group retained within square brackets the cross-references to the General Provisions and Rules which are found in CS233.
   2. Certain Member States within the Group were of the opinion that CS233 of the draft stable Constitution would apply to the settlement of disputes among Member States relating to the interpretation or application of treaty instruments of the Union, only. By contrast, these Member States considered that CS233 would not apply to the settlement of disputes among Member States relating to the interpretation or application of non-treaty documents of the Union, such as the General Provisions and Rules.
   3. The Group recognized, however, that any decision concerning whether or not the scope of CS233 extends to non-treaty documents, such as the General Provisions and Rules, is beyond the mandate of the Group, and should be properly made by the Plenipotentiary Conference.
   4. The text of CS233 should be reviewed and modified, as necessary, depending on the Plenipotentiary Conference’s determination in respect of this Question H.
4. ***Definitions contained in Annexes to the draft stable Constitution and draft General Provisions and Rules should be further reviewed and transferred to the appropriate document.*** 
   1. Article 5 of the draft stable Constitution, as well as the respective Annexes to the draft stable Constitution and draft General Provisions and Rules, are maintained unchanged and within square brackets in Annex II to this Report.
   2. The Group adopted this approach in order to highlight that such Article 5 and Annexes would need to be carefully reviewed and modified, as necessary, by the Plenipotentiary Conference once it has agreed upon the substantially final texts of the stable Constitution and of the General Provision and Rules.
   3. Certain members of the Group were of the opinion that all definitions contained in the respective Annexes to the current Constitution and the current Convention should be transferred, in their entirety, to an Annex to the stable Constitution. Meanwhile, other members of the Group considered that only those definitions for terms used in the Constitution or the Administrative Regulations should be transferred to an Annex to the stable Constitution; however, definitions for terms used only in the General Provisions and Rules (but not in any treaty instruments of the Union) should be retained in an Annex to the General Provisions and Rules.
   4. The Group nevertheless noted that any revisions of the type proposed under this Part 3(I) to the definitions contained in the draft stable Constitution and draft General Provisions and Rules fall outside the mandate of the Group, and should be properly decided upon by the Plenipotentiary Conference.
5. ***Should all dispositions included in new Chapter VII of the General Provisions and Rules be transferred to the stable Constitution?***
   1. The new Chapter VII (“Various Provisions Related to the Operation of Telecommunication Services”) of the draft General Provisions and Rules has been retained by the Group within square brackets in Annex II to this Report.
   2. After adoption of Annex I by the Group, certain members of the Group expressed the opinion that all provisions under new Chapter VII of the General Provisions and Rules should be transferred to the stable Constitution.
   3. Depending on the Plenipotentiary Conference’s decision concerning the question presented under this Part 3(J), the draft stable Constitution and draft General Provisions and Rules should be further reviewed and modified, as necessary, to give effect to such decision.

**ANNEX I**

1. Annex I contains the draft stable Constitution and the draft “other document/convention” (now called General Provisions and Rules) adopted by the Group pursuant to its mandate set forth in the annex to Resolution 163 (Guadalajara, 2010).

2. The draft stable Constitution consolidates and includes all provisions of the current Constitution and the current Convention, without proposing modifications to their text, which the Group determined are, and should continue to be, of a stable and fundamental nature.

3. The draft other document/convention (now called General Provisions and Rules) consolidates and includes all provisions of the current Constitution and the current Convention, without proposing modifications to their text, which the Group determined are neither stable nor fundamental in nature.

CONSTITUTION OF   
THE INTERNATIONAL  
TELECOMMUNICATION UNION[[3]](#footnote-3)\*

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| **Provision N°.** | Text of the provision |
|  | CONSTITUTION OF  THE INTERNATIONAL  TELECOMMUNICATION UNION |
|  | Preamble |
| **1** | While fully recognizing the sovereign right of each State to regu­late its telecommunication and having regard to the growing importance of telecommunication for the preservation of peace and the economic and social development of all States, the States Parties to this Constitution, as the basic instrument of the International Telecommunication Union, and to the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (here­inafter referred to as “the Convention”) which complements it, with the object of facilitating peaceful relations, international cooperation among peoples and economic and social development by means of efficient tele­communication services, have agreed as follows: |
|  | CHAPTER I  **Basic Provisions** |
|  | ARTICLE 1  **Purposes of the Union** |
| **2** | 1 The purposes of the Union are: |
| **3   PP-98** | *a)*to maintain and extend international cooperation among all its Member States for the improvement and rational use of telecom­munications of all kinds; |
| **3A   PP-98** | *a* *bis)*to promote and enhance participation of entities and organizations in the activities of the Union and foster fruitful cooperation and partnership between them and Member States for the fulfilment of the overall objectives as embodied in the purposes of the Union; |
| **4   PP-98** | *b)*to promote and to offer technical assistance to developing coun­tries in the field of telecommunications, and also to promote the mobilization of the material, human and financial resources needed for its implementation, as well as access to information; |
| **5** | *c)* 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; |
| **6** | *d)* to promote the extension of the benefits of the new tele­communication technologies to all the world’s inhabitants; |
| **7** | *e)* to promote the use of telecommunication services with the objec­tive of facilitating peaceful relations; |
| **8   PP-98** | *f)*to harmonize the actions of Member States and promote fruitful and constructive cooperation and partnership between Member States and Sector Members in the attainment of those ends; |
| **9** | *g)* to promote, at the international level, the adoption of a broader approach to the issues of telecommunications in the global infor­mation economy and society, by cooperating with other world and regional intergovernmental organizations and those non‑governmental organizations concerned with telecommunications. |
| **10** | 2 To this end, the Union shall in particular: |
| **11   PP-98** | *a)*effect allocation of bands of the radio-frequency spectrum, the allotment of radio frequencies and the registration of radio-frequency assignments and, for space services, of any associated orbital position in the geostationary-satellite orbit or of any asso­ciated characteristics of satellites in other orbits, in order to avoid harmful interference between radio stations of different countries; |
| **12   PP-98** | *b)*coordinate efforts to eliminate harmful interference between radio stations of different countries and to improve the use made of the radio-frequency spectrum for radiocommunication services and of the geostationary-satellite and other satellite orbits; |
| **13** | *c)* facilitate the worldwide standardization of telecommunications, with a satisfactory quality of service; |
| **14   PP-98** | *d)*foster international cooperation and solidarity in the delivery of technical assistance to the developing countries and the creation, development and improvement of telecommunication equipment and networks in developing countries by every means at its dis­posal, including through its participation in the relevant pro­grammes of the United Nations and the use of its own resources, as appropriate; |
| **15** | *e)* coordinate efforts to harmonize the development of telecom­munication facilities, notably those using space techniques, with a view to full advantage being taken of their possibilities; |
| **16   PP-98** | *f)*foster collaboration among Member States and Sector 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 telecommunications on a sound basis; |
| **17** | *g)* promote the adoption of measures for ensuring the safety of life through the cooperation of telecommunication services; |
| **18** | *h)* undertake studies, make regulations, adopt resolutions, formulate recommendations and opinions, and collect and publish informa­tion concerning telecommunication matters; |
| **19** | *i)* promote, with international financial and development organiza­tions, the establishment of preferential and favourable lines of credit to be used for the development of social projects aimed, *inter alia*, at extending telecommunication services to the most isolated areas in countries. |
| **19A   PP-98** | *j)*promote participation of concerned entities in the activities of the Union and cooperation with regional and other organizations for the fulfilment of the purposes of the Union. |
| ARTICLE 2   **Composition of the Union** | |
| **20   PP-98** | The International Telecommunication Union is an intergovern­mental organization in which Member States and Sector Members, hav­ing well-defined rights and obligations, cooperate for the fulfilment of the purposes of the Union. It shall, having regard to the principle of uni­versality and the desirability of universal participation in the Union, be composed of: |
| **21   PP-98** | *a)*any State which is a Member State of the International Telecom­munication Union as a Party to any International Telecommuni­cation Convention prior to the entry into force of this Constitution and the Convention; |
| **22** | *b)* any other State, a Member of the United Nations, which accedes to this Constitution and the Convention in accordance with Arti­cle 53 of this Constitution; |
| **23   PP-98** | *c)*any other State, 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 Member States of the Union, accedes to this Constitution and the Conven­tion in accordance with Article 53 of this Constitution. If such application for membership is made during the interval between two plenipotentiary conferences, the Secretary-General shall con­sult the Member States of the Union; a Member State shall be deemed to have abstained if it has not replied within four months after its opinion has been requested. |
| **PP-98** | ARTICLE 3   **Rights and Obligations of Member States  and Sector Members** |
| **24   PP-98** | 1Member States and Sector Members shall have the rights and shall be subject to the obligations provided for in this Constitution and the Convention. |
| **25   PP-98** | 2 Rights of Member States in respect of their participation in the conferences, meetings and consultations of the Union are: |
| **26   PP-98** | *a)*all Member States shall be entitled to participate in conferences, shall be eligible for election to the Council and shall have the right to nominate candidates for election as officials of the Union or as members of the Radio Regulations Board; |
| **27   PP-98** | *b)*subject to the provisions of Nos. 169 and 210 of this Constitution, each Member State shall have one vote at all plenipotentiary conferences, all world conferences and all Sector assemblies and study group meetings and, if it is a Member State of the Council, all sessions of that Council. At regional conferences, only the Member States of the region concerned shall have the right to vote; |
| **(ADD) 27A ex. CV340A** | 1At all meetings of a conference, assembly or other meeting, the delegation of a Member State duly accredited by that Member State to take part in the work of the conference, assembly or other meeting shall be entitled to one vote in accordance with Article 3 of the Constitution. |
| **(ADD) 27B ex. CV340B** | 2The delegation of a Member State shall exercise the right to vote under the conditions described in Article 31 of this Convention. |
| **(ADD) 27C ex. CV340C** | 3When a Member State is not represented by an administration at a radiocommunication assembly, a world telecommunication standardiza­tion assembly or a telecommunication development conference, the representatives of the recognized operating agencies of the Member State concerned shall, as a whole, and regardless of their number, be entitled to a single vote, subject to the provisions of No. 239 of this Convention. The provisions of Nos. 335 to 338 of this Convention concerning the transfer of powers shall apply to the above conferences and assemblies. |
| **28   PP-98** | *c)*subject to the provisions of Nos. 169 and 210 of this Constitution, each Member State shall also have one vote in all consultations carried out by correspondence. In the case of consultations regarding regional conferences, only the Member States of the region concerned shall have the right to vote. |
| **28A   PP-98** | 3 In respect of their participation in activities of the Union, Sector Members shall be entitled to participate fully in the activities of the Sector of which they are members, subject to relevant provisions of this Constitution and the Convention: |
| **28B   PP-98** | *a)*they may provide chairmen and vice-chairmen of Sector assem­blies and meetings and world telecommunication development conferences; |
| **28C   PP-98** | *b)*they shall be entitled, subject to the relevant provisions of the Convention and relevant decisions adopted in this regard by the Plenipotentiary Conference, to take part in the adoption of Questions and Recommendations and in decisions relating to the working methods and procedures of the Sector concerned. |
| ARTICLE 4   **Instruments of the Union** | |
| **29** | 1 The instruments of the Union are: |
|  | – this Constitution of the International Telecommunication Union, |
|  | – the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union, and |
|  | – the Administrative Regulations. |
| **30** | 2 This Constitution, the provisions of which are complemented by those of the Convention, is the basic instrument of the Union. |
| **31   PP-98** | 3 The provisions of both this Constitution and the Convention are further complemented by those of the Administrative Regulations, enu­merated below, which regulate the use of telecommunications and shall be binding on all Member States: |
|  | –International Telecommunication Regulations, |
|  | –Radio Regulations. |
| **32** | 4 In the case of inconsistency between a provision of this Constitu­tion and a provision of the Convention or of the Administrative Regula­tions, the Constitution shall prevail. In the case of inconsistency between a provision of the Convention and a provision of the Administrative Regulations, the Convention shall prevail. |
| ARTICLE 5   **Definitions** | |
| **33** | Unless the context otherwise requires: |
| **34** | *a)* the terms used in this Constitution and defined in its Annex, which forms an integral part of this Constitution, shall have the meanings assigned to them in that Annex; |
| **35** | *b)* the terms – other than those defined in the Annex to this Constitu­tion – used in the Convention and defined in the Annex thereto, which forms an integral part of the Convention, shall have the meanings assigned to them in that Annex; |
| **36** | *c)* other terms defined in the Administrative Regulations shall have the meanings therein assigned to them. |
| ARTICLE 6   **Execution of the Instruments of the Union** | |
| **37   PP-98** | 1The Member States are bound to abide by the provisions of this Constitution, the Convention and the Administrative Regulations 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 48 of this Constitution. |
| **38   PP-98** | 2 The Member States are also bound to take the necessary steps to impose the observance of the provisions of this Constitution, the Con­vention and the Administrative Regulations upon 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 7   **Structure of the Union** | |
| **39** | The Union shall comprise: |
| **40** | *a)* the Plenipotentiary Conference, which is the supreme organ of the Union; |
| **41** | *b)* the Council, which acts on behalf of the Plenipotentiary Confer­ence; |
| **42** | *c)* world conferences on international telecommunications; |
| **43** | *d)* the Radiocommunication Sector, including world and regional radiocommunication conferences, radiocommunication assem­blies and the Radio Regulations Board; |
| **44   PP-98** | *e)*the Telecommunication Standardization Sector, including world telecommunication standardization assemblies; |
| **45** | *f)* the Telecommunication Development Sector, including world and regional telecommunication development conferences; |
| **46** | *g)* the General Secretariat. |
| ARTICLE 8   **Plenipotentiary Conference** | |
| **47   PP-98** | 1The Plenipotentiary Conference shall be composed of delegations representing Member States. It shall be convened every four years. |
| **48   PP-98** | 2 On the basis of proposals by Member States and taking account of reports by the Council, the Plenipotentiary Conference shall: |
| **49** | *a)* determine the general policies for fulfilling the purposes of the Union prescribed in Article 1 of this Constitution; |
| **50   PP-94   PP-98** | *b)*consider the reports by the Council on the activities of the Union since the previous plenipotentiary conference and on the policy and strategic planning of the Union; |
| **51   PP-98 PP-02** | *c)*in the light of its decisions taken on the reports referred to in No. 50 above, establish the strategic plan for the Union and the basis for the budget of the Union, and determine related financial limits, until the next plenipotentiary conference, after considering all relevant aspects of the work of the Union in that period; |
| **51A   PP-98** | *c* *bis)*establish, using the procedures described in Nos. 161D to 161G of this Constitution, the total number of contributory units for the period up to the next plenipotentiary conference on the basis of the classes of contribution announced by Member States; |
| **52** | *d)* provide any general directives dealing with the staffing of the Union and, if necessary, fix the basic salaries, the salary scales and the system of allowances and pensions for all the officials of the Union; |
| **53** | *e)* examine the accounts of the Union and finally approve them, if appropriate; |
| **54   PP-98** | *f)*elect the Member States which are to serve on the Council; |
| **55** | *g)* elect the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux of the Sectors as elected officials of the Union; |
| **56** | *h)* elect the members of the Radio Regulations Board; |
| **57   PP-94   PP-98** | *i)*consider and adopt, if appropriate, proposals for amendments to this Constitution and the Convention, put forward by Member States, in accordance with the provisions of Article 55 of this Constitution and the relevant provisions of the Convention, respectively; |
| **58** | *j)* conclude or revise, if necessary, agreements between the Union and other international organizations, examine any provisional agreements with such organizations concluded by the Council on behalf of the Union, and take such measures in connection therewith as it deems appropriate; |
| **58A   PP-98 PP-02** | *j* *bis)*adopt and amend the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union; |
| **59** | *k)* deal with such other telecommunication questions as may be necessary. |
| **59A  PP-94** | 3Exceptionally, in the interval between two ordinary Plenipotenti­ary Conferences, it shall be possible to convene an extraordinary Pleni­potentiary Conference with a restricted agenda to deal with specific matters: |
| **59B  PP-94** | *a)* by a decision of the preceding ordinary Plenipotentiary Confer­ence; |
| **59C   PP-94   PP-98** | *b)*should two-thirds of the Member States individually so request the Secretary-General; |
| **59D   PP-94   PP-98** | *c)*at the proposal of the Council with the approval of at least two‑thirds of the Member States. |
| **(ADD) subtitle  ex.  title CV Art. 23** | **Admission to Plenipotentiary Conferences** |
| **(ADD) 59E ex. CV 267** | 1 The following shall be admitted to plenipotentiary conferences: |
| **(ADD) 59F ex. CV 268** | *a)* delegations; |
| **(ADD) 59G ex. CV268A** | *b)* the elected officials, in an advisory capacity; |
| **(ADD) 59H ex. CV268B** | *c)* the Radio Regulations Board, in accordance with No. 141A of this Convention, in an advisory capacity; |
| **(ADD) 59I ex. CV 269** | *d)* observers of the following organizations, agencies and entities, to participate in an advisory capacity: |
| **(ADD) 59J ex. CV269A** | *i)* the United Nations; |
| **(ADD) 59K ex. CV269B** | *ii)* regional telecommunication organizations mentioned in Article 43 of the Constitution; |
| **(ADD) 59L ex. CV269C** | *iii)* intergovernmental organizations operating satellite sys­tems; |
| **(ADD) 59M ex. CV269D** | *iv)* the specialized agencies of the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency; |
| **(ADD) 59N ex. CV269E** | *e)* observers from the Sector Members referred to in Nos. 229 and 231 of this Convention. |
| **(ADD) 59O ex. CV269F** | 2The General Secretariat and the three Bureaux of the Union shall be represented at the conference in an advisory capacity. |
| ARTICLE 9   **Principles Concerning Elections and Related Matters** | |
| **60** | 1 The Plenipotentiary Conference, at any elections referred to in Nos. 54 to 56 of this Constitution, shall ensure that: |
| **61 PP-02** | a) the Member States of the Council are elected with due regard to the need for equitable distribution of the seats on the Council among all regions of the world; |
| **62   PP-94   PP-98 PP-02** | b) the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux shall be elected among the candidates proposed by Member States as their nationals and shall all be nationals of different Member States, and at their election due consideration should be given to equitable geographical distribution amongst the regions of the world; due consideration should also be given to the principles embodied in No. 154 of this Constitution; |
| **63   PP-94   PP-98 PP-02** | c)the members of the Radio Regulations Board shall be elected in their individual capacity from among the candidates proposed by Member States as their nationals. Each Member State may propose only one candidate. The members of the Radio Regula­tions Board shall not be nationals of the same Member State as the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau; at their election, due consideration should be given to equitable geographical dis­tri­bution amongst the regions of the world and to the principles embodied in No. 93 of this Constitution. |
| **64 PP-02** | 2 Provisions relating to taking up duties, vacancy and re-eligibility are contained in the Convention. |
| **(ADD) subtitle ex.  subtitle before CV7** | **The Council** |
| **(ADD) 64A ex. CV7** | 1Except in the case of vacancies arising in the circumstances described in Nos. 10 to 12 below, the Member States elected to the Council shall hold office until the date on which a new Council is elected. They shall be eligible for reelection. |
| **(ADD) 64B ex. CV8** | 21)If, between two plenipotentiary conferences, a seat becomes vacant on the Council, it shall pass by right to the Member State from the same region as the Member State whose seat is vacated which had obtained at the previous election the largest number of votes among those not elected. |
| **(ADD) 64C ex. CV9** | 2)When for any reason a vacant seat cannot be filled according to the procedure of No. 8 above, the Chairman of the Council shall invite the other Member States of the region to seek election within one month of such an invitation being issued. At the end of this period, the Chair­man of the Council shall invite Member States to elect a new Member State of the Council. The election shall be carried out by secret ballot by correspondence. The same majority as indicated above will be required. The new Member State of the Council shall hold office until the election of the new Council by the next competent plenipotentiary conference. |
| **(ADD) 64D ex. CV10** | 3A seat on the Council shall be considered vacant: |
| **(ADD) 64E ex. CV11** | *a)* when a Member State of the Council does not have a representative in attendance at two consecutive ordinary sessions of the Council; |
| **(ADD) 64F ex. CV12** | *b)*when a Member State resigns its membership of the Council. |
| **(ADD) subtitle ex.  subtitle  before CV13** | **Elected Officials** |
| **(ADD) 64G ex. CV13** | 1 The Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux shall take up their duties on the dates determined by the Plenipotentiary Conference at the time of their election. They shall normally remain in office until dates determined by the following plenipotentiary conference, and they shall be eligible for re-election once only for the same post. Re-election shall mean that it is possible for only a second term, regardless of whether it is consecutive or not. |
| **(ADD) 64H ex. CV14** | 2 If the post of Secretary-General falls vacant, the Deputy Secretary-General shall succeed to it and shall remain in office until a date determined by the following Plenipotentiary Conference. When under these conditions the Deputy Secretary-General succeeds to the office of the Secretary-General, the post of Deputy Secretary-General shall be considered to fall vacant on that same date and the provisions of No. 15 below shall be applied. |
| **(ADD) 64I ex.  CV15** | 3 If the post of Deputy Secretary-General falls vacant more than 180 days prior to the date set for the convening of the next Plenipoten­tiary Conference, the Council shall appoint a successor for the balance of the term. |
| **(ADD) 64J ex.  CV16** | 4 If the posts of the Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General fall vacant simultaneously, the Director who has been longest in office shall discharge the duties of Secretary-General for a period not exceeding 90 days. The Council shall appoint a Secretary-General and, if the vacancies occur more than 180 days prior to the date set for the con­vening of the next Plenipotentiary Conference, a Deputy Secretary-General. An official thus appointed by the Council shall serve for the balance of the term for which his predecessor was elected. |
| **(ADD) 64K ex.  CV17** | 5 If the post of a Director becomes unexpectedly vacant, the Secretary-General shall take the necessary steps to ensure that the duties of that Director are carried out until the Council shall appoint a new Director at its next ordinary session following the occurrence of such a vacancy. A Director so appointed shall serve until the date fixed by the next Plenipotentiary Conference. |
| **(ADD) 64L ex.  CV18** | 6Subject to the relevant provisions of Article 27 of the Consti­tution, the Council shall provide for the filling of any vacancy in the post of Secretary-General or Deputy Secretary-General in the situation described in the relevant provisions of the present Article at an ordinary session, if held within 90 days after a vacancy occurs, or at a session convened by the Chairman within the periods specified in those provi­sions. |
| **(ADD) 64M ex.  CV19** | 7 Any period of service in the post of an elected official pursuant to an appointment under Nos. 14 to 18 above shall not affect eligibility for election or re-election to such a post. |
| **(ADD) subtitle ex.  subtitle before CV20** | **Members of Radio Regulations Board** |
| **(ADD) 64N ex. CV20** | 1 The members of the Radio Regulations Board shall take up their duties on the dates determined by the Plenipotentiary Conference at the time of their election. They shall remain in office until dates determined by the following plenipotentiary conference, and shall be eligible for re-election once only. Re‑election shall mean that it is possible for only a second term, regardless of whether it is consecutive or not. |
| **(ADD) 64O ex.  CV21** | 2 If, in the interval between two plenipotentiary conferences, a member of the Board resigns or is no longer in a position to perform his duties, the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau, shall invite the Member States of the region concerned to propose candidates for the election of a replacement at the next session of the Council. However, if the vacancy occurs more than 90 days before a session of the Council or after the session of the Council preceding the next plenipotentiary conference, the Member State concerned shall designate, as soon as possible and within 90 days, another national as a replacement who will remain in office until the new member elected by the Council takes office or until the new members of the Board elected by the next plenipotentiary conference take office, as appropriate. The replacement shall be eligible for election by the Council or by the Plenipotentiary Conference, as appropriate. |
| **(ADD) 64P ex.  CV22** | 3 A member of the Radio Regulations Board is considered no longer in a position to perform his duties after three consecutive absences from the Board meetings. The Secretary-General shall, after consultation with the Board’s Chairman as well as the member of the Board and the Member State concerned, declare existence of a vacancy in the Board and shall proceed as stipulated in No. 21 above. |
| ARTICLE 10   **The Council** | |
| **65   PP-98** | 11)The Council shall be composed of Member States elected by the Plenipotentiary Conference in accordance with the provisions of No. 61 of this Constitution. |
| **(ADD) 65A ex. CV50** | 1 1) The number of Member States of the Council shall be determined by the Plenipotentiary Conference which is held every four years. |
| **(ADD) 65B ex. CV50A** | 2) This number shall not exceed 25% of the total number of Member States. |
| **66** PP-02 | 2) Each Member State of the Council shall appoint a person to serve on the Council who may be assisted by one or more advisers. |
| **(ADD) 66A ex. CV60A** | 9 *bis)*A Member State which is not a Member State of the Council may, with prior notice to the Secretary‑General, send one observer at its own expense to meetings of the Council, its committees and its working groups. An observer shall not have the right to vote. |
| **(ADD) 66B ex. CV60B** | 9 *ter)* Sector Members may attend, as observers, meetings of the Council, its committees and its working groups, subject to the conditions established by the Council, including conditions relating to the number of such observers and the procedures for appointing them. |
| **67 PP-02** | (SUP) |
| **68** | 3 In the interval between Plenipotentiary Conferences, the Council shall act, as governing body of the Union, on behalf of the Plenipotenti­ary Conference within the limits of the powers delegated to it by the latter. |
| **69   PP-98** | 4 1) The Council shall take all steps to facilitate the implementation by the Member States of the provisions of this Constitution, of the Convention, of the Administrative Regulations, of the decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference, and, where appropriate, of the decisions of other conferences and meetings of the Union, and perform any duties assigned to it by the Plenipotentiary Conference. |
| **70   PP-98 PP-02** | 2) The Council shall consider broad telecommunication policy issues in accordance with the guidelines given by the Plenipotentiary Conference to ensure that the Union’s policies and strategy fully respond to changes in the telecommunication environment. |
| **70A   PP-02** | 2 *bis*) The Council shall prepare a report on the policy and strategic planning recommended for the Union, together with their financial implications, using the specific data prepared by the Secretary-General under No. 74A below. |
| **71** | 3) It shall ensure the efficient coordination of the work of the Union and exercise effective financial control over the General Secre­tariat and the three Sectors. |
| **72** | 4) It shall contribute, in accordance with the purposes of the Union, to the development of telecommunications in the developing countries by every means at its disposal, including through the participa­tion of the Union in the appropriate programmes of the United Nations. |
| ARTICLE 11   **General Secretariat** | |
| **73** | 1 1) The General Secretariat shall be directed by a Secretary-General, assisted by one Deputy Secretary-General. |
| **73*bis*   PP-06** | The Secretary-General shall act as the legal representative of the Union. |
| **73A   PP-98** | 2)The functions of the Secretary-General are specified in the Convention. In addition, the Secretary-General shall: |
| **74   PP-98** | *a)*coordinate the Union’s activities, with the assistance of the Coordination Committee; |
| **74A   PP-98 PP-02** | *b)*prepare, with the assistance of the Coordination Committee, and provide to the Member States and Sector Members, such specific information as may be required for the preparation of a report on the policies and strategic plan for the Union, and coordinate the implementation of the plan; this report shall be communicated to the Member States and Sector Members for review during the last two regularly scheduled sessions of the Council before a plenipo­tentiary conference; |
| **75   PP-98** | *c)*take all the actions required to ensure economic use of the Union’s resources and be responsible to the Council for all the administrative and financial aspects of the Union’s activities; |
| **76   PP-06** | (SUP) |
| **76A   PP-98** | 3) The Secretary-General may act as depositary of special arrangements established in conformity with Article 42 of this Consti­tution. |
| **77** | 2 The Deputy Secretary-General shall be responsible to the Secretary-General; he 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. |
| CHAPTER II  **Radiocommunication Sector** | |
| ARTICLE 12   **Functions and Structure** | |
| **78   PP-98** | 11)The functions of the Radiocommunication Sector shall be, bearing in mind the particular concerns of developing countries, to fulfil the purposes of the Union, as stated in Article 1 of this Constitution, relating to radiocommunication: |
|  | –by ensuring the rational, equitable, efficient and economical use of the radio-frequency spectrum by all radiocommunication services, including those using the geostationary-satellite or other satellite orbits, subject to the provisions of Article 44 of this Constitution, and |
|  | –by carrying out studies without limit of frequency range and adopting recommendations on radiocommunication matters. |
| **79** | 2) The precise responsibilities of the Radiocommunication Sec­tor and the Telecommunication Standardization Sector shall be subject to continuing review, in close cooperation, with regard to matters of com­mon interest to both Sectors, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention. Close coordination shall be carried out between the Radiocommunication, Telecommunication Standardization and Tele­communication Development Sectors. |
| **80** | 2The Radiocommunication Sector shall work through: |
| **81** | *a)* world and regional radiocommunication conferences; |
| **82** | *b)* the Radio Regulations Board; |
| **83   PP-98** | *c)*radiocommunication assemblies; |
| **84** | *d)* radiocommunication study groups; |
| **84A   PP-98** | *d* *bis*)the Radiocommunication Advisory Group; |
| **85** | *e)* the Radiocommunication Bureau, headed by the elected Director. |
| **86** | 3The Radiocommunication Sector shall have as members: |
| **87   PP-98** | *a)*of right, the administrations of all Member States; |
| **88   PP-98** | *b)*any entity or organization which becomes a Sector Member in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention. |
| ARTICLE 13   **Radiocommunication Conferences and Radiocommunication Assemblies** | |
| **89** | 1A world radiocommunication conference may partially or, in exceptional cases, completely, revise the Radio Regulations and may deal with any question of a worldwide character within its competence and related to its agenda; its other duties are specified in the Convention. |
| **(ADD) subtitle ex. title CV Art. 24** | **Admission to Radiocommunication Conferences** |
| **(ADD) 89A ex. CV276** | 1 The following shall be admitted to radiocommunication conferences: |
| **(ADD) 89B ex. CV277** | *a)* delegations; |
| **(ADD) 89C ex. CV278** | *b)* observers of organizations and agencies referred to in Nos. 269A to 269D of this Convention, to participate in an advisory capacity; |
| **(ADD) 89D ex. CV279** | *c)* observers of other international organizations invited in accordance with the relevant provisions of Chapter I of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, to participate in an advisory capacity; |
| **(ADD) 89E ex. CV280** | *d)*observers from Sector Members of the Radiocommunication Sector; |
| **(ADD) 89F ex. CV281** | (SUP) |
| **(ADD) 89G ex. CV282** | *e)*observers of Member States participating in a non-voting capacity in a regional radiocommunication conference of a region other than that to which the said Member States belong; |
| **(ADD) 89H ex. CV282A** | *f)* in an advisory capacity, the elected officials, when the conference is discussing matters coming within their competence, and the members of the Radio Regulations Board. |
| **(SUP) 90   PP-98 PP-06 to CV 23A** |  |
| **91   PP-98  PP-06** | 3 Radiocommunication assemblies shall also normally be convened every three to four years, and may be associated in place and time with world radiocommunication conferences so as to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Radiocommunication Sector. Radiocommunica­tion assemblies shall provide the necessary technical bases for the work of the world radiocommunication conferences and respond to all requests from world radiocommunication conferences. The duties of the radio­communication assemblies are specified in the Convention. |
| **(ADD) 91A ex.  CV129** | 1 A radiocommunication assembly shall deal with and issue, as ap­propriate, recommendations on questions adopted pursuant to its own procedures or referred to it by the Plenipotentiary Conference, any other conference, the Council or the Radio Regulations Board. |
| **(ADD) 91B ex. CV137A** | 4 A radiocommunication assembly may assign specific matters within its competence, except those relating to the procedures contained in the Radio Regulations, to the radiocommunication advisory group indicating the action required on those matters. |
| **92   PP-98** | 4 The decisions of a world radiocommunication conference, of a radiocommunication assembly and of a regional radiocommunication conference shall in all circumstances be in conformity with this Consti­tution and the Convention. The decisions of a radiocommunication assembly or of a regional radiocommunication conference shall also in all circumstances be in conformity with the Radio Regulations. When adopting resolutions and decisions, the conferences shall take into account the foreseeable financial implications and should avoid adopting resolutions and decisions which might give rise to expenditure in excess of the financial limits laid down by the Plenipotentiary Conference. |
| ARTICLE 14   **Radio Regulations Board** | |
| **93** | 1The Radio Regulations Board shall consist of elected members thoroughly qualified in the field of radiocommunications and possessing practical experience in the assignment and utilization of frequencies. Each member shall be familiar with the geographic, economic and demographic conditions within a particular area of the world. They shall perform their duties for the Union independently and on a part-time basis. |
| **93A   PP-98** | 1 *bis)*The Radio Regulations Board is composed of not more than either 12 members, or of a number corresponding to 6% of the total number of Member States, whichever is the greater. |
| **94** | 2 The duties of the Radio Regulations Board shall consist of: |
| **95   PP-98 PP-02** | *a)* the approval of Rules of Procedure, which include technical criteria, in accordance with the Radio Regulations and with any decision which may be taken by competent radiocommunication conferences. These Rules of Procedure shall be used by the Director and the Bureau in the application of the Radio Regulations to register frequency assignments made by Member States. These Rules shall be developed in a transparent manner and shall be open to comment by administrations and, in case of continuing disagreement, the matter shall be submitted to the next world radiocommunication conference; |
| **96** | *b)* the consideration of any other matter that cannot be resolved through the application of the above Rules of Procedure; |
| **97   PP-98** | *c)*the performance of any additional duties, concerned with the assignment and utilization of frequencies, as indicated in No. 78 of this Constitution, in accordance with the procedures provided for in the Radio Regulations, and as prescribed by a competent conference or by the Council with the consent of a majority of the Member States, in preparation for, or in pursuance of the deci­sions of, such a conference. |
| **(ADD) 97A ex.  CV140 (2)** | 2) also, independently of the Radiocommunication Bureau, at the request of one or more of the interested administrations, consider appeals against decisions made by the Radiocommunication Bureau regarding frequency assignments. |
| **98** | 3 1) In the exercise of their Board duties, the members of the Radio Regulations Board shall serve, not as representing their respective Member States nor a region, but as custodians of an international public trust. In particular, each member of the Board shall refrain from inter­vening in decisions directly concerning the member’s own administra­tion. |
| **99   PP-98** | 2) No member of the Board shall request or receive instructions relating to the exercise of his duties for the Union from any government or a member thereof, or from any public or private organization or person. Members of the Board shall refrain from taking any action or from participating in any decision which may be incompatible with their status defined in No. 98 above. |
| **100   PP-98** | 3) Member States and Sector Members shall respect the exclu­sively international character of the duties of the members of the Board and refrain from attempting to influence them in the performance of their Board duties. |
| **(ADD) 100A ex. CV142A** | 4 *bis)* The members of the Board shall, while in the exercise of their duties for the Union, as specified in the Constitution and Convention, or while on mission for the Union, enjoy functional privileges and immunities equivalent to those granted to the elected officials of the Union by each Member State, subject to the relevant provisions of the national legislation or other applicable legislation in each Member State. Such functional privileges and immunities are granted to members of the Board for the purposes of the Union and not for their personal advantage. The Union may and shall withdraw the immunity granted to a member of the Board whenever it considers that such immunity is contrary to the orderly administration of justice and its withdrawal is not prejudicial to the interests of the Union. |
| **101** | 4 The working methods of the Radio Regulations Board are defined in the Convention. |
| ARTICLE 15   **PP-98 Radiocommunication Study Groups   and Advisory Group** | |
| **(ADD) CS101A ex. CV148** | 1 Radiocommunication study groups are set up by a radiocom­muni­cation assembly. |
| **(ADD) CS101B ex. CV149** | 21)The radiocommunication study groups shall study questions adopted in accordance with a procedure established by the radio­commu­nication assembly and prepare draft recommendations to be adopted in accordance with the procedure set forth in Nos. 246A to 247 of this Convention. |
| **(ADD) CS101C ex. CV149A** | 1 *bis)*The radiocommunication study groups shall also study topics identified in resolutions and recommendations of world radiocom­munication conferences. The results of such studies shall be included in recommendations or in the reports prepared in accordance with No. 156 below. |
| **102   PP-98** | The respective duties of the radiocommunication study groups and advisory group are specified in the Convention. |
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| ARTICLE 16   **Radiocommunication Bureau** | |
| **(ADD) 102A ex.  CV161** | 1The Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau shall organize and coordinate the work of the Radiocommunication Sector. The duties of the Bureau are supplemented by those specified in provisions of the Radio Regulations. |
| **103** | The functions of the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau are specified in the Convention. |
| CHAPTER III  **Telecommunication Standardization Sector** | |
| ARTICLE 17   **Functions and Structure** | |
| **104   PP-98** | 11)The functions of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector shall be, bearing in mind the particular concerns of the developing countries, to fulfil the purposes of the Union relating to telecommunica­tion standardization, as stated in Article 1 of this Constitution, by studying technical, operating and tariff questions and adopting recom­mendations on them with a view to standardizing telecommunications on a worldwide basis. |
| **105** | 2)The precise responsibilities of the Telecommunication Stan­dardization and Radiocommunication Sectors shall be subject to continuing review, in close cooperation, with regard to matters of common interest to both Sectors, in accordance with the relevant provi­sions of the Convention. Close coordination shall be carried out between the Radiocommunication, Telecommunication Standardization and Tele­communication Development Sectors. |
| **106** | 2The Telecommunication Standardization Sector shall work through: |
| **107   PP-98** | *a)*world telecommunication standardization assemblies; |
| **108** | *b)* telecommunication standardization study groups; |
| **108A   PP-98** | *b* *bis*)the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group; |
| **109** | *c)* the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau headed by the elected Director. |
| **110** | 3The Telecommunication Standardization Sector shall have as members: |
| **111   PP-98** | *a)*of right, the administrations of all Member States; |
| **112   PP-98** | *b)*any entity or organization which becomes a Sector Member in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention. |
| ARTICLE 18   **PP-98 World Telecommunication Standardization  Assemblies** | |
| **113   PP-98** | 1The duties of world telecommunication standardization assem­blies are specified in the Convention. |
| **(SUP) 114   PP-98  to CV25A** |  |
| **115   PP-98** | 3 Decisions of world telecommunication standardization assemblies must in all circumstances be in conformity with this Constitution, the Convention and the Administrative Regulations. When adopting resolu­tions and decisions, the assemblies shall take into account the foreseeable financial implications and should avoid adopting resolutions and deci­sions which might give rise to expenditure in excess of the financial limits laid down by the Plenipotentiary Conference. |
| ARTICLE 19   **PP-98 Telecommunication Standardization Study Groups   and Advisory Group** | |
| **(ADD) 115A ex. CV192** | 11)Telecommunication standardization study groups shall study questions adopted in accordance with a procedure established by the world telecommunication standardization assembly and prepare draft recommendations to be adopted in accordance with the procedure set forth in Nos. 246A to 247 of this Convention. |
| **116   PP-98** | The respective duties of the telecommunication standardization study groups and advisory group are specified in the Convention. |
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| ARTICLE 20   **Telecommunication Standardization Bureau** | |
| **(ADD) 116A ex.  CV198** | 1 The Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau shall organize and coordinate the work of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector. |
| **117** | The functions of the Director of the Telecommunication Stand­ardization Bureau are specified in the Convention. |
| CHAPTER IV  **Telecommunication Development Sector** | |
| ARTICLE 21   **Functions and Structure** | |
| **118** | 1 1) The functions of the Telecommunication Development Sec­tor shall be to fulfil the purposes of the Union as stated in Article 1 of this Constitution and to discharge, within its specific sphere of compe­tence, the Union’s dual responsibility as a United Nations specialized agency and executing agency for implementing projects under the United Nations development system or other funding arrangements so as to facilitate and enhance telecommunications development by offering, organizing and coordinating technical cooperation and assistance activities. |
| **119** | 2) The activities of the Radiocommunication, Telecommunica­tion Standardization and Telecommunication Development Sectors shall be the subject of close cooperation with regard to matters relating to development, in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Consti­tution. |
| **120** | 2 Within the foregoing framework, the specific functions of the Telecommunication Development Sector shall be to: |
| **121** | *a)* raise the level of awareness of decision-makers concerning the important role of telecommunications in the national economic and social development programme, and provide information and advice on possible policy and structural options; |
| **122   PP-98** | *b)*promote, especially by means of partnership, the development, expansion and operation of telecommunication networks and services, particularly in developing countries, taking into account the activities of other relevant bodies, by reinforcing capabilities for human resources development, planning, management, resource mobilization, and research and development; |
| **123** | *c)* enhance the growth of telecommunications through cooperation with regional telecommunications organizations and with global and regional development financing institutions, monitoring the status of projects included in its development programme to ensure that they are properly executed; |
| **124** | *d)* activate the mobilization of resources to provide assistance in the field of telecommunications to developing countries by promoting the establishment of preferential and favourable lines of credit, and cooperating with international and regional financial and development institutions; |
| **125** | *e)* promote and coordinate programmes to accelerate the transfer of appropriate technologies to the developing countries in the light of changes and developments in the networks of the developed countries; |
| **126** | *f)* encourage participation by industry in telecommunication devel­opment in developing countries, and offer advice on the choice and transfer of appropriate technology; |
| **127** | *g)* offer advice, carry out or sponsor studies, as necessary, on techni­cal, economic, financial, managerial, regulatory and policy issues, including studies of specific projects in the field of telecommuni­cations; |
| **128** | *h)* collaborate with the other Sectors, the General Secretariat and other concerned bodies in developing a general plan for interna­tional and regional telecommunication networks so as to facilitate the coordination of their development with a view to the provision of telecommunication services; |
| **129** | *i)* in carrying out the above functions, give special attention to the requirements of the least developed countries. |
| **130** | 3 The Telecommunication Development Sector shall work through: |
| **131** | *a)* world and regional telecommunication development conferences; |
| **132** | *b)* telecommunication development study groups; |
| **132A   PP-98** | *b* *bis)*the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group; |
| **133** | *c)* the Telecommunication Development Bureau headed by the elected Director. |
| **134** | 4The Telecommunication Development Sector shall have as mem­bers: |
| **135   PP-98** | *a)*of right, the administrations of all Member States; |
| **136   PP-98** | *b)*any entity or organization which becomes a Sector Member in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention. |
| ARTICLE 22   **Telecommunication Development Conferences** | |
| **137** | 1 Telecommunication development conferences shall be a forum for the discussion and consideration of topics, projects and programmes relevant to telecommunication development and for the provision of direction and guidance to the Telecommunication Development Bureau. |
| **(SUP) 138 to CV207A** |  |
| **(SUP) 139 to CV207B** |  |
| **(SUP) 140 to CV207C** |  |
| **(SUP) 141 to  CV 26A** |  |
| **142   PP-98** | 4 Telecommunication development conferences shall not produce Final Acts. Their conclusions shall take the form of resolutions, deci­sions, recommendations or reports. These conclusions must in all cir­cumstances be in conformity with this Constitution, the Convention and the Administrative Regulations. When adopting resolutions and deci­sions, the conferences shall take into account the foreseeable financial implications and should avoid adopting resolutions and decisions which might give rise to expenditure in excess of the financial limits laid down by the Plenipotentiary Conference. |
| **143** | 5The duties of telecommunication development conferences are specified in the Convention. |
| ARTICLE 23   **PP-98 Telecommunication Development Study Groups   and Advisory Group** | |
| **(ADD) 143A ex. CV214** | 1Telecommunication development study groups shall deal with specific telecommunication questions of general interest to developing countries, including the matters enumerated in No. 211 above. Such study groups shall be limited in number and created for a limited period of time, subject to the availability of resources, shall have specific terms of reference on questions and matters of priority to developing countries and shall be task-oriented. |
| **144   PP-98** | The respective duties of telecommunication development study groups and advisory group are specified in the Convention. |
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| ARTICLE 24   **Telecommunication Development Bureau** | |
| **(ADD) 144A ex.  CV216** | 1 The Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau shall organize and coordinate the work of the Telecommunication Development Sector. |
| **145** | The functions of the Director of the Telecommunication Develop­ment Bureau are specified in the Convention. |

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| **PP-02** CHAPTER IVA   **Working Methods of the Sectors** | |
| **145A PP-02** | The radiocommunication assembly, the world telecommuni­cation standardization assembly and the world telecommunication development conference may establish and adopt working methods and procedures for the management of the activities of their respective Sectors. These working methods and procedures must be compatible with this Constitution, the Convention and the Administrative Regulations, and in particular Nos. 246D to 246H of the Convention. |
| CHAPTER V  **Other Provisions Concerning the Functioning  of the Union** | |
| ARTICLE 25   **World Conferences on International Telecommunications** | |
| **146** | 1A world conference on international telecommunications may partially, or in exceptional cases, completely revise the International Telecommunication Regulations and may deal with any question of a worldwide character within its competence and related to its agenda. |
| **(ADD) 146A ex.  CV48** | 81) World conferences on international telecommunications shall be held upon decision by the Plenipotentiary Conference. |
| **(ADD) 146B ex. CV49** | 2)The provisions for the convening of, the adoption of the agenda of, and the participation in a world radiocommunication confer­ence shall, as appropriate, equally apply to world conferences on inter­national telecommunications. |
| **147   PP-98** | 2Decisions of world conferences on international telecommunica­tions shall in all circumstances be in conformity with this Constitution and the Convention. When adopting resolutions and decisions, the con­ferences shall take into account the foreseeable financial implications and should avoid adopting resolutions and decisions which might give rise to expenditure in excess of the financial limits laid down by the Plenipotentiary Conference. |
| ARTICLE 26   **Coordination Committee** | |
| **148** | 1 The Coordination Committee shall consist of the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the three Bureaux. It shall be presided over by the Secretary-General, and in his absence by the Deputy Secretary-General. |
| **149** | 2 The Coordination Committee shall act as an internal management team which advises and gives the Secretary-General practical assistance on all administrative, financial, information system and technical coop­eration matters which do not fall under the exclusive competence of a particular Sector or of the General Secretariat and on external relations and public information. In its considerations, the Committee shall keep fully in view the provisions of this Constitution, the Convention, the decisions of the Council and the interests of the Union as a whole. |
| ARTICLE 27   **Elected Officials and Staff of the Union** | |
| **150** | 1 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. |
| **151   PP-98** | 2)Member States and Sector Members shall respect the exclu­sively international character of the duties of these elected officials and of the staff of the Union, and refrain from trying to influence them in the performance of their work. |
| **152** | 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. |
| **153   PP-98** | 4) In order to ensure the efficient operation of the Union, any Member State a national of which has been elected Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General or Director of a Bureau shall refrain, as far as possible, from recalling that national between two plenipotentiary conferences. |
| **154** | 2The 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 shall be paid to the importance of recruiting the staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible. |
| ARTICLE 28   **Finances of the Union** | |
| **155** | 1 The expenses of the Union shall comprise the costs of: |
| **156** | *a)* the Council; |
| **157** | *b)* the General Secretariat and the Sectors of the Union; |
| **158** | *c)* Plenipotentiary Conferences and world conferences on interna­tional telecommunications. |
| **159   PP-98** | 2The expenses of the Union shall be met from: |
| **159A   PP-98** | *a)*the contributions of its Member States and Sector Members; |
| **159B   PP-98** | *b)*other revenues as identified in the Convention or in the Financial Regulations. |
| **159C   PP-98** | 2 *bis)* Each Member State and Sector Member shall pay a sum equiva­lent to the number of units in the class of contribution it has chosen in accordance with Nos. 160 to 161I below. |
| **159D   PP-98 PP-02** | 2 *ter)* Expenses incurred by the regional conferences referred to in No. 43 of this Constitution shall be borne: |
| **159E PP-02** | *a)* by all the Member States of the region concerned, in accordance with their class of contribution; |
| **159F PP-02** | *b)* by any Member States of other regions which have participated in such conferences, in accordance with their class of contribution; |
| **159G PP-02** | *c)* by authorized Sector Members and other authorized organizations which have participated in such conferences, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention. |
| **160   PP-98** | 3 1) Member States and Sector Members shall be free to choose their class of contribution for defraying Union expenses. |
| **161   PP-98** | 2) The choice by Member States shall be made at a plenipotenti­ary conference in accordance with the scale of classes of contribution and conditions contained in the Convention and with the procedures described below. |
| **161A   PP-98** | 3) The choice by Sector Members shall be made in accordance with the scale of classes of contribution and conditions contained in the Convention and with the procedures described below. |
| **(SUP) 161B   PP-98 to CV469A** |  |
| **(SUP) 161C   PP-98 PP-06 to CV469B** |  |
| **(SUP) 161D   PP-98 to CV469C** |  |
| **(SUP) 161E   PP-98 PP-02 PP-06 to CV469D** |  |
| **(SUP) 161F   PP-98 to CV469E** |  |
| **(SUP) 161G   PP-98 to CV469F** |  |
| **(SUP) 161H   PP-98 to CV469G** |  |
| **(SUP) 161I   PP-98 to CV469H** |  |
| **(SUP) 162   PP-98 to CV469I** |  |
| **(SUP) 163   PP-94   PP-98 to CV469J** |  |
| **164  PP-98** | (SUP) |
| **(SUP) 165   PP-98 PP-10 to CV469K** |  |
| **(SUP) 165A   PP-98 to CV469L** |  |
| **(SUP) 165B   PP-98 to CV469M** |  |
| **166 and 167  PP-98** | (SUP) |
| **168   PP-98** | 8 Member States and Sector Members shall pay in advance their annual contributory shares, calculated on the basis of the biennial budget approved by the Council as well as of any adjustment adopted by the Council. |
| **169   PP-98** | 9 A Member State which is in arrears in its payments to the Union shall lose its right to vote as defined in Nos. 27 and 28 of this Constitu­tion for so long as the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contribution due for the two preceding years. |
| **170   PP-98** | 10 Specific provisions governing the financial contributions by Sec­tor Members and by other international organizations are contained in the Convention. |
| **(ADD) Title ex.  Title  CV Art. 34** | ARTICLE 28A  **Financial Responsibilities of Conferences** |
| **(ADD) 170A ex.  CV488** | 1 Before adopting proposals or taking decisions with financial implications, the conferences of the Union shall take account of all the Union’s budgetary provisions with a view to ensuring that they will not result in expenses beyond the credits which the Council is empowered to authorize. |
| **(ADD) 170B ex.  CV489** | 2 No decision of a conference shall be put into effect if it will result in a direct or indirect increase in expenses beyond the credits that the Council is empowered to authorize. |
| ARTICLE 29   **Languages** | |
| **171   PP-06** | 1 1) The official languages of the Union shall be Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. |
| **172** | 2) In accordance with the relevant decisions of the Plenipotenti­ary Conference, these languages shall be used for drawing up and pub­lishing documents and texts of the Union, in versions equivalent in form and content, as well as for reciprocal interpretation during conferences and meetings of the Union. |
| **173** | 3) In case of discrepancy or dispute, the French text shall pre­vail. |
| **174** | 2 When all participants in a conference or in a meeting so agree, discussions may be conducted in fewer languages than those mentioned above. |
| ARTICLE 30   **Seat of the Union** | |
| **175** | The seat of the Union shall be at Geneva. |
| ARTICLE 31   **Legal Capacity of the Union** | |
| **176   PP-98** | The Union shall enjoy in the territory of each of its Member States such legal capacity as may be necessary for the exercise of its functions and the fulfilment of its purposes. |
| ARTICLE 32   **PP-02 General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies  and Meetings of the Union** | |
| **177   PP-98 PP-02** | 1The General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference shall apply to the preparation of conferences and assemblies and to the organization of the work and conduct of the discussions of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, as well as to the election of Member States of the Council, of the Secretary-General, of the Deputy Secretary-General, of the Directors of the Bureaux of the Sectors and of the members of the Radio Regulations Board. |
| **178   PP-98 PP-02** | 2 Conferences, assemblies and the Council may adopt such rules as they consider to be essential in addition to those in Chapter II of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union. Such additional rules must, however, be compatible with this Constitu­tion, the Convention and the aforesaid Chapter II; those adopted by conferences or assemblies shall be published as documents of the conference or assembly concerned. |
| CHAPTER VI  **General Provisions Relating to Telecommunications** | |
| ARTICLE 33   **The Right of the Public to Use the International Telecommunication Service** | |
| **179   PP-98** | Member States 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 34   **Stoppage of Telecommunications** | |
| **180   PP-98** | 1Member States reserve the right to stop, in accordance with their national law, the transmission of any private telegram which may appear dangerous to the security of the State or contrary to its 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. |
| **181   PP-98** | 2 Member States also reserve the right to cut off, in accordance with their national law, any other private telecommunications which may appear dangerous to the security of the State or contrary to its laws, to public order or to decency. |
| ARTICLE 35   **Suspension of Services** | |
| **182   PP-98** | Each Member State reserves the right to suspend the international telecommunication service, 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 Member States through the Secretary-General. |
| ARTICLE 36   **Responsibility** | |
| **183   PP-98** | Member States accept no responsibility towards users of the inter­national telecommunication services, particularly as regards claims for damages. |
| ARTICLE 37   **Secrecy of Telecommunications** | |
| **184   PP-98** | 1Member States agree to take all possible measures, compatible with the system of telecommunication used, with a view to ensuring the secrecy of international correspondence. |
| **185** | 2 Nevertheless, they reserve the right to communicate such corre­spondence to the competent authorities in order to ensure the application of their national laws or the execution of international conventions to which they are parties. |
| **(ADD) 185A ex. CV504** | 1Government telegrams and service telegrams may be expressed in secret language in all relations. |
| **(ADD) 185B ex. CV505** | 2Private telegrams in secret language may be admitted between all Member States with the exception of those which have previously noti­fied, through the Secretary-General, that they do not admit this language for that category of correspondence. |
| **(ADD) 185C ex. CV506** | 3Member States 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 35 of the Constitution. |
| ARTICLE 38   **Establishment, Operation and Protection of  Telecommunication Channels and Installations** | |
| **186   PP-98** | 1Member States 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. |
| **187** | 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. |
| **188   PP-98** | 3 Member States shall safeguard these channels and installations within their jurisdiction. |
| **189   PP-98** | 4 Unless other conditions are laid down by special arrangements, each Member State shall take such steps as may be necessary to ensure maintenance of those sections of international telecommunication cir­cuits within its control. |
| **189A   PP-98** | 5 Member States recognize the necessity of taking practical meas­ures to prevent the operation of electrical apparatus and installations of all kinds from disrupting the operation of telecommunication installa­tions within the jurisdiction of other Member States. |
| ARTICLE 39   **Notification of Infringements** | |
| **190   PP-98** | In order to facilitate the application of the provisions of Article 6 of this Constitution, Member States undertake to inform and, as appro­priate, assist one another with regard to infringements of the provisions of this Constitution, of the Convention and of the Administrative Regu­lations. |
| ARTICLE 40   **Priority of Telecommunications Concerning  Safety of Life** | |
| **191** | 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 41   **Priority of Government Telecommunications** | |
| **192** | Subject to the provisions of Articles 40 and 46 of this Constitu­tion, government telecommunications (see Annex to this Constitution, No. 1014) shall enjoy priority over other telecommunications to the extent practicable upon specific request by the originator. |
| ARTICLE 42   **Special Arrangements** | |
| **193   PP-98** | Member States reserve for themselves, for the operating agencies recognized by them and for other agencies duly authorized to do so, the right to make special arrangements on telecommunication matters which do not concern Member States in general. Such arrangements, however, shall not be in conflict with the terms of this Constitution, of the Con­vention or of the Administrative Regulations, so far as concerns the harmful interference which their operation might cause to the radio services of other Member States, and in general so far as concerns the technical harm which their operation might cause to the operation of other telecommunication services of other Member States. |
| ARTICLE 43   **Regional Conferences, Arrangements  and Organizations** | |
| **194   PP-98** | Member States reserve the right to convene regional conferences, to make regional arrangements and to form regional organizations, for the purpose of settling telecommunication questions which are suscepti­ble of being treated on a regional basis. Such arrangements shall not be in conflict with either this Constitution or the Convention. |

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| CHAPTER VII  **Special Provisions for Radio** | | | |
| ARTICLE 44   **PP-98** **Use of the Radio-Frequency Spectrum and  of the Geostationary-Satellite and   Other Satellite Orbits** | | | |
| **195 PP-02** | | 1 Member States shall endeavour to limit the number of frequencies and the spectrum used to the minimum essential to provide in a satisfactory manner the necessary services. To that end, they shall endeavour to apply the latest technical advances as soon as possible. | |
| **196   PP-98** | | 2In using frequency bands for radio services, Member States shall bear in mind that radio frequencies and any associated orbits, including the geostationary-satellite orbit, are limited natural resources and that they must be used rationally, efficiently and economically, in conformity with the provisions of the Radio Regulations, so that countries or groups of countries may have equitable access to those orbits and frequencies, taking into account the special needs of the developing countries and the geographical situation of particular countries. | |
| ARTICLE 45   **Harmful Interference** | | | |
| **197   PP-98** | | 1All 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 Member States or of recog­nized operating agencies, or of other duly authorized operating agencies which carry on a radio service, and which operate in accordance with the provisions of the Radio Regulations. | |
| **198   PP-98** | | 2 Each Member State undertakes to require the operating agencies which it recognizes and the other operating agencies duly authorized for this purpose to observe the provisions of No. 197 above. | |
| **199   PP-98** | | 3 Further, the Member States recognize the necessity 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 No. 197 above. | |
| ARTICLE 46   **Distress Calls and Messages** | | | |
| **200** | | 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 47   **False or Deceptive Distress, Urgency, Safety or Identification Signals** | | | |
| **201   PP-98** | | Member States 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 under their jurisdiction transmitting such signals. | |
| ARTICLE 48   **Installations for National Defence Services** | | | |
| **202   PP-98** | | 1Member States retain their entire freedom with regard to military radio installations. | |
| **203** | | 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 Administrative Regulations concerning the types of emission and the frequencies to be used, according to the nature of the service performed by such installations. | |
| **204** | | 3 Moreover, when these installations take part in the service of public correspondence or other services governed by the Administrative Regulations, they must, in general, comply with the regulatory provi­sions for the conduct of such services. | |
| CHAPTER VIII  **Relations With the United Nations, Other International  Organizations and Non-Member States** | | | |
| ARTICLE 49   **Relations With the United Nations** | | | |
| **205** | | The relationship between the United Nations and the International Telecommunication Union is defined in the Agreement concluded between these two organizations. | |
| ARTICLE 50   **Relations With Other International Organizations** | | | |
| **206 PP-02** | | In furtherance of complete international coordination on matters affecting telecommunication, the Union should cooperate with international organizations having related interests and activities. | |
| ARTICLE 51   **Relations With Non-Member States** | | | |
| **207   PP-98** | | Each Member State reserves for itself and for the recognized operating agencies the right to fix the conditions on which it admits tele­communications exchanged with a State which is not a Member State of the Union. If a telecommunication originating in the territory of such a State is accepted by a Member State, it must be transmitted and, in so far as it follows the telecommunication channels of a Member State, the obligatory provisions of this Constitution, of the Convention and of the Administrative Regulations and the usual charges shall apply to it. | |
|  | | CHAPTER IX  **Final Provisions** | |
| **(ADD) Title ex.  Title to CV Art. 31** | | ARTICLE 51 A   **Credentials for Conferences** | |
| **(ADD) 207A ex. CV324** | | 1The delegation sent by a Member State to a plenipotentiary conference, a radiocommunication conference or a world conference on international telecommunications shall be duly accredited in accordance with Nos. 325 to 331 below. | |
| **(ADD) 207B ex. CV325** | | 2 1) Accreditation of delegations to Plenipotentiary Conferences shall be by means of instruments signed by the Head of State, by the Head of Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. | |
| **(ADD) 207C ex. CV326** | | 2)Accreditation of delegations to the other conferences referred to in No. 324 above shall be by means of instruments signed by the Head of State, by the Head of Government, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by the Minister responsible for questions dealt with during the conference. | |
| **(ADD) 207D ex. CV327** | | 3)Subject to confirmation prior to the signature of the Final Acts, by one of the authorities mentioned in Nos. 325 or 326 above, a delegation may be provisionally accredited by the head of the diplomatic mission of the Member State concerned to the host government. In the case of a conference held in the Swiss Confederation, a delegation may also be provisionally accredited by the head of the permanent delegation of the Member State concerned to the United Nations Office at Geneva. | |
| **(ADD) 207E ex. CV328** | | 3 Credentials shall be accepted if they are signed by one of the competent authorities mentioned in Nos. 325 to 327 above, and fulfil one of the following criteria: | |
| **(ADD) 207F ex. CV329** | | – they confer full powers on the delegation; | |
| **(ADD) 207G ex. CV330** | | – they authorize the delegation to represent its government, without restrictions; | |
| **(ADD) 207H ex. CV331** | | – they give the delegation, or certain members thereof, the right to sign the Final Acts. | |
| **(ADD) 207I ex. CV332** | | 41)A delegation whose credentials are found to be in order by the Plenary Meeting shall be entitled to exercise the right to vote of the Member State concerned, subject to the provisions of Nos. 169 and 210 of the Constitution, and to sign the final acts. | |
| **(ADD) 207J ex. CV333** | | 2) A delegation whose credentials are found not to be in order by the Plenary Meeting shall not be entitled to exercise the right to vote or to sign the Final Acts until the situation has been rectified. | |
| **(ADD) 207K ex. CV334** | | 5 Credentials shall be deposited with the secretariat of the conference as early as possible; to that end, Member States should send their credentials, prior to the opening date of the conference, to the Secretary-General who shall transmit them to the secretariat of the conference as soon as the latter has been established. The committee referred to in No. 68 of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union shall be entrusted with the verification thereof and shall report on its conclusions to the Plenary Meeting within the time specified by the latter. Pending the decision of the Plenary Meeting thereon, any delegation shall be entitled to participate in the conference and to exercise the right to vote of the Member State concerned. | |
| **(ADD) 207L ex. CV335** | | 6As a general rule, Member States should endeavour to send their own delegations to conferences of the Union. However, if a Member State is unable, for exceptional reasons, to send its own delegation, it may give the delegation of another Member State powers to vote and sign on its behalf. Such powers must be conveyed by means of an instrument signed by one of the authorities mentioned in Nos. 325 or 326 above. | |
| **(ADD) 207M ex. CV336** | | 7 A delegation with the right to vote may give to another delegation with the right to vote a mandate to exercise its vote at one or more meetings at which it is unable to be present. In such a case it shall, in good time, notify the Chairman of the conference in writing. | |
| **(ADD) 207N ex. CV337** | | 8 A delegation may not exercise more than one proxy vote. | |
| **(ADD) 207O ex. CV338** | | 9 Credentials and transfers of powers sent by telegram shall not be accepted. Nevertheless, replies sent by telegram to requests by the Chairman or the secretariat of the conference for clarification of creden­tials shall be accepted. | |
| **(ADD) 207P ex. CV339** | | 10A Member State or an authorized entity or organization intending to send a delegation or representatives to a telecommunication standardi­zation assembly, a telecommunication development conference or a radiocommunication assembly shall so inform the Director of the Bureau of the Sector concerned, indicating the names and functions of the mem­bers of the delegation or of the representatives. | |
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| **(ADD) Title ex.  Title CV Art. 32B** | | ARTICLE 51 B   **Reservations** | |
| **(ADD) 207Q ex.  CV340D** | | 1As a general rule, any delegation whose views are not shared by the remaining delegations shall endeavour, as far as possible, to conform to the opinion of the majority. | |
| **(ADD) 207R ex. CV340E** | | 2Any Member State that, during a plenipotentiary conference, reserves its right to make reservations as specified in its declaration when signing the final acts, may make reservations regarding an amendment to the Constitution or to this Convention until such time as its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval of or accession to the amendment has been deposited with the Secretary-General. | |
| **(ADD) 207S ex. CV340F** | | 3If any decision appears to a delegation to be such as to prevent its government from consenting to be bound by the revision of the Admin­istrative Regulations, this delegation may make reservations, final or provisional, regarding that decision, at the end of the conference adopt­ing that revision; any such reservations may be made by a delegation on behalf of a Member State which is not participating in the competent conference and which has given that delegation proxy powers to sign the final acts in accordance with the provisions of Article 31 of this Conven­tion. | |
| **(ADD) 207T ex.  340G** | | 4A reservation made following a conference shall only be valid if the Member State which made it formally confirms it when notifying its consent to be bound by the amended or revised instrument adopted by the conference at the close of which it made the reservation in question. | |
| ARTICLE 52   **Ratification, Acceptance or Approval** | | | |
| **208   PP-98** | | 1This Constitution and the Convention shall be simultaneously ratified, accepted or approved by any signatory Member State, in accor­dance with its constitutional rules, in one single instrument. This instru­ment shall be deposited, in as short a time as possible, with the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General shall notify the Member States of each deposit of any such instrument. | |
| **209   PP-98** | | 2 1) During a period of two years from the date of entry into force of this Constitution and the Convention, a signatory Member State, even though it may not have deposited an instrument of ratification, accep­tance or approval, in accordance with No. 208 above, shall enjoy the rights conferred on Member States in Nos. 25 to 28 of this Constitution. | |
| **210   PP-98** | | 2) From the end of a period of two years from the date of entry into force of this Constitution and the Convention, a signatory Member State which has not deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval, in accordance with No. 208 above, shall no longer be entitled to vote at any conference of the Union, at any session of the Council, at any meeting of any of the Sectors of the Union, or during any consulta­tion by correspondence conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and of the Convention until it has so deposited such an instrument. Its rights, other than voting rights, shall not be affected. | |
| **211** | | 3 After the entry into force of this Constitution and the Convention in accordance with Article 58 of this Constitution, an instrument of rati­fication, acceptance or approval, shall become effective on the date of its deposit with the Secretary-General. | |
| ARTICLE 53   **Accession** | | | |
| **212   PP-98** | | 1A Member State which is not a signatory to this Constitution and the Convention, or, subject to the provisions of Article 2 of this Consti­tution, any other State referred to in that Article, may accede to this Constitution and the Convention at any time. Such accession shall be made simultaneously in the form of one single instrument covering both this Constitution and the Convention. | |
| **213   PP-98** | | 2 The instrument of accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General, who shall notify the Member States of each deposit of any such instrument when it is received and shall forward to each of them a certi­fied copy thereof. | |
| **214** | | 3 After the entry into force of this Constitution and the Convention in accordance with Article 58 of this Constitution, an instrument of accession shall become effective on the date of its deposit with the Secretary-General, unless otherwise specified therein. | |
| ARTICLE 54   **Administrative Regulations** | | | |
| **215** | | 1 The Administrative Regulations, as specified in Article 4 of this Constitution, are binding international instruments and shall be subject to the provisions of this Constitution and the Convention. | |
| **216** | | 2Ratification, acceptance or approval of this Constitution and the Convention, or accession to these instruments, in accordance with Arti­cles 52 and 53 of this Constitution, shall also constitute consent to be bound by the Administrative Regulations adopted by competent world conferences prior to the date of signature of this Constitution and the Convention. Such consent is subject to any reservation made at the time of signature of the Administrative Regulations or revisions thereof to the extent that the reservation is maintained at the time of deposit of the instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. | |
| **216A   PP-98** | | 2 *bis)*The Administrative Regulations referred to in No. 216 above shall remain in force, subject to such revisions as may be adopted in applica­tion of Nos. 89 and 146 of this Constitution and brought into force. Any revision of the Administrative Regulations, either partial or complete, shall enter into force on the date or dates specified therein only for the Member States which, prior to such date or dates, have notified the Secretary-General of their consent to be bound by that revision. | |
| **217  PP-98** | | (SUP) | |
| **217A   PP-98** | | 3 *bis)* A Member State shall notify its consent to be bound by a partial or complete revision of the Administrative Regulations by depositing with the Secretary-General an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval of that revision or of accession thereto or by notifying the Secretary-General of its consent to be bound by that revision. | |
| **217B   PP-98** | | 3 *ter)* Any Member State may also notify the Secretary-General that its ratification, acceptance or approval of, or accession to, amendments to this Constitution or the Convention in accordance with Article 55 of the Constitution or Article 42 of the Convention shall constitute consent to be bound by any revision of the Administrative Regulations, either partial or complete, adopted by a competent conference prior to the signature of the said amendments to this Constitution or to the Convention. | |
| **217C   PP-98** | | 3 *quater)* The notification referred to in No. 217B above shall be given at the time of the deposit by the Member State of its instrument of ratifica­tion, acceptance or approval of, or accession to, the amendments to this Constitution or to the Convention. | |
| **217D   PP-98** | | 3 *penter)* Any revision of the Administrative Regulations shall apply provisionally, as from the date of entry into force of the revision, in respect of any Member State that has signed the revision and has not notified the Secretary-General of its consent to be bound in accordance with Nos. 217A and 217B above. Such provisional application only takes effect if the Member State in question did not oppose it at the time of signature of the revision. | |
| **218   PP-98** | | 4 Such provisional application shall continue for a Member State until it notifies the Secretary-General of its decision concerning its con­sent to be bound by any such revision. | |
| **219 to 221  PP-98** | | (SUP) | |
| **221A   PP-98** | | 5 *bis)* If a Member State fails to notify the Secretary-General of its deci­sion concerning its consent to be bound under No. 218 above within thirty-six months following the date or dates of entry into force of the revision, that Member State shall be deemed to have consented to be bound by that revision. | |
| **221B   PP-98** | | 5 *ter)* Any provisional application within the meaning of No. 217D or any consent to be bound within the meaning of No. 221A shall be subject to any reservation as may have been made by the Member State concerned at the time of signature of the revision. Any consent to be bound within the meaning of Nos. 216A, 217A, 217B and 218 above shall be subject to any reservation as may have been made by the Member State concerned at the time of signature of the Administrative Regulations or revision thereto, provided that it maintains the reservation when notifying the Secretary-General of its consent to be bound. | |
| **222  PP-98** | | (SUP) | |
| **223   PP-98** | | 7 The Secretary-General shall inform Member States promptly of any notification received pursuant to this Article. | |
| ARTICLE 55   **Provisions for Amending this Constitution** | | | |
| **224   PP-98 PP-02** | | 1Any Member State may propose any amendment to this Constitution. Any such proposal shall, in order to ensure its timely transmission to, and consideration by, all the Member States, reach the Secretary‑General not later than eight months prior to the opening date fixed for the plenipotentiary conference. The Secretary‑General shall, as soon as possible, but not later than six months prior to the latter date, publish any such proposal for the information of all the Member States. | |
| **225   PP-98** | | 2 Any proposed modification to any amendment submitted in accordance with No. 224 above may, however, be submitted at any time by a Member State or by its delegation at the plenipotentiary conference. | |
| **226** | | 3 The quorum required at any Plenary Meeting of the Plenipotenti­ary Conference for consideration of any proposal for amending this Constitution or modification thereto shall consist of more than one half of the delegations accredited to the Plenipotentiary Conference. | |
| **227** | | 4 To be adopted, any proposed modification to a proposed amend­ment as well as the proposal as a whole, whether or not modified, shall be approved, at a Plenary Meeting, by at least two-thirds of the delega­tions accredited to the Plenipotentiary Conference which have the right to vote. | |
| **228   PP-98 PP-02** | | 5 Unless specified otherwise in the preceding paragraphs of this Article, which shall prevail, the General Rules of conferences, assem­blies and meetings of the Union shall apply. | |
| **229   PP-98** | | 6 Any amendments to this Constitution adopted by a plenipotentiary conference shall, as a whole and in the form of one single amending instrument, enter into force at a date fixed by the conference between Member States having deposited before that date their instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval of, or accession to, both this Consti­tution and the amending instrument. Ratification, acceptance or approval of, or accession to, only a part of such an amending instrument shall be excluded. | |
| **230   PP-98** | | 7 The Secretary-General shall notify all Member States of the deposit of each instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. | |
| **231** | | 8 After entry into force of any such amending instrument, ratifica­tion, acceptance, approval or accession in accordance with Articles 52 and 53 of this Constitution shall apply to the Constitution as amended. | |
| **232** | | 9 After entry into force of any such amending instrument, the Secretary-General shall register it with the Secretariat of the United Nations, in accordance with the provisions of Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations. No. 241 of this Constitution shall also apply to any such amending instrument. | |
| ARTICLE 56   **Settlement of Disputes** | | | |
| **233   PP-98** | | 1Member States may settle their disputes on questions relating to the interpretation or application of this Constitution, of the Convention or of the Administrative Regulations by negotiation, 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. | |
| **234   PP-98** | | 2 If none of these methods of settlement is adopted, any Member State party to a dispute may have recourse to arbitration in accordance with the procedure defined in the Convention. | |
| **235   PP-98** | | 3 The Optional Protocol on the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes Relating to this Constitution, to the Convention, and to the Administra­tive Regulations shall be applicable as between Member States parties to that Protocol. | |
| ARTICLE 57   **Denunciation of this Constitution and the Convention** | | | |
| **236   PP-98** | | 1Each Member State which has ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to this Constitution and the Convention shall have the right to denounce them. In such a case, this Constitution and the Convention shall be denounced simultaneously in one single instrument, by a notifi­cation addressed to the Secretary-General. Upon receipt of such notifica­tion, the Secretary-General shall advise the other Member States thereof. | |
| **237** | | 2 Such denunciation shall take effect at the expiration of a period of one year from the date of receipt of its notification by the Secretary-General. | |
| ARTICLE 58   **Entry into Force and Related Matters** | | | |
| **238 PP-02** | | 1 This Constitution and the Convention, adopted by the Additional Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1992), shall enter into force on 1 July 1994 between Member States having deposited before that date their instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. | |
| **239** | | 2 Upon the date of entry into force specified in No. 238 above, this Constitution and the Convention shall, as between Parties thereto, abrogate and replace the International Telecommunication Convention (Nairobi, 1982). | |
| **240** | | 3 In accordance with the provisions of Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Secretary-General of the Union shall register this Constitution and the Convention with the Secretariat of the United Nations. | |
| **241   PP-98** | | 4The original of this Constitution and the Convention drawn up in the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages shall remain deposited in the archives of the Union. The Secretary-General shall forward, in the languages requested, a certified true copy to each of the signatory Member States. | |
| **242** | | 5 In the event of any discrepancy among the various language versions of this Constitution and the Convention, the French text shall prevail. | |

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| ANNEX   **Definition of Certain Terms Used in this Constitution, the Convention and the Administrative Regulations of the International Telecommunication Union** | |
| **1001** | For the purpose of the above instruments of the Union, the follow­ing terms shall have the meanings defined below: |
| **1001A   PP-98** | *Member State:* A State which is considered to be a Member of the International Telecommunication Union in application of Article 2 of this Constitution. |
| **1001B   PP-98** | *Sector Member:* An entity or organization authorized in accor­dance with Article 19 of the Convention to participate in the activities of a Sector. |
| **1002** | *Administration:* Any governmental department or service respon­sible for discharging the obligations undertaken in the Constitu­tion of the International Telecommunication Union, in the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union and in the Administrative Regulations. |
| **1003** | *Harmful Interference:* Interference which endangers the function­ing of a radionavigation service or of other safety services or seriously degrades, obstructs or repeatedly interrupts a radiocommunication service operating in accordance with the Radio Regulations. |
| **1004** | *Public Correspondence:* Any telecommunication which the offices and stations must, by reason of their being at the disposal of the public, accept for transmission. |
| **1005   PP-98** | *Delegation:* The totality of the delegates and, should the case arise, any representatives, advisers, attachés, or interpreters sent by the same Member State. |
|  | Each Member State shall be free to make up its delegation as it wishes. In particular, it may include in its delegation, *inter alia*, in the capacity of delegates, advisers or attachés, persons belonging to any entity or organization authorized in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention. |
| **1006   PP-98** | *Delegate:* A person sent by the government of a Member State to a plenipotentiary conference, or a person representing a government or an administration of a Member State at another conference or at a meeting of the Union. |
| **1007** | *Operating Agency:* Any individual, company, corporation or governmental agency which operates a telecommunication installation intended for an international telecommunication service or capable of causing harmful interference with such a service. |
| **1008   PP-98** | *Recognized Operating Agency:* Any operating agency, as defined above, which operates a public correspondence or broadcasting service and upon which the obligations provided for in Article 6 of this Constitution are imposed by the Member State in whose territory the head office of the agency is situated, or by the Member State which has authorized this operating agency to establish and operate a telecom­munication service on its territory. |
| **1009** | *Radiocommunication:* Telecommunication by means of radio waves. |
| **1010** | *Broadcasting Service:* A radiocommunication service in which the transmissions are intended for direct reception by the general public. This service may include sound transmissions, television transmissions or other types of transmission. |
| **1011** | *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. |
| **1012** | *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. |
| **1013** | *Telegram:* Written matter intended to be transmitted by telegra­phy for delivery to the addressee. This term also includes radiotelegrams unless otherwise specified. |
| **1014** | *Government Telecommunications:* Telecommunications originat­ing with any: |
|  | – Head of State; |
|  | – Head of 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. |
| **1015** | *Private Telegrams:* Telegrams other than government or service telegrams. |
| **1016** | *Telegraphy:* A form of telecommunication in which the transmit­ted information is intended to be recorded on arrival as a graphic docu­ment; the transmitted information may sometimes be presented in an alternative form or may be stored for subsequent use. |
|  | **Note:**  A graphic document records information in a permanent form and is capable of being filed and consulted; it may take the form of written or printed matter or of a fixed image. |
| **1017** | *Telephony:* A form of telecommunication primarily intended for the exchange of information in the form of speech. |

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|  | CONVENTION OF  THE INTERNATIONAL  TELECOMMUNICATION UNION | |
|  | CHAPTER I  **Functioning of the Union** | |
|  | SECTION 1 | |
|  | ARTICLE 1  **Plenipotentiary Conference** | |
| **1** | 1 1) The Plenipotentiary Conference shall be convened in accor­dance with the relevant provisions of Article 8 of the Constitution of the International Telecommunication Union (hereinafter referred to as “the Constitution”). | |
| **2   PP-98** | 2)If practicable, the precise place and the exact dates of a pleni­potentiary conference shall be set by the preceding plenipotentiary con­ference; failing this, they shall be fixed by the Council with the concur­rence of the majority of the Member States. | |
| **3** | 2 1) The precise place and the exact dates of the next Pleni­potentiary Conference, or either one of these, may be changed: | |
| **4   PP-98** | *a)*when at least one-quarter of the Member States have individually proposed a change to the Secretary-General; or | |
| **5** | *b)* on a proposal of the Council. | |
| **6   PP-98** | 2)Any such change shall require the concurrence of a majority of the Member States. | |
| **(SUP) title to title CS Art. 9** |  | |
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| **(SUP) 7   PP-98 to CS64A** |  | |
| **(SUP) 8   PP-98 to CS64B** |  | |
| **(SUP) 9   PP-98 to CS64C** |  | |
| **(SUP) 10 to CS64D** |  | |
| **(SUP) 11 PP-02 to CS64E** |  | |
| **(SUP) 12   PP-98 to CS64F** |  | |
| **(SUP) subtitle to subtitle before CS64G** |  | |
| **(SUP) 13  PP-06 to CS64G** |  | |
| **(SUP) 14 to CS64H** |  | |
| **(SUP) 15 to CS64I** |  | |
| **(SUP) 16 to CS64J** |  | |
| **(SUP) 17 to CS64K** |  | |
| **(SUP) 18 to CS64L** |  | |
| **(SUP) 19 to CS64M** |  | |
| **(SUP) subtitle to subtitle before  CS64N** |  | |
| **(SUP) 20  PP-06 to CS64N** |  | |
| **(SUP) 21 PP-02 to CS64O** |  | |
| **(SUP) 22 PP-02 to CS64P** |  | |
| **PP-98** | ARTICLE 3  **Other Conferences and Assemblies** | |
| **23   PP-98** | 1In conformity with the relevant provisions of the Constitution, the following world conferences and assemblies of the Union shall normally be convened within the period between two plenipotentiary conferences: | |
| **(ADD) 23A ex. CS 90** | 2World radiocommunication conferences shall normally be con­vened every three to four years; however, following the application of the relevant provisions of the Convention, such a conference need not be convened or an additional one may be convened. | |
| **24   PP-98** | *a)*one or two world radiocommunication conferences; | |
| **25   PP-98** | *b)*one world telecommunication standardization assembly; | |
| **(ADD) 25A ex. CS 114** | 2 World telecommunication standardization assemblies shall be convened every four years; however, an additional assembly may be held in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention. | |
| **26** | *c)* one world telecommunication development conference; | |
| **(ADD) 26A ex. CS 141** | 3There shall be, between two Plenipotentiary Conferences, one world telecommunication development conference and, subject to resources and priorities, regional telecommunication development conferences. | |
| **27   PP-98** | *d)*one or two radiocommunication assemblies. | |
| **28** | 2 Exceptionally, within the period between Plenipotentiary Confer­ences: | |
| **29  PP-98** | (SUP) | |
| **30   PP-98** | –an additional world telecommunication standardization assembly may be convened. | |
| **31** | 3 These actions shall be taken: | |
| **32** | *a)* by a decision of a Plenipotentiary Conference; | |
| **33   PP-98** | *b)*on the recommendation of the previous world conference or assembly of the Sector concerned, if approved by the Council; in the case of a radiocommunication assembly, the recommendation of the assembly shall be transmitted to the following world radio­communication conference for comments for the attention of the Council; | |
| **34   PP-98** | *c)*at the request of at least one-quarter of the Member States, which shall individually address their requests to the Secretary-General; or | |
| **35** | *d)* on a proposal of the Council. | |
| **36** | 4A regional radiocommunication conference shall be convened: | |
| **37** | *a)* by a decision of a Plenipotentiary Conference; | |
| **38** | *b)* on the recommendation of a previous world or regional radiocom­munication conference if approved by the Council; | |
| **39   PP-98** | *c)*at the request of at least one-quarter of the Member States belong­ing to the region concerned, which shall individually address their requests to the Secretary-General; or | |
| **40** | *d)* on a proposal of the Council. | |
| **41   PP-98** | 51)The precise place and the exact dates of a world or regional conference or an assembly of a Sector may be fixed by a plenipotentiary conference. | |
| **42   PP-98** | 2)In the absence of such a decision, the Council shall determine the precise place and the exact dates of a world conference or an assem­bly of a Sector with the concurrence of a majority of the Member States, and of a regional conference with the concurrence of a majority of the Member States belonging to the region concerned; in both cases the pro­visions of No. 47 below shall apply. | |
| **43** | 61) The precise place and the exact dates of a conference or assembly may be changed: | |
| **44   PP-98** | *a)*at the request of at least one-quarter of the Member States in the case of a world conference or an assembly of a Sector, or of at least one-quarter of the Member States belonging to the region concerned in the case of a regional conference. Their requests shall be addressed individually to the Secretary‑General, who shall transmit them to the Council for approval; or | |
| **45** | *b)* on a proposal of the Council. | |
| **46   PP-98** | 2)In the cases specified in Nos. 44 and 45 above, the changes proposed shall not be finally adopted until accepted by a majority of the Member States, in the case of a world conference or an assembly of a Sector, or by a majority of the Member States belonging to the region concerned, in the case of a regional conference, subject to the provisions of No. 47 below. | |
| **47   PP-98 PP-02** | 7In the consultations referred to in Nos. 42, 46, 118, 123 and 138 of this Convention and in Nos. 26, 28, 29, 31 and 36 of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, Member States which have not replied within the time-limits specified by the 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 Member States consulted, a further consultation shall take place, the results of which shall be decisive regardless of the number of votes cast. | |
| **(SUP) 48 to CS146A** |  | |
| **(SUP) 49 to CS146B** |  | |
|  | SECTION 2 | |
|  | ARTICLE 4  **The Council** | |
| **(SUP) 50   PP-94   PP-98 to  CS 65A** |  | |
| **(SUP) 50A   PP-94   PP-98 to CS65B** |  | |
| **51** | 2 1) The Council shall hold an ordinary session annually at the seat of the Union. | |
| **52** | 2) During this session it may decide to hold, exceptionally, an additional session. | |
| **53   PP-98** | 3)Between ordinary sessions, it may be convened, as a general rule at the seat of the Union, by the Chairman at the request of a majority of its Member States, or on the initiative of the Chairman under the con­ditions provided for in No. 18 of this Convention. | |
| **54** | 3 The Council shall take decisions only in session. Exceptionally, the Council in session may agree that any specific issue shall be decided by correspondence. | |
| **55   PP-98** | 4At the beginning of each ordinary session, the Council shall elect its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman from among the representatives of its Member States, taking into account the principle of rotation between the regions. They shall serve until the opening of the next ordinary ses­sion and shall not be eligible for re-election. The Vice-Chairman shall serve as Chairman in the absence of the latter. | |
| **56   PP-98** | 5The person appointed to serve on the Council by a Member State of the Council shall, so far as possible, be an official serving in, or directly responsible to, or for, their telecommunication administration and qualified in the field of telecommunication services. | |
| **57   PP-98 PP-02** | 6 Only the travelling, subsistence and insurance expenses incurred by the representative of each Member State of the Council, belonging to the category of developing countries, the list of which is established by the United Nations Development Programme, in that capacity at Council sessions, shall be borne by the Union. | |
| **58   PP-06** | (SUP) | |
| **59** | 8 The Secretary-General shall act as Secretary of the Council. | |
| **60   PP-98** | 9The Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux may participate as of right in the deliberations of the Council, but without taking part in the voting. Nevertheless, the Council may hold meetings confined to the representatives of its Member States. | |
| **(SUP) 60A   PP-98 PP-02 to CS66A** |  | |
| **(SUP) 60B   PP-02  PP-06 to CS66B** |  | |
| **61   PP-98** | 10The Council shall consider each year the report prepared by the Secretary‑General on implementation of the strategic plan adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference and shall take appropriate action. | |
| **61A   PP-02** | 10 *bis)* While at all times respecting the financial limits as adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference, the Council may, as necessary, review and update the strategic plan which forms the basis of the corresponding operational plans and inform the Member States and Sector Members accordingly. | |
| **61B   PP-02** | 10 *ter)* The Council shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure. | |
| **62** | 11 The Council shall, in the interval between two Plenipotentiary Conferences, supervise the overall management and administration of the Union; it shall in particular: | |
| **62A PP-02** | 1) receive and review the specific data for strategic planning that is provided by the Secretary-General as noted in No. 74A of the Constitution and, in the last but one ordinary session of the Council before the next plenipotentiary conference, initiate the preparation of a draft new strategic plan for the Union, drawing upon input from Member States, Sector Members and the Sector advisory groups, and produce a coordinated draft new strategic plan at least four months before that plenipotentiary conference; | |
| **62B PP-02** | 1 *bis)* establish a calendar for the development of strategic and financial plans for the Union, and of operational plans for each Sector and for the General Secretariat, so as to allow for the development of appropriate linkage among the plans; | |
| **63** | 1 *ter)* approve and revise the Staff Regulations and the Financial Regulations of the Union and any other regulations as it may consider necessary, taking account of current practice of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies applying the common system of pay, allow­ances and pensions; | |
| **64** | 2) adjust as necessary: | |
| **65** | *a)* the basic salary scales for staff in the professional and higher cate­gories, 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; | |
| **66** | *b)* the basic salary scales for staff in the general services categories to accord with changes in the rates applied by the United Nations and the specialized agencies at the seat of the Union; | |
| **67** | *c)* the post adjustment for professional and higher categories, includ­ing posts filled by election, in accordance with decisions of the United Nations for application at the seat of the Union; | |
| **68** | *d)* the allowances for all staff of the Union, in accordance with any changes adopted in the United Nations common system; | |
| **69   PP-98** | 3)take decisions to ensure equitable geographical distribution and representation of women in the Professional and higher categories in the staff of the Union and monitor the implementation of such decisions; | |
| **70** | 4) decide on proposals for major organizational changes within the General Secretariat and the Bureaux of the Sectors of the Union con­sistent with the Constitution and this Convention, submitted to it by the Secretary-General following their consideration by the Coordination Committee; | |
| **71** | 5) examine and decide on plans concerning Union posts and staff and human resources development programmes covering several years, and give guidelines for the staffing of the Union, including on staffing levels and structures, taking into account the guidelines given by the Plenipotentiary Conference and the relevant provisions of Article 27 of the Constitution; | |
| **72** | 6) adjust, as necessary, the contributions payable by the Union and its staff to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, in accor­dance with the Fund’s rules and regulations, as well as the cost of living allowances to be granted to beneficiaries of the Union Staff Superan­nuation and Benevolent Funds on the basis of the practice followed by the Fund; | |
| **73   PP-98 PP-02  PP-06** | 7)review and approve the biennial budget of the Union, and consider the budget forecast (included in the financial operating report prepared by the Secretary-General under No. 101 of this Convention) for the two-year period following a given budget period, taking account of the decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference in relation to No. 50 of the Constitution and of the financial limits set by the Plenipotentiary Conference in accordance with No. 51 of the Constitution; it shall ensure the strictest possible economy but be mindful of the obligation upon the Union to achieve satisfactory results as expeditiously as possible. In so doing, the Council shall take into account the priorities established by the Plenipotentiary Conference as expressed in the strategic plan for the Union, the views of the Coordination Committee as contained in the report by the Secretary‑General mentioned in No. 86 of this Convention and the financial operating report mentioned in No. 101 of this Conven­tion. The Council shall carry out an annual review of income and expen­diture with a view to effecting adjustments, where appropriate, in accor­dance with resolutions and decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference; | |
| **74** | 8) arrange for the annual audit of the accounts of the Union pre­pared by the Secretary-General and approve them, if appropriate, for submission to the next Plenipotentiary Conference; | |
| **75   PP-98** | 9)arrange for the convening of the conferences and assemblies of the Union and provide, with the consent of a majority of the Member States in the case of a world conference or assembly, or of a majority of the Member States belonging to the region concerned in the case of a regional conference, appropriate directives to the General Secretariat and the Sectors of the Union with regard to their technical and other assis­tance in the preparation for and organization of conferences and assem­blies; | |
| **76** | 10) take decisions in relation to No. 28 of this Convention; | |
| **77** | 11) decide upon the implementation of any decisions which have been taken by conferences and which have financial implications; | |
| **78** | 12) to the extent permitted by the Constitution, this Convention and the Administrative Regulations, take any other action deemed neces­sary for the proper functioning of the Union; | |
| **79   PP-98 PP-02** | 13)take any necessary steps, with the agreement of a majority of the Member States, provisionally to resolve questions not covered by the Constitution, this Convention and the Administrative Regulations and which cannot await the next competent conference for settlement; | |
| **80   PP-94  PP-06** | 14) be responsible for effecting the coordination with all interna­tional organizations referred to in Articles 49 and 50 of the Constitution and, to this end, conclude, on behalf of the Union, provisional agreements with the international organizations referred to in Article 50 of the Constitution and in Nos. 269B and 269C of this Convention, and with the United Nations in application of the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Telecommunication Union; these provi­sional agreements shall be submitted to the Plenipotentiary Conference in accordance with the relevant provision of Article 8 of the Constitution; | |
| **81   PP-98 PP-02** | 15)send to Member States, within 30 days after each of its sessions, summary records on the activities of the Council and other documents deemed useful; | |
| **82** | 16) submit to the Plenipotentiary Conference a report on the activities of the Union since the previous Plenipotentiary Conference and any appropriate recommendations. | |
|  | SECTION 3 | |
|  | ARTICLE 5  **General Secretariat** | |
| **83** | 1 The Secretary-General shall: | |
| **84** | *a)* be responsible for the overall management of the Union’s re­sources; he may delegate the management of part of these resources to the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux, in consultation as necessary with the Coordination Committee; | |
| **85** | *b)* coordinate the activities of the General Secretariat and the Sectors of the Union, taking into account the views of the Coordination Committee, with a view to assuring the most effective and eco­nomical use of the resources of the Union; | |
| **86   PP-98** | *c)*prepare, with the assistance of the Coordination Committee, and submit to the Council a report indicating changes in the telecom­munication environment since the last plenipotentiary conference and containing recommended action relating to the Union’s future policies and strategy, together with their financial implications; | |
| **86A   PP-98** | *c* *bis)*coordinate implementation of the strategic plan adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference and prepare an annual report on this implementation for review by the Council; | |
| **87** | *d)* organize the work of the General Secretariat and appoint the staff of that Secretariat in accordance with the directives of the Pleni­potentiary Conference and the rules established by the Council; | |
| **87A   PP-98 PP-02** | *d bis)*prepare annually a four-year rolling operational plan of activities to be undertaken by the staff of the General Secretariat consistent with the strategic plan, covering the subsequent year and the following three-year period, including financial implications, taking due account of the financial plan as approved by the pleni­po­tentiary conference; this four-year operational plan shall be reviewed by the advisory groups of all three Sectors, and shall be reviewed and approved annually by the Council; | |
| **88** | *e)* undertake administrative arrangements for the Bureaux of the Sectors of the Union and appoint their staff on the basis of the choice and proposals of the Director of the Bureau concerned, although the final decision for appointment or dismissal shall rest with the Secretary-General; | |
| **89** | *f)* report to the Council any decisions taken by the United Nations and the specialized agencies which affect common system condi­tions of service, allowances and pensions; | |
| **90** | *g)* ensure the application of any regulations adopted by the Council; | |
| **91** | *h)* provide legal advice to the Union; | |
| **92** | *i)* supervise, for administrative management purposes, the staff of the Union with a view to assuring the most effective use of per­sonnel and the application of the common system conditions of employment for the staff of the Union. The staff appointed to assist directly the Directors of the Bureaux shall be under the administrative control of the Secretary-General and shall work under the direct orders of the Directors concerned but in accor­dance with administrative guidelines given by the Council; | |
| **93** | *j)* in the interest of the Union as a whole and in consultation with the Directors of the Bureaux concerned, temporarily reassign staff members from their appointed position as necessary to meet fluctuating work requirements at headquarters; | |
| **94** | *k)* make, in agreement with the Director of the Bureau concerned, the necessary administrative and financial arrangements for the conferences and meetings of each Sector; | |
| **95** | *l)* taking into account the responsibilities of the Sectors, undertake appropriate secretariat work preparatory to and following confer­ences of the Union; | |
| **96  PP-06** | *m)* prepare recommendations for the first meeting of the heads of delegation referred to in No. 49 of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, taking into account the results of any regional consultation; | |
| **97** | *n)* provide, where appropriate in cooperation with the inviting government, the secretariat of conferences of the Union, and pro­vide the facilities and services for meetings of the Union, in col­laboration, as appropriate, with the Director concerned, drawing from the Union’s staff as he deems necessary in accordance with No. 93 above. The Secretary-General may also, when so re­quested, provide the secretariat of other telecom­munication meetings on a contractual basis; | |
| **98** | *o)* take necessary action for the timely publication and distribution of service documents, information bulletins, and other documents and records prepared by the General Secretariat and the Sectors, communicated to the Union or whose publication is requested by conferences or the Council; the list of documents to be published shall be maintained by the Council, following consultation with the conference concerned, with respect to service documents and other documents whose publication is requested by conferences; | |
| **99** | *p)* 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; | |
| **100   PP-98  PP-06** | *q)*after consultation with the Coordination Committee and making all possible economies, prepare and submit to the Council a bien­nial draft budget covering the expenditures of the Union, taking account of the financial limits laid down by the Plenipotentiary Conference. This draft shall consist of a consolidated budget, including cost-based and results-based budget information for the Union, prepared in accordance with the budget guidelines issued by the Secretary-General, and comprising two versions. One version shall be for zero growth of the contributory unit, the other for a growth less than or equal to any limit fixed by the Plenipotentiary Conference, after any drawing on the Reserve Account. The budget resolution, after approval by the Council, shall be sent for information to all Member States; | |
| **101** | *r)* with the assistance of the Coordination Committee, prepare an annual financial operating report in accordance with the Financial Regulations and submit it to the Council. A recapitulative finan­cial operating report and accounts shall be prepared and submitted to the next Plenipotentiary Conference for examination and final approval; | |
| **102   PP-98** | *s)*with the assistance of the Coordination Committee, prepare an annual report on the activities of the Union which, after approval by the Council, shall be sent to all Member States; | |
| **102A   PP-98** | *s* *bis)*manage the special arrangements referred to in No. 76A of the Constitution, the cost of this management being borne by the sig­natories of the arrangement in a manner agreed between them and the Secretary-General. | |
| **103** | *t)* perform all other secretarial functions of the Union; | |
| **104** | *u)* perform any other functions entrusted to him by the Council. | |
| **105  PP-06** | 2The Secretary-General or the Deputy Secretary-General may par­ticipate, in an advisory capacity, in conferences of the Union; the Secretary-General or his representative may participate in an advisory capacity in all other meetings of the Union. | |
|  | SECTION 4 | |
|  | ARTICLE 6  **Coordination Committee** | |
| **106** | 1 1) The Coordination Committee shall assist and advise the Secretary-General on all matters mentioned under the relevant provisions of Article 26 of the Constitution and the relevant Articles of this Con­vention. | |
| **107** | 2) The Committee shall be responsible for ensuring coordi­nation with all the international organizations mentioned in Articles 49 and 50 of the Constitution as regards representation of the Union at conferences of such organizations. | |
| **108** | 3)The Committee shall examine the progress of the work of the Union and assist the Secretary-General in the preparation of the report referred to in No. 86 of this Convention for submission to the Council. | |
| **109   PP-98** | 2The Committee shall endeavour to reach conclusions unani­mously. In the absence of the support of the majority in the Committee, its Chairman may in exceptional circumstances take decisions, on the Chairman’s own responsibility, when judging that the decision of the matters in question is urgent and cannot await the next session of the Council. In such circumstances the Chairman shall report promptly in writing on such matters to the Member States of the Council, setting forth the reasons for such action together with any other written views submitted by other members of the Committee. If in such circumstances the matters are not urgent, but nevertheless important, they shall be sub­mitted for consideration by the next session of the Council. | |
| **110** | 3 The Chairman shall convene the Committee at least once a month; the Committee may also be convened when necessary at the request of two of its members. | |
| **111 PP-02  PP-06** | 4 A report shall be made of the proceedings of the Coordination Committee and shall be made available to the Member States. | |
|  | SECTION 5  **Radiocommunication Sector** | |
|  | ARTICLE 7  **World Radiocommunication Conference** | |
| **112** | 1 In accordance with No. 90 of the Constitution, a world radio­communication conference shall be convened to consider specific radio­communication matters. A world radiocommunication conference shall deal with those items which are included in its agenda adopted in accor­dance with the relevant provisions of this Article. | |
| **113** | 21) The agenda of a world radiocommunication conference may include: | |
| **114** | *a)* the partial or, exceptionally, complete revision of the Radio Regulations referred to in Article 4 of the Constitution; | |
| **115** | *b)* any other question of a worldwide character within the compe­tence of the conference; | |
| **116** | *c)* an item concerning instructions to the Radio Regulations Board and the Radiocommunication Bureau regarding their activities, and a review of those activities; | |
| **117   PP-98** | *d)*the identification of topics to be studied by the radiocom­munica­tion assembly and the radiocommunication study groups, as well as matters that the assembly shall consider in relation to future radiocommunication conferences. | |
| **118   PP-94   PP-98** | 2)The general scope of this agenda should be established four to six years in advance, and the final agenda shall be established by the Council preferably two years before the conference, with the concurrence of a majority of the Member States, subject to the provisions of No. 47 of this Convention. These two versions of the agenda shall be established on the basis of the recommendations of the world radiocommunication conference, in accordance with No. 126 of this Convention. | |
| **119** | 3) This agenda shall include any question which a Plenipoten­tiary Conference has directed to be placed on the agenda. | |
| **120** | 3 1) This agenda may be changed: | |
| **121   PP-98** | *a)*at therequest of at least one-quarter of the Member States. Such requests shall be addressed individually to the Secretary-General, who shall transmit them to the Council for approval; or | |
| **122** | *b)* on a proposal of the Council. | |
| **123   PP-98** | 2)The proposed changes to the agenda of a world radiocom­munication conference shall not be finally adopted until accepted by a majority of the Member States, subject to the provisions of No. 47 of this Convention. | |
| **124** | 4 The conference shall also: | |
| **125** | 1) consider and approve the report of the Director of the Bureau on the activities of the Sector since the last conference; | |
| **126** | 2) recommend to the Council items for inclusion in the agenda of a future conference and give its views on such agendas for at least a four-year cycle of radiocommunication conferences, together with an estimate of the financial implications; | |
| **127** | 3)include, in its decisions, instructions or requests, as appro­priate, to the Secretary-General and the Sectors of the Union. | |
| **128** | 5 The Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the radiocommunication assembly, or of relevant study groups, may participate in the associated world radiocommunication conference. | |
|  | ARTICLE 8  **Radiocommunication Assembly** | |
| **(SUP) 129 to CS91A** |  | |
| **129A PP-02** | 1 *bis)* The radiocommunication assembly is authorized to adopt the working methods and procedures for the management of the Sector’s activities in accordance with No. 145A of the Constitution. | |
| **130** | 2 With regard to No. 129 above, the radiocommunication assembly shall: | |
| **131   PP-98** | 1)consider the reports of study groups prepared in accordance with No. 157 of this Convention and approve, modify or reject the draft recommendations contained in those reports, and consider the reports of the radiocommunication advisory group prepared in accordance with No. 160H of this Convention; | |
| **132** | 2) bearing in mind the need to keep the demands on the resources of the Union to a minimum, approve the programme of work arising from the review of existing questions and new questions and determine the priority, urgency, estimated financial implications and time-scale for the completion of their study; | |
| **133** | 3) decide, in the light of the approved programme of work derived from No. 132 above, on the need to maintain, terminate or estab­lish study groups, and allocate to each of them the questions to be studied; | |
| **134** | 4)group questions of interest to the developing countries as far as possible, in order to facilitate their participation in the study of those questions; | |
| **135** | 5) give advice on matters within its competence in response to requests from a world radiocommunication conference; | |
| **136   PP-98** | 6)report to the following world radiocommunication confer­ence on the progress in matters that may be included in the agenda of future radiocommunication conferences; | |
| **136A   PP-02** | 7) decide on the need to maintain, terminate or establish other groups and appoint their chairmen and vice-chairmen; | |
| **136B   PP-02** | 8) establish the terms of reference for the groups referred to in No. 136A above; such groups shall not adopt questions or recommenda­tions. | |
| **137** | 3 A radiocommunication assembly shall be presided over by a per­son designated by the government of the country in which the meeting is held or, in the case of a meeting held at the seat of the Union, by a person elected by the assembly itself. The Chairman shall be assisted by Vice-Chairmen elected by the assembly. | |
| **(SUP) 137A   PP-98 PP-02 to CS91B** |  | |
|  | ARTICLE 9  **Regional Radiocommunication Conferences** | |
| **138   PP-98** | The agenda of a regional radiocommunication conference may provide only for specific radiocommunication questions of a regional nature, including instructions to the Radio Regulations Board and the Radiocommunication Bureau regarding their activities in respect of the region concerned, provided such instructions do not conflict with the interests of other regions. Only items included in its agenda may be discussed by such a conference. The provisions contained in Nos. 118 to 123 of this Convention shall apply to a regional radiocommunication conference, but only with regard to the Member States of the region concerned. | |
|  | ARTICLE 10  **Radio Regulations Board** | |
| **139  PP-98** | (SUP) | |
| **140 PP-02** | 2 In addition to the duties specified in Article 14 of the Constitution, the Board shall:  1) consider reports from the Director of the Radiocom­munication Bureau on investigations of harmful interference carried out at the request of one or more of the interested administrations, and formulate recommendations with respect thereto; | |
| **(SUP) 140(2) to CS97A** |  | |
| **141 PP-02** | 3 The members of the Board shall participate, in an advisory capacity, in radiocommunication conferences. In this case, they shall not participate in these conferences as members of their national delegations. | |
| **141A PP-02** | 3 *bis)* Two members of the Board, designated by the Board, shall participate, in an advisory capacity, in plenipotentiary conferences and radiocommunication assemblies. In these cases, the two members designated by the Board shall not participate in these conferences or assemblies as members of their national delegations. | |
| **142** | 4Only the travelling, subsistence and insurance expenses incurred by the members of the Board in the exercise of their duties for the Union shall be borne by the Union. | |
| **(SUP) 142A PP-02 to CS100A** |  | |
| **143** | 5 The working methods of the Board shall be as follows: | |
| **144** | 1) The members of the Board shall elect from their own mem­bers a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman for a period of one year. Thereaf­ter the Vice-Chairman shall succeed the Chairman each year and a new Vice-Chairman shall be elected. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Board shall elect a temporary Chairman for the oc­casion from among its members. | |
| **145 PP-02** | 2) The Board shall normally hold up to four meetings a year, of up to five days’ duration, generally at the seat of the Union, at which at least two-thirds of its members shall be present, and may carry out its duties using modern means of communication. However, if the Board deems necessary, depending upon the matters to be considered, it may increase the number of its meetings. Exceptionally, the meetings may be of up to two weeks’ duration. | |
| **146** | 3) The Board shall endeavour to reach its decisions unani­mously. If it fails in that endeavour, a decision shall be valid only if at least two-thirds of the members of the Board vote in favour thereof. Each member of the Board shall have one vote; voting by proxy is not allowed. | |
| **147** | 4) The Board may make such internal arrangements as it considers necessary in conformity with the provisions of the Consti­tution, this Convention and the Radio Regulations. Such arrangements shall be published as part of the Board’s Rules of Procedure. | |
|  | ARTICLE 11  **Radiocommunication Study Groups** | |
| **(SUP) 148 to CS101A** |  | |
| **(SUP) 149   PP-98**  **to CS101B** |  | |
| **(SUP) 149A   PP-98 to CS101C** |  | |
| **150   PP-98** | 2)The study of the above questions and topics shall, subject to No. 158 below, focus on the following: | |
| **151   PP-98** | *a)*use of the radio-frequency spectrum in terrestrial and space radio­communication and of the geostationary-satellite and other satel­lite orbits; | |
| **152** | *b)* characteristics and performance of radio systems; | |
| **153** | *c)* operation of radio stations; | |
| **154** | *d)* radiocommunication aspects of distress and safety matters. | |
| **155   PP-98** | 3)These studies shall not generally address economic ques­tions, but when they involve comparing technical or operational alterna­tives, economic factors may be taken into consideration. | |
| **156** | 3The radiocommunication study groups shall also carry out pre­paratory studies of the technical, operational and procedural matters to be considered by world and regional radiocommunication conferences and elaborate reports thereon in accordance with a programme of work adopted in this respect by a radiocommunication assembly or following instructions by the Council. | |
| **157** | 4Each study group shall prepare for the radiocommunication assembly a report indicating the progress of work, the recommendations adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure contained in No. 149 above and any draft new or revised recommendations for consideration by the assembly. | |
| **158** | 5Taking into account No. 79 of the Constitution, the tasks enumer­ated in Nos. 151 to 154 above and in No. 193 of this Convention in rela­tion to the Telecommunication Standardization Sector shall be kept under continuing review by the Radiocommunication Sector and the Telecommunication Standardization Sector with a view to reaching common agreement on changes in the distribution of matters under study. The two Sectors shall cooperate closely and adopt procedures to conduct such a review and reach agreements in a timely and effective manner. If agreement is not reached, the matter may be submitted through the Council to the Plenipotentiary Conference for decision. | |
| **159** | 6In the performance of their studies, the radiocommunication study groups shall pay due attention to the study of questions and to the formulation of recommendations directly connected with the establish­ment, development and improvement of telecommunications in devel­oping countries at both the regional and international levels. They shall conduct their work giving due consideration to the work of national, regional and other international organizations concerned with radiocom­munication and cooperate with them, keeping in mind the need for the Union to maintain its pre-eminent position in the field of telecommunications. | |
| **160** | 7 For the purpose of facilitating the review of activities in the Radiocommunication Sector, measures should be taken to foster coop­eration and coordination with other organizations concerned with radiocommunication and with the Telecommunication Standardization Sector and the Telecommunication Development Sector. A radiocom­munication assembly shall determine the specific duties, conditions of participation and rules of procedure for these measures. | |
| **PP-98** | ARTICLE 11A  **Radiocommunication Advisory Group** | |
| **160A   PP-98 PP-02** | 1The radiocommunication advisory group shall be open to representatives of administrations of Member States and representa­tives of Sector Members and to chairmen of the study groups and other groups, and will act through the Director. | |
| **160B   PP-98** | 2The radiocommunication advisory group shall: | |
| **160C   PP-98 PP-02** | 1) review priorities, programmes, operations, financial matters and strategies related to radiocommunication assemblies, study groups and other groups and the preparation of radiocom­munication conferences, and any specific matters as directed by a conference of the Union, a radiocommunication assembly or the Council; | |
| **160CA   PP-02** | 1 *bis)*review the implementation of the operational plan of the preceding period in order to identify areas in which the Bureau has not achieved or was not able to achieve the objectives laid down in that plan, and advise the Director on the necessary corrective measures; | |
| **160D   PP-98** | 2)review progress in the implementation of the programme of work established under No. 132 of this Convention; | |
| **160E   PP-98** | 3)provide guidelines for the work of study groups; | |
| **160F   PP-98** | 4)recommend measures, *inter alia*, to foster cooperation and coordination with other standards bodies, with the Telecommunication Standardization Sector, the Telecommunication Development Sector and the General Secretariat; | |
| **160G   PP-98** | 5)adopt its own working procedures compatible with those adopted by the radiocommunication assembly; | |
| **160H   PP-98** | 6)prepare a report for the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau indicating action in respect of the above items; | |
| **160I   PP-02** | 7) prepare a report for the Radiocommunication Assembly on the matters assigned to it in accordance with No. 137A of this Convention and transmit it to the Director for submission to the assembly. | |
|  | ARTICLE 12  **Radiocommunication Bureau** | |
| **(SUP) 161 to CS102A** |  | |
| **162** | 2The Director shall, in particular, | |
| **163** | 1) in relation to radiocommunication conferences: | |
| **164   PP-98 PP-02** | *a)*coordinate the preparatory work of the study groups and other groups and the Bureau, communicate to the Member States and Sector Members the results of this preparatory work, collect their comments and submit a consolidated report to the conference which may include proposals of a regulatory nature; | |
| **165 PP-02** | *b)* participate as of right, but in an advisory capacity, in the deliberations of radiocommunication conferences, of the radio­com­munication assembly and of the radiocommunication study groups and other groups. The Director shall make all necessary preparations for radiocommunication conferences and meetings of the Radiocommunication Sector in consultation with the General Secretariat in accordance with No. 94 of this Convention and, as appropriate, with the other Sectors of the Union, and with due regard for the directives of the Council in carrying out these preparations; | |
| **166** | *c)* provide assistance to the developing countries in their prepa­ra­tions for radiocommunication conferences. | |
| **167** | 2)in relation to the Radio Regulations Board: | |
| **168** | *a)* prepare and submit draft Rules of Procedure for approval by the Radio Regulations Board; they shall include, inter alia, calcula­tion methods and data required for the application of the provi­sions of the Radio Regulations; | |
| **169   PP-98 PP-02** | *b)*distribute to all Member States the Rules of Procedure of the Board, collect comments thereon received from administrations and submit them to the Board; | |
| **170 PP-02** | *c)* process information received from administrations in application of the relevant provisions of the Radio Regulations and regional agreements and their associated Rules of Procedure and prepare it, as appropriate, in a form suitable for publication; | |
| **171** | *d)* apply the Rules of Procedure approved by the Board, prepare and publish findings based on those Rules, and submit to the Board any review of a finding which is requested by an administration and which cannot be resolved by the use of those Rules of Proce­dure; | |
| **172** | *e)* in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Radio Regula­tions, effect an orderly recording and registration of frequency assignments and, where appropriate, the associated orbital char­acteristics, and keep up to date the Master International Fre­quency Register; review entries in that Register with a view to amending or eliminating, as appropriate, those which do not reflect actual frequency usage, in agreement with the administra­tion concerned; | |
| **173** | *f)* assist in the resolution of cases of harmful interference, at the request of one or more of the interested administrations, and where necessary, make investigations and prepare, for consid­eration by the Board, a report including draft recommendations to the administrations concerned; | |
| **174** | *g)* act as executive secretary to the Board; | |
| **175 PP-02** | 3) coordinate the work of the radiocommunication study groups and other groups and be responsible for the organization of that work; | |
| **175A   PP-98** | 3 *bis)*provide the necessary support for the radiocommunication advisory group, and report each year to Member States and Sector Mem­bers and to the Council on the results of the work of the advisory group. | |
| **175B   PP-98 PP-02** | 3 *ter)*take practical measures to facilitate the participation of developing countries in the radiocommunication study groups and other groups. | |
| **176** | 4) also undertake the following: | |
| **177   PP-98** | *a)*carry out studies to furnish advice 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, and with a view to the equitable, effective and economical use of the geostationary-satellite and other satellite orbits, taking into account the needs of Member States requiring assistance, the specific needs of developing countries, as well as the special geographical situation of particular countries; | |
| **178   PP-98  PP-06** | *b)*exchange with Member States and Sector Members data in machine-readable and other forms, prepare and keep up to date any documents and databases of the Radiocommunication Sector, and arrange with the Secretary-General, as appropriate, for their publication in the languages of the Union in accordance with No. 172 of the Constitution; | |
| **179** | *c)* maintain such essential records as may be required; | |
| **180   PP-98 PP-02** | *d)*submit to the world radiocommunication conference a report on the activities of the Radiocommunication Sector since the last conference; if a world radiocommunication conference is not planned, a report on the activities of the Sector covering the period since the last conference shall be submitted to the Council and, for information, to Member States and Sector Members; | |
| **181** | *e)* prepare a cost-based budget estimate for the requirements of the Radiocommunication Sector and transmit it to the Secretary-General for consideration by the Coordination Committee and inclusion in the Union’s budget. | |
| **181A   PP-98 PP-02** | *f)*prepare annually a rolling four-year operational plan that covers the subsequent year and the following three-year period, including financial implications of activities to be undertaken by the Bureau in support of the Sector as a whole; this four-year operational plan shall be reviewed by the radiocommunication advisory group in accordance with Article 11A of this Convention, and shall be reviewed and approved annually by the Council; | |
| **182** | 3The Director shall choose the technical and administrative personnel of the Bureau within the framework of the budget as approved by the Council. The appointment of the technical and administrative personnel is made by the Secretary-General in agreement with the Director. The final decision for appointment or dismissal rests with the Secretary-General. | |
| **183** | 4The Director shall provide technical support, as necessary, to the Telecommunication Development Sector within the framework of the Constitution and this Convention. | |
|  | SECTION 6  **Telecommunication Standardization Sector** | |
| **PP-98** | ARTICLE 13  **World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly** | |
| **184   PP-98** | 1In accordance with No. 104 of the Constitution, a world telecom­munication standardization assembly shall be convened to consider specific matters related to telecommunication standardization. | |
| **184A   PP-02** | 1 *bis)* The world telecommunication standardization assembly is authorized to adopt the working methods and procedures for the management of the Sector’s activities in accordance with No. 145A of the Constitution. | |
| **185   PP-98** | 2The questions to be studied by a world telecommunication standardization assembly, on which recommendations shall be issued, shall be those adopted pursuant to its own procedures or referred to it by the Plenipotentiary Conference, any other conference, or the Council. | |
| **186   PP-98** | 3In accordance with No. 104 of the Constitution, the assembly shall: | |
| **187   PP-98 PP-02** | *a)*consider the reports of study groups prepared in accordance with No. 194 of this Convention and approve, modify or reject draft recommendations contained in those reports, and consider the reports of the telecommunication standardization advisory group in accordance with Nos. 197H and 197I of this Convention; | |
| **188** | *b)* bearing in mind the need to keep the demands on the resources of the Union to a minimum, approve the programme of work arising from the review of existing questions and new questions and determine the priority, urgency, estimated financial implications and time-scale for the completion of their study; | |
| **189** | *c)* decide, in the light of the approved programme of work derived from No. 188 above, on the need to maintain, terminate or establish study groups and allocate to each of them the questions to be studied; | |
| **190   PP-98** | *d)*group, as far as practicable, questions of interest to the developing countries to facilitate their participation in these studies; | |
| **191** | *e)* consider and approve the report of the Director on the activities of the Sector since the last conference. | |
| 191APP-02 | *f)* decide on the need to maintain, terminate or establish other groups and appoint their chairmen and vice-chairmen; | |
| 191BPP-02 | *g)* establish the terms of reference for the groups referred to in No. 191A above; such groups shall not adopt questions or recommendations. | |
| **191C   PP-98** | 4A world telecommunication standardization assembly may assign specific matters within its competence to the telecommunication standardization advisory group indicating the action required on those matters. | |
| **191D   PP-98 PP-02** | 5A world telecommunication standardization assembly shall be presided over by a chairman designated by the government of the country in which the meeting is held or, in the case of a meeting held at the seat of the Union, by a chairman elected by the assembly itself. The chairman shall be assisted by vice-chairmen elected by the assembly. | |
|  | ARTICLE 14   **Telecommunication Standardization Study Groups** | |
| **(SUP) 192   PP-98 to CS115A** |  | |
| **193** | 2) The study groups shall, subject to No. 195 below, study technical, operating and tariff questions and prepare recommendations on them with a view to standardizing telecommunications on a worldwide basis, including recommendations on interconnection of radio systems in public telecommunication networks and on the performance required for these interconnections. Technical or operating questions specifically related to radiocommunication as enumerated in Nos. 151 to 154 of this Convention shall be within the purview of the Radiocommunication Sector. | |
| **194   PP-98** | 3)Each study group shall prepare for the world telecommu­nication standardization assembly a report indicating the progress of work, the recommendations adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure contained in No. 192 above, and any draft new or revised recommendations for consideration by the assembly. | |
| **195** | 2 Taking into account No. 105 of the Constitution, the tasks enumerated in No. 193 above and those enumerated in Nos. 151 to 154 of this Convention in relation to the Radiocommunication Sector shall be kept under continuing review by the Telecommunication Standardization Sector and the Radiocommunication Sector with a view to reaching common agreement on changes in the distribution of matters under study. The two Sectors shall cooperate closely and adopt procedures to conduct such a review and reach agreements in a timely and effective manner. If agreement is not reached, the matter may be submitted through the Council to the Plenipotentiary Conference for decision. | |
| **196** | 3In the performance of their studies, the telecommunication standardization study groups shall pay due attention to the study of questions and to the formulation of recommendations directly connected with the establishment, development and improvement of telecommuni­cations in developing countries at both the regional and international levels. They shall conduct their work giving due consideration to the work of national, regional and other international standardization organi­zations, and cooperate with them, keeping in mind the need for the Union to maintain its pre-eminent position in the field of worldwide standardi­zation for telecommunications. | |
| **197   PP-98** | 4For the purpose of facilitating the review of activities in the Telecommunication Standardization Sector, measures should be taken to foster cooperation and coordination with other organizations concerned with telecommunication standardization and with the Radiocommuni­cation Sector and the Telecommunication Development Sector. A world telecommunication standardization assembly shall determine the specific duties, conditions of participation and rules of procedure for these measures. | |
| **PP-98** | ARTICLE 14A  **Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group** | |
| **197A   PP-98 PP-02** | 1The telecommunication standardization advisory group shall be open to representatives of administrations of Member States and representatives of Sector Members and to chairmen of the study groups and other groups. | |
| **197B   PP-98** | 2The telecommunication standardization advisory group shall: | |
| **197C   PP-98** | 1)review priorities, programmes, operations, financial matters and strategies for activities in the Telecommunication Standardization Sector; | |
| **197CA   PP-02** | 1 *bis)* review the implementation of the operational plan of the preceding period in order to identify areas in which the Bureau has not achieved or was not able to achieve the objectives laid down in that plan, and advise the Director on the necessary corrective measures; | |
| **197D   PP-98** | 2)review progress in the implementation of the programme of work established under No. 188 of this Convention; | |
| **197E   PP-98** | 3)provide guidelines for the work of study groups; | |
| **197F   PP-98** | 4)recommend measures, *inter alia*, to foster cooperation and coordination with other relevant bodies, with the Radiocommunication Sector, the Telecommunication Development Sector and the General Secretariat; | |
| **197G   PP-98** | 5)adopt its own working procedures compatible with those adopted by the world telecommunication standardization assembly; | |
| **197H   PP-98** | 6)prepare a report for the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau indicating action in respect of the above items. | |
| **197I   PP-98** | 7)prepare a report for the world telecommunication standardi­zation assembly on the matters assigned to it in accordance with No. 191A and transmit it to the Director for submission to the assembly. | |
|  | ARTICLE 15  **Telecommunication Standardization Bureau** | |
| **(SUP) 198 to CS116A** |  | |
| **199** | 2 The Director shall, in particular: | |
| **200   PP-98 PP-02** | *a)*update annually the work programme approved by the world telecommunication standardization assembly, in consultation with the chairmen of the telecommunication standardization study groups and other groups; | |
| **201   PP-98 PP-02** | *b)*participate, as of right, but in an advisory capacity, in the deliberations of world telecommunication standardization assem­blies and of the telecommunication standardization study groups and other groups. The Director shall make all necessary preparations for assemblies and meetings of the Telecom­munication Standardization Sector in consultation with the General Secretariat in accordance with No. 94 of this Convention and, as appropriate, with the other Sectors of the Union, and with due regard for the directives of the Council concerning these preparations; | |
| **202   PP-98** | *c)*process information received from administrations in application of the relevant provisions of the International Telecommunication Regulations or decisions of the world telecommunication standardization assembly and prepare it, where appropriate, in a suitable form for publication; | |
| **203   PP-98  PP-06** | *d)*exchange with Member States and Sector Members data in machine-readable and other forms, prepare and, as necessary, keep up to date any documents and databases of the Telecom­munication Standardization Sector, and arrange with the Secretary-General, as appropriate, for their publication in the languages of the Union in accordance with No. 172 of the Constitution; | |
| **204   PP-98** | *e)*submit to the world telecommunication standardization assembly a report on the activities of the Sector since the last assembly; the Director shall also submit to the Council and to the Member States and Sector Members such a report covering the two-year period since the last assembly, unless a second assembly is convened; | |
| **205** | *f)* prepare a cost-based budget estimate for the requirements of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector and transmit it to the Secretary-General for consideration by the Coordination Commit­tee and inclusion in the Union’s budget. | |
| **205A   PP-98 PP-02** | *g)*prepare annually a rolling four-year operational plan that covers the subsequent year and the following three-year period, including financial implications of activities to be undertaken by the Bureau in support of the Sector as a whole; this four-year operational plan shall be reviewed by the telecommunication standardization advisory group in accordance with Article 14A of this Conven­tion, and shall be reviewed and approved annually by the Council; | |
| **205B   PP-98** | *h)*provide the necessary support for the telecommunication standardization advisory group, and report each year to Member States and Sector Members and to the Council on the results of its work; | |
| **205C   PP-98** | *i)*provide assistance to developing countries in the preparatory work for world standardization assemblies, particularly with regard to matters of a priority nature for those countries. | |
| **206** | 3The Director shall choose the technical and administrative personnel of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau within the framework of the budget as approved by the Council. The appointment of the technical and administrative personnel is made by the Secretary-General in agreement with the Director. The final decision on appointment or dismissal rests with the Secretary-General. | |
| **207** | 4The Director shall provide technical support, as necessary, to the Telecommunication Development Sector within the framework of the Constitution and this Convention. | |
|  | SECTION 7 **Telecommunication Development Sector** | |
|  | ARTICLE 16  **Telecommunication Development Conferences** | |
| **(ADD) 207A ex. CS 138** | 2Telecommunication development conferences shall comprise: | |
| **(ADD) 207B ex. CS 139** | *a)* world telecommunication development conferences; | |
| **(ADD) 207C ex. CS 140** | *b)* regional telecommunication development conferences. | |
| **207A PP-02** | 1 The world telecommunication development conference is authorized to adopt the working methods and procedures for the management of the Sector’s activities in accordance with No. 145A of the Constitution. | |
| **208** | 1 *bis)* In accordance with No. 118 of the Constitution, the duties of the telecommunication development conferences shall be as follows: | |
| **209  PP-06** | *a)* world telecommunication development conferences shall establish work programmes and guidelines for defining telecommunication development questions and priorities and shall provide direction and guidance for the work programme of the Telecommunication Development Sector. They shall decide, in the light of the above-mentioned programmes of work, on the need to maintain, terminate or establish study groups and allocate to each of them the questions to be studied; | |
| **209A PP-02** | a *bis)* decide on the need to maintain, terminate or establish other groups and appoint their chairmen and vice-chairmen; | |
| **209B PP-02** | a *ter)* establish the terms of reference for the groups referred to in No. 209A above; such groups shall not adopt questions or recommendations. | |
| **210 PP-02** | *b)* regional telecommunication development conferences shall consider questions and priorities relating to telecommunication development, taking into account the needs and characteristics of the region concerned, and may also submit recommendations to world telecommunication development conferences; | |
| **211** | *c)* the telecommunication development conferences should fix the objectives and strategies for the balanced worldwide and regional development of telecommunications, giving particular consid­e­ration to the expansion and modernization of the networks and services of the developing countries as well as the mobilization of the resources required for this purpose. They shall serve as a forum for the study of policy, organizational, operational, regula­tory, technical and financial questions and related aspects, including the identification and implementation of new sources of funding; | |
| **212** | *d)* world and regional telecommunication development conferences, within their respective sphere of competence, shall consider reports submitted to them and evaluate the activities of the Sector; they may also consider telecommunication development aspects related to the activities of the other Sectors of the Union. | |
| **213   PP-98** | 2The draft agenda of telecommunication development conferences shall be prepared by the Director of the Telecommunication Develop­ment Bureau and be submitted by the Secretary-General to the Council for approval with the concurrence of a majority of the Member States in the case of a world conference, or of a majority of the Member States belonging to the region concerned in the case of a regional conference, subject to the provisions of No. 47 of this Convention. | |
| **213A   PP-98 PP-02** | 3A telecommunication development conference may assign specific matters within its competence to the telecommunication devel­opment advisory group, indicating the recommended action on those matters. | |
|  | ARTICLE 17  **Telecommunication Development Study Groups** | |
| **(SUP) 214 to CS143A** |  | |
| **215** | 2 Taking into account No. 119 of the Constitution, the Radiocommunication, Telecommunication Standardization and Telecommuni­cation Development Sectors shall keep the matters under study under continuing review with a view to reaching agreement on the distribution of work, avoiding duplication of effort and improving coordination. The Sectors shall adopt procedures to conduct such reviews and reach such agreement in a timely and effective manner. | |
| **215A   PP-98** | 3Each telecommunication development study group shall prepare for the world telecommunication development conference a report indi­cating the progress of work and any draft new or revised recommen­dations for consideration by the conference. | |
| **215B   PP-98** | 4Telecommunication development study groups shall study ques­tions and prepare draft recommendations to be adopted in accordance with the procedures set out in Nos. 246A to 247 of this Convention. | |
| **PP-98** | ARTICLE 17A **Telecommunication Development Advisory Group** | |
| **215C   PP-98 PP-02 PP-06** | 1The telecommunication development advisory group shall be open to representatives of administrations of Member States and representatives of Sector Members and to chairmen and vice-chairmen of study groups and other groups, and will act through the Director. | |
| **215D   PP-98** | 2The telecommunication development advisory group shall: | |
| **215E   PP-98** | 1)review priorities, programmes, operations, financial matters and strategies for activities in the Telecommunication Development Sector; | |
| **215EA   PP-02** | 1 *bis)* review the implementation of the operational plan of the preceding period in order to identify areas in which the Bureau has not achieved or was not able to achieve the objectives laid down in that plan, and advise the Director on the necessary corrective measures. | |
| **215F   PP-98** | 2)review progress in the implementation of the programme of work established under No. 209 of this Convention; | |
| **215G   PP-98** | 3)provide guidelines for the work of study groups; | |
| **215H   PP-98** | 4)recommend measures, *inter alia*, to foster cooperation and coordination with the Radiocommunication Sector, the Telecommuni­cation Standardization Sector and the General Secretariat, as well as with other relevant development and financial institutions. | |
| **215I   PP-98** | 5)adopt its own working procedures compatible with those adopted by the world telecommunication development conference. | |
| **215J   PP-98** | 6)prepare a report for the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau indicating action in respect of the above items. | |
| **215JA   PP-02** | 6 *bis)* prepare a report for the world telecommunication development conference on the matters assigned to it in accordance with No. 213A of this Convention and transmit it to the Director for submission to the conference. | |
| **215K   PP-98** | 3Representatives of bilateral cooperation and development aid agencies and multilateral development institutions may be invited by the Director to participate in the meetings of the advisory group. | |
| **PP-98** | ARTICLE 18  **Telecommunication Development Bureau** | |
| **(SUP) 216 to CS 144A** |  | |
| **217** | 2 The Director shall, in particular: | |
| **218 PP-02** | *a)* participate as of right, but in an advisory capacity, in the delib­erations of the telecommunication development conferences and of the telecommunication development study groups and other groups. The Director shall make all necessary preparations for conferences and meetings of the Telecommunication Develop­ment Sector in consultation with the General Secretariat in accordance with No. 94 of this Convention and, as appropriate, with the other Sectors of the Union, and with due regard for the directives of the Council in carrying out these preparations; | |
| **219** | *b)* process information received from administrations in application of the relevant resolutions and decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference and telecommunication development conferences and prepare it, where appropriate, in a suitable form for publication; | |
| **220  PP-06** | *c)* exchange with members data in machine-readable and other forms, prepare and, as necessary, keep up to date any documents and databases of the Telecommunication Development Sector, and arrange with the Secretary-General, as appropriate, for their publication in the languages of the Union in accordance with No. 172 of the Constitution; | |
| **221** | *d)* assemble and prepare for publication, in cooperation with the General Secretariat and the other Sectors of the Union, both tech­nical and administrative information that might be especially useful to 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; | |
| **222   PP-98** | *e)*submit to the world telecommunication development conference a report on the activities of the Sector since the last conference; the Director shall also submit to the Council and to the Member States and Sector Members such a report covering the two-year period since the last conference; | |
| **223   PP-98** | *f)*prepare a cost-based budget estimate for the requirements of the Telecommunication Development Sector and transmit it to the Secretary-General for consideration by the Coordination Com­mittee and inclusion in the Union’s budget; | |
| **223A   PP-98 PP-02** | *g)*prepare annually a rolling four-year operational plan that covers the subsequent year and the following three-year period, including financial implications of activities to be undertaken by the Bureau in support of the Sector as a whole; this four-year operational plan shall be reviewed by the telecommunication development advisory group in accordance with Article 17A of this Conven­tion, and shall be reviewed and approved annually by the Council; | |
| **223B   PP-98** | *h)*provide the necessary support for the telecommunication devel­opment advisory group, and report each year to the Member States and Sector Members and to the Council on the results of its work. | |
| **224   PP-98** | 3TheDirector shall work collegially with the other elected officials in order to ensure that the Union’s catalytic role in stimulating telecom­munication development is strengthened and shall make the necessary arrangements with the Director of the Bureau concerned for initiating suitable action, including the convening of information meetings on the activities of the Sector concerned. | |
| **225   PP-98** | 4At the request of the Member States concerned, the Director, with the assistance of the Directors of the other Bureaux and, where appro­priate, the Secretary-General, shall study and offer advice concerning their national telecommunication problems; where a comparison of tech­nical alternatives is involved, economic factors may be taken into con­sideration. | |
| **226** | 5 The Director shall choose the technical and administrative per­sonnel of the Telecommunication Development Bureau within the framework of the budget as approved by the Council. The appointment of the personnel is made by the Secretary-General in agreement with the Director. The final decision for appointment or dismissal rests with the Secretary-General. | |
| **227   PP-98** | (SUP) | |
|  | SECTION 8 **Provisions Common to the Three Sectors** | |
|  | ARTICLE 19  **Participation of Entities and Organizations Other than Administrations in the Union’s Activities** | |
| **228** | 1 The Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux shall encourage the enhanced participation in the activities of the Union of the following entities and organizations: | |
| **229   PP-98** | *a)*recognized operating agencies, scientific or industrial organi­zations and financial or development institutions which are ap­proved by the Member State concerned; | |
| **230   PP-98** | *b)*other entities dealing with telecommunication matters which are approved by the Member State concerned; | |
| **231** | *c)* regional and other international telecommunication, standardiza­tion, financial or development organizations. | |
| **232** | 2 The Directors of the Bureaux shall maintain close working rela­tions with those entities and organizations which are authorized to par­ticipate in the activities of one or more of the Sectors of the Union. | |
| **233   PP-98** | 3Any request from an entity listed in No. 229 above to participate in the work of a Sector, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Constitution and this Convention, approved by the Member State con­cerned shall be forwarded by the latter to the Secretary-General. | |
| **234   PP-98** | 4Any request from an entity referred to in No. 230 above submitted by the Member State concerned shall be handled in conformity with a procedure established by the Council. Such a request shall be reviewed by the Council with respect to its conformity with the above procedure. | |
| **234A   PP-98** | 4 *bis)*Alternatively, a request from an entity listed in No. 229 or 230 above to become a Sector Member may be sent direct to the Secretary-General. Those Member States authorizing such entities to send a request directly to the Secretary-General shall inform the latter accordingly. Entities whose Member State has not provided such notice to the Secretary-General shall not have the option of direct application. The Secretary-General shall regularly update and publish a list of those Member States that have authorized entities under their jurisdiction or sovereignty to apply directly. | |
| **234B   PP-98** | 4 *ter)*Upon receipt, directly from an entity, of a request under No. 234A above, the Secretary-General shall, on the basis of criteria defined by the Council, ensure that the function and purposes of the candidate are in conformity with the purposes of the Union. The Secretary-General shall then, without delay, inform the applicant’s Member State inviting approval of the application. If the Secretary-General receives no objec­tion from the Member State within four months, a reminder telegram shall be sent. If the Secretary-General receives no objection within four months after the date of dispatch of the reminder telegram, the applica­tion shall be regarded as approved. If an objection is received from the Member State by the Secretary-General, the applicant shall be invited by the Secretary-General to contact the Member State concerned. | |
| **234C   PP-98** | 4 *quater)*When authorizing direct application, a Member State may notify the Secretary‑General that it assigns authority to the Secretary-General to approve any application by an entity under its jurisdiction or sovereignty. | |
| **235 PP-06** | 5Any request from any entity or organization listed in No. 231 above (other than those referred to in Nos. 269B and 269C of this Convention) to participate in the work of a Sector shall be sent to the Secretary-General and acted upon in accordance with procedures estab­lished by the Council. | |
| **236 PP-06** | 6 Any request from an organization referred to in Nos. 269B to 269D of this Convention to participate in the work of a Sector shall be sent to the Secretary‑General, and the organization concerned shall be included in the lists referred to in No. 237 below. | |
| **237   PP-98 PP-06** | 7The Secretary-General shall compile and maintain lists of all enti­ties and organizations referred to in Nos. 229 to 231 and Nos. 269B to 269D of this Convention that are authorized to participate in the work of each Sector and shall, at appropriate intervals, publish and distribute these lists to all Member States and Sector Members concerned and to the Director of the Bureau concerned. That Director shall advise such enti­ties and organizations of the action taken on their requests, and shall inform the relevant Member States. | |
| **238   PP-98** | 8The conditions of participation in the Sectors by entities and organizations contained in the lists referred to in No. 237 above are specified in this Article, in Article 33 and in other relevant provisions of this Convention. The provisions of Nos. 25 to 28 of the Constitution do not apply to them. | |
| **239   PP-94   PP-98** | 9A Sector Member may act on behalf of the Member State which has approved it, provided that the Member State informs the Director of the Bureau concerned that it is authorized to do so. | |
| **240   PP-98  PP-06** | 10Any Sector Member has the right to denounce such participation by notifying the Secretary-General. Such participation may also be denounced, where appropriate, by the Member State concerned or, in case of the Sector Member approved pursuant to No. 234C above, in accordance with criteria and procedures determined by the Council. Such denunciation shall take effect at the end of six months from the date when notification is received by the Secretary-General. | |
| **241** | 11 The Secretary-General shall delete from the list of entities and organizations any entity or organization that is no longer authorized to participate in the work of a Sector, in accordance with criteria and proce­dures determined by the Council. | |
| **241A   PP-98** | 12The assembly or conference of a Sector may decide to admit enti­ties or organizations to participate as Associates in the work of a given study group or subgroups thereof following the principles set out below: | |
| **241B   PP-98** | 1)An entity or organization referred to in Nos. 229 to 231 above may apply to participate in the work of a given study group as an Associate. | |
| **241C   PP-98** | 2)In cases where a Sector has decided to admit Associates, the Secretary‑General shall apply to the applicants the relevant provisions of this Article, taking account of the size of the entity or organization and any other relevant criteria. | |
| **241D   PP-98** | 3)Associates admitted to participate in a given study group are not entered in the list referred to in No. 237 above. | |
| **241E   PP-98** | 4)The conditions governing participation in the work of a study group are specified in Nos. 248B and 483A of this Convention. | |
|  | ARTICLE 20  **Conduct of Business of Study Groups** | |
| **242   PP-98** | 1The radiocommunication assembly, the world telecommunication standardization assembly and the world telecommunication development conference shall appoint the chairman and one vice-chairman or more for each study group. In appointing chairmen and vice-chairmen, particular consideration shall be given to the requirements of competence and equitable geographical distribution, and to the need to promote more efficient participation by the developing countries. | |
| **243   PP-98** | 2If the workload of any study group requires, the assembly or conference shall appoint such additional vice-chairmen as it deems necessary. | |
| **244** | 3 If, in the interval between two assemblies or conferences of the Sector concerned, a study group Chairman is unable to carry out his duties and only one Vice-Chairman has been appointed, then that Vice-Chairman shall take the Chairman’s place. In the case of a study group for which more than one Vice-Chairman has been appointed, the study group at its next meeting shall elect a new Chairman from among those Vice-Chairmen and, if necessary, a new Vice-Chairman from among the members of the study group. It shall likewise elect a new Vice-Chairman if one of the Vice-Chairmen is unable to carry out his duties during that period. | |
| **245** | 4Study groups shall conduct their work as far as possible by corre­spondence, using modern means of communication. | |
| **246** | 5 The Director of the Bureau of each Sector, on the basis of the decisions of the competent conference or assembly, after consultation with the Secretary-General and coordination as required by the Consti­tution and Convention, shall draw up the general plan of study group meetings. | |
| **246A   PP-98** | 5 *bis)* 1) Member States and Sector Members shall adopt questions to be studied in accordance with procedures established by the relevant conference or assembly, as appropriate, including the indication whether or not a resulting recommendation shall be the subject of a formal consultation of Member States. | |
| **246B   PP-98** | 2) Recommendations resulting from the study of the above questions are adopted by a study group in accordance with procedures established by the relevant conference or assembly, as appro­priate. Those recommendations which do not require formal consultation of Member States for their approval shall be considered as approved. | |
| **246C   PP-98** | 3) A recommendation requiring formal consultation of Member States shall be either treated in accordance with No. 247 below or transmitted to the relevant conference or assembly, as appropriate. | |
| **246D   PP-98** | 4)Nos. 246A and 246B above shall not be used for questions and recommendations having policy or regulatory implications such as: | |
| **246E   PP-98** | *a)*questions and recommendations approved by the Radiocom­munication Sector relevant to the work of radiocommunication conferences, and other categories of questions and recommen­dations that may be decided by the radiocom­munication assembly; | |
| **246F   PP-98** | *b)* questions and recommendations approved by the Telecom­munication Standardization Sector which relate to tariff and accounting issues, and relevant numbering and addressing plans; | |
| **246G   PP-98** | *c)* questions and recommendations approved by the Telecommuni­cation Development Sector which relate to regulatory, policy and financial issues; | |
| **246H   PP-98** | *d)* questions and recommendations where there is any doubt about their scope. | |
| **247   PP-98** | 6Study groups may initiate action for obtaining approval from Member States for recommendations completed between two assemblies or conferences. The procedures to be applied for obtaining such approval shall be those approved by the competent assembly or conference, as appropriate. | |
| **247A   PP-98** | 6 *bis)*Recommendations approved in application of Nos. 246B or 247 above shall have the same status as ones approved by the conference or assembly itself. | |
| **248** | 7 Where necessary, joint working parties may be established for the study of questions requiring the participation of experts from several study groups. | |
| **248A   PP-98** | 7 *bis)*Following a procedure developed by the Sector concerned, the Director of a Bureau may, in consultation with the chairman of the study group concerned, invite an organization which does not participate in the Sector to send representatives to take part in the study of a specific matter in the study group concerned or its subordinate groups. | |
| **248B   PP-98** | 7 *ter)*An Associate, as referred to in No. 241A of this Convention, will be permitted to participate in the work of the selected study group with­out taking part in any decision-making or liaison activity of that study group. | |
| **249** | 8 The Director of the relevant Bureau shall send the final reports of the study groups to the administrations, organizations and entities participating in the Sector. Such reports shall include a list of the recommendations approved in conformity with No. 247 above. These reports shall be sent as soon as possible and, in any event, in time for them to be received at least one month before the date of the next session of the conference concerned. | |
|  | ARTICLE 21  **Recommendations from One  Conference to Another** |
| **250** | 1Any conference may submit to another conference of the Union recommendations within its field of competence. |
| **251 PP-06** | 2Such recommendations shall be sent to the Secretary-General in good time for assembly, coordination and communication, as laid down in No. 44 of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union. |
|  | ARTICLE 22  **Relations Between Sectors and With International Organizations** |
| **252** | 1The Directors of the Bureaux may agree, after appropriate consultation and coordination as required by the Constitution, the Convention and the decisions of the competent conferences or assem­blies, to organize joint meetings of study groups of two or three Sectors, in order to study and prepare draft recommendations on questions of common interest. Such draft recommendations shall be submitted to the competent conferences or assemblies of the Sectors concerned. |
| **253** | 2 Conferences or meetings of a Sector may be attended in an advi­sory capacity by the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General, the Directors of the Bureaux of the other Sectors, or their representatives, and members of the Radio Regulations Board. If necessary, they may invite, in an advisory capacity, representatives of the General Secretariat or of any other Sector which has not considered it necessary to be repre­sented. |
| **254** | 3When a Sector is invited to participate in a meeting of an interna­tional organization, its Director is authorized to make arrangements for its representation in an advisory capacity, taking into account the provi­sions of No. 107 of this Convention. |
| **PP-98 PP-02** | CHAPTER II **Specific Provisions Regarding Conferences and Assemblies** |
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| **(SUP) 268 to CS 59F** |  |
| **(SUP) 268A PP-02 to  CS 59G**  **CV 59G** |  |
| **(SUP) 268B PP-02 to CS 59H** |  |
| **(SUP) 269   PP-94 PP-02 PP-06 to CS 59I** |  |
| **(SUP) 269A   PP-02 to CS 59J** |  |
| **(SUP) 269B   PP-02 to CS 59K** |  |
| **(SUP) 269C   PP-02 to CS 59L** |  |
| **(SUP) 269D   PP-02  to CS 59M** |  |
| **(SUP) 269E   PP-02  PP-06 to CS 59N** |  |
| **(SUP) 269F   PP-02 to CS 59O** |  |
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| **270 to 275 PP-02** | (SUP) |
| **(SUP)**  **276 PP-02 to CS89A** |  |
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| **(SUP) 278 PP-02  PP-06 to  CS89C** |  |
| **(SUP) 279 PP-02  PP-06 to CS89D** |  |
| **(SUP) 280   PP-98  PP-06 to CS89E** |  |
| **(SUP) 281 PP-02 to CS89F** |  |
| **(SUP) 282   PP-98 PP-02 to CS89G** |  |
| **(SUP) 282A   PP-02 to CS89H** |  |
| **PP-98 PP-02** | ARTICLE 25  **Admission to Radiocommunication Assemblies, World Telecommunication Standardization Assemblies and Telecommunication Development Conferences** |
| **283 to 294 PP-02** | (SUP) |
| **295 PP-02** | 1 The following shall be admitted to the assembly or conference: |
| **296** | *a)* delegations; |
| **296 *bis*  PP-06** | *b)* representatives of Sector Members concerned; |
| **297 PP-02  PP-06** | *c)* observers, to participate in an advisory capacity, from: |
| **297 *bis* PP-06** | *i)* the organizations and agencies referred to in Nos. 269A to 269D of this Convention |
| **298   PP-02** | (SUP) |
| **298A  to B  PP-06** | (SUP) |
| **298C   PP-02 PP-06** | *iii)* any other regional organization or other international organization dealing with matters of interest to the assembly or conference; |
| **298D to F PP-06** | (SUP) |
| **298G   PP-02** | 2 The elected officials, the General Secretariat and the Bureaux of the Union, as appropriate, shall be represented at the assembly or conference in an advisory capacity. Two members of the Radio Regulations Board, designated by the Board, shall participate in radio­communication assemblies in an advisory capacity. |
| **PP-02** | (SUP) ARTICLES 26 to 30 |
| **(SUP) Title to CS Art. 51A** |  |
| **(SUP) 324   PP-98 to CS207A** |  |
| **(SUP) 325 to CS207B** |  |
| **(SUP) 326 to CS207C** |  |
| **(SUP) 327   PP-98 to CS207D** |  |
| **(SUP) 328 to CS207E** |  |
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| **(SUP) 330 to CS207G** |  |
| **(SUP) 331 to CS207H** |  |
| **(SUP) 332   PP-98 to CS207I** |  |
| **(SUP) 333 to CS207J** |  |
| **(SUP) 334   PP-98 PP-02 to CS207K** |  |
| **(SUP) 335   PP-98 to CS207L** |  |
| **(SUP) 336 to CS207M** |  |
| **(SUP) 337 to CS207N** |  |
| **(SUP) 338 to CS207O** |  | |
| **(SUP) 339   PP-98 to CS207P** |  | |
| **PP-98** | (SUP) CHAPTER III | |
| **PP-02** | ARTICLE 32  **General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings of the Union** | |
| **339A   PP-98 PP-02** | 1The General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union are adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference. The provisions governing the procedure for amending those Rules and the entry into force of amendments are contained in the Rules themselves. | |
| **340   PP-98 PP-02** | 2The General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union shall apply without prejudice to the amendment provisions contained in Article 55 of the Constitution and in Article 42 of this Convention. | |

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| **(SUP) Title PP-98** |  | |
| **(SUP) 340A   PP-98 to CS 27A** |  | |
| **(SUP) 340B   PP-98 to CS 27B** |  | |
| **(SUP) 340C   PP-98 to CS 27C** |  | |
| **(SUP) Title to CS Art. 51B PP-98** | |  | |
| **(SUP) 340D   PP-98 to CS207Q** |  | |
| **(SUP) 340E   PP-98 to CS 207R** |  | |
| **(SUP) 340F   PP-98 to CS 207S** |  | |
| **(SUP) 340G   PP-98 to CS 207T** |  | |
| **341 to 467 PP-98** | (SUP) | |
|  | CHAPTER IV **Other Provisions** | |
|  | ARTICLE 33  **Finances** | |
| **468   PP-98  PP-06 PP-10** | 11)The scale from which each Member State, subject to the provisions of No. 468A below, and Sector Member, subject to the provisions of No. 468B below, shall choose its class of contribution, in conformity with the relevant provisions of Article 28 of the Constitution, shall be as follows:  From the 40 unit class to the 2 unit class: in steps of one unit  Below the 2 unit class, as follows: 1 1/2 unit class 1 unit class 1/2 unit class 1/4 unit class 1/8 unit class 1/16 unit class | |
| **468A   PP-98** | 1 *bis)*Only Member States listed by the United Nations as least developed countries and those determined by the Council may select the 1/8 and 1/16 unit classes of contribution. | |
| **468B   PP-98** | 1 *ter)*Sector Members may not select a class of contribution lower than 1/2 unit, with the exception of Sector Members of the Telecommu­nication Development Sector, which may select the 1/4, 1/8 and 1/16 unit classes. However, the 1/16 unit class is reserved for Sector Members of developing countries as determined by the list established by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to be reviewed by the ITU Council. | |
| **469   PP-98** | 2)In addition to the classes of contribution listed in No. 468 above, any Member State or Sector Member may choose a number of contributory units over 40. | |
| **(ADD) 469A ex. CS161B** | 3 *bis)* 1) At its session preceding the plenipotentiary conference, the Council shall fix the provisional amount of the contributory unit, on the basis of the draft financial plan for the corresponding period and total number of contributory units. | |
| **(ADD) 469B ex. CS161C** | 2) The Secretary-General shall inform the Member States and Sector Members of the provisional amount of the contributory unit as determined under No. 161B above and invite the Member States to notify, no later than four weeks prior to the date set for the opening of the plenipotentiary conference, the class of contribution they have provision­ally chosen. | |
| **(ADD) 469C ex. CS161D** | 3) The plenipotentiary conference shall, during its first week, determine the provisional upper limit of the amount of the contributory unit resulting from the steps taken by the Secretary-General in pursuance of Nos. 161B and 161C above, and taking account of any changes in class of contribution notified by Member States to the Secretary-General as well as classes of contribution remaining unchanged. | |
| **(ADD) 469D ex. CS161E** | 4) Bearing in mind the draft financial plan as revised, the plenipotentiary conference shall, as soon as possible, determine the definitive upper limit of the amount of the contributory unit and set the date, which shall be at the latest on Monday of the final week of the plenipotentiary conference, by which Member States, upon invitation by the Secretary-General, shall announce their definitive choice of class of contribution. | |
| **(ADD) 469E ex. CS161F** | 5) Member States which have failed to notify the Secretary-General of their decision by the date set by the plenipotentiary confer­ence shall retain the class of contribution previously chosen. | |
| **(ADD) 469F ex. CS161G** | 6) The plenipotentiary conference shall then approve the defini­tive financial plan on the basis of the total number of contributory units corresponding to the definitive classes of contribution chosen by the Member States and classes of contribution of the Sector Members at the date on which the financial plan is approved. | |
| **(ADD) 469G ex. CS161H** | 3 *ter)* 1) The Secretary-General shall inform the Sector Members of the definitive upper limit of the amount of the contributory unit and invite them to notify, within three months from the closing date of the plenipotentiary conference, the class of contribution they have chosen. | |
| **(ADD) 469H ex. CS161I** | 2) Sector Members which have failed to notify the Secretary-General of their decision within this three-month period shall retain the class of contribution previously chosen. | |
| **(ADD) 469I ex. CS162** | 3) Amendments to the scale of classes of contribution adopted by a plenipotentiary conference shall apply for the selection of the class of contribution during the following plenipotentiary conference. | |
| **(ADD) 469J ex. CS163** | 4) The class of contribution chosen by a Member State or a Sector Member is applicable as of the first biennial budget after a plenipotentiary conference. | |
| **(ADD) 469K ex. CS165** | 5 When choosing its class of contribution, a Member State shall not reduce it by more than 15 per cent of the number of units chosen by the Member State for the period preceding the reduction, rounding down to the nearest lower number of units in the scale, for contributions of three or more units; or by more than one class of contribution, for contributions below three units. The Council shall indicate to it the manner in which the reduction shall be gradually implemented over the period between plenipotentiary conferences. However, under exceptional circumstances such as natural disasters necessitating international aid programmes, the Plenipotentiary Conference may authorize a greater reduction in the number of contributory units when so requested by a Member State which has established that it can no longer maintain its contribution at the class originally chosen. | |
| **(ADD) 469L ex. CS165A** | 5 *bis)* Under exceptional circumstances such as natural disasters necessitating international aid programmes, the Council may authorize a reduction in the number of contributory units when so requested by a Member State which has established that it can no longer maintain its contribution at the class originally chosen. | |
| **(ADD) 469M ex. CS165B** | 5 *ter)* Member States and Sector Members may at any time choose a class of contribution higher than the one already adopted by them. | |
| **470   PP-98** | 3)The Secretary-General shall communicate promptly to each Member State not represented at the Plenipotentiary Conference the decision of each Member State as to the class of contribution to be paid by it. | |
| **471   PP-98** | (SUP) | |
| **472   PP-98** | 21)Every new Member State and Sector Member shall, in respect of the year of its accession or admission, pay a contribution cal­culated as from the first day of the month of accession or admission, as the case may be. | |
| **473   PP-98** | 2)Should a Member State denounce the Constitution and this Convention or a Sector Member denounce its participation in a Sector, its contribution shall be paid up to the last day of the month in which such denunciation takes effect in accordance with No. 237 of the Constitution or No. 240 of this Convention, respectively. | |
| **474   PP-98** | 3The amounts due shall bear interest from the beginning of the fourth month of each financial year of the Union at 3% (three per cent) per annum during the following three months, and at 6% (six per cent) per annum from the beginning of the seventh month. | |
| **475   PP-98** | (SUP) | |
| **476   PP-94   PP-98 PP-02  PP-06** | 41)The organizations referred to in Nos. 269A to 269E of this Convention and other organizations alsospecified in Chapter II thereof (unless they have been exempted by the Council, subject to reciprocity) and Sector Members referred to in No. 230 of this Convention which participate, in accordance with the provisions of this Convention, in a plenipotentiary conference, in a conference, assembly or meeting of a Sector of the Union, or in a world conference on international telecommunications, shall share in defraying the expenses of the conferences, assemblies and meetings in which they participate on the basis of the cost of these conferences and meetings and in accordance with the Financial Regulations. Nevertheless, Sector Members will not be charged separately for their attendance at a conference, assembly or meeting of their respective Sectors, except in the case of regional radiocommunication conferences. | |
| **477   PP-94 PP-98** | 2)Any Sector Member appearing in the lists mentioned in No. 237 of this Convention shall share in defraying the expenses of the Sector in accordance with Nos. 480 and 480A below. | |
| **478 and 479 PP-98** | (SUP) | |
| **480   PP-94   PP-98** | 5)The amount of the contribution per unit payable towards the expenses of each Sector concerned shall be set at 1/5 of the contributory unit of the Member States. These contributions shall be considered as Union income. They shall bear interest in accordance with the provisions of No. 474 above. | |
| **480A   PP-98 PP-06** | 5 *bis)*When a Sector Member contributes to defraying the expenses of the Union under No. 159A of the Constitution, the Sector for which the contribution is made should be identified. | |
| **480B   PP-06** | 5 *ter*) Under exceptional circumstances, the Council may authorize a reduction in the number of contributory units when so requested by a Sector Member which has established that it can no longer maintain its contribution at the class originally chosen. | |
| **481 to 483 PP-98** | (SUP) | |
| **483A   PP-98** | 4 *bis)*Associates as described in No. 241A of this Convention shall share in defraying the expenses of the Sector and the study group and subordinate groups in which they participate, as determined by the Council. | |
| **484   PP-94   PP-98** | 5The Council shall determine criteria for the application of cost recovery for some products and services of the Union. | |
| **485   PP-94** | 6 The Union shall maintain a reserve account in order to provide working capital to meet essential expenditures and to maintain sufficient cash reserves to avoid resorting to loans as far as possible. The amount of the reserve account shall be fixed annually by the Council on the basis of expected requirements. At the end of each biennial budgetary period all budget credits which have not been expended or encumbered will be placed in the reserve account. Other details of this account are described in the Financial Regulations. | |
| **486   PP-94** | 71) The Secretary-General may, in agreement with the Coor­dination Committee, accept voluntary contributions in cash or kind, provided that the conditions attached to such voluntary contributions are  consistent, as appropriate, with the purposes and programmes of the  Union and with the programmes adopted by a conference and in conformity with the Financial Regulations, which shall contain special provisions for the acceptance and use of such voluntary contributions. | |
| **487   PP-94** | 2) Such voluntary contributions shall be reported by the Secretary-General to the Council in the financial operating report as well as in a summary indicating for each case the origin, proposed use and action taken with respect to each voluntary contribution. | |
| **(SUP) Title to CS Art. 28A** |  | |
| **(SUP) 488 to CS 170A** |  | |
| **(SUP) 489 to CS 170B** |  | |
|  | ARTICLE 35  **Languages** | |
| **490   PP-98** | 11)Languages other than those mentioned in the relevant provi­sions of Article 29 of the Constitution may be used: | |
| **491   PP-98** | *a)*if an application is made to the Secretary-General to provide for the use of an additional language or languages, oral or written, on a permanent or an ad hoc basis, provided that the additional cost so incurred shall be borne by those Member States which have made or supported the application; | |
| **492   PP-98** | *b)*if, at conferences and meetings of the Union, after informing the Secretary‑General or the Director of the Bureau concerned, 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 the relevant provision of Article 29 of the Constitu­tion. | |
| **493   PP-98** | 2)In the case provided for in No. 491 above, the Secretary-General shall comply to the extent practicable with the application, having first obtained from the Member States concerned an undertaking that the cost incurred will be duly repaid by them to the Union. | |
| **494** | 3) In the case provided for in No. 492 above, 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 the relevant provision of Article 29 of the Constitution. | |
| **495   PP-98** | 2Any of the documents referred to in the relevant provisions of Article 29 of the Constitution may be published in languages other than those specified therein, provided that the Member States requesting such publication undertake to defray the whole of the cost of translation and publication involved. | |
|  | CHAPTER V **Various Provisions Related to the Operation of Telecommunication Services** | |
|  | ARTICLE 36  **Charges and Free Services** | |
| **496** | The provisions regarding charges for telecommunications and the various cases in which free services are accorded are set forth in the Administrative Regulations. | |
|  | ARTICLE 37  **Rendering and Settlement of Accounts** | |
| **497   PP-98** | 1The settlement of international accounts shall be regarded as cur­rent transactions and shall be effected in accordance with the current international obligations of the Member States and Sector Members 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 42 of the Constitution, these settlements shall be effected in accor­dance with the Administrative Regulations. | |
| **498   PP-98** | 2Administrations of Member States and Sector Members which operate international telecommunication services shall come to an agreement with regard to the amount of their debits and credits. | |
| **499** | 3 The statement of accounts with respect to debits and credits referred to in No. 498 above shall be drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Regulations, unless special arrange­ments have been concluded between the parties concerned. | |
|  | ARTICLE 38  **Monetary Unit** | |
| **500   PP-98** | In the absence of special arrangements concluded between Mem­ber States, 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  –or the gold franc,  both as defined in the Administrative Regulations. The provisions for application are contained in Appendix 1 to the International Telecommu­nication Regulations. | |
|  | ARTICLE 39  **Intercommunication** | |
| **501** | 1 Stations performing radiocommunication in the mobile service shall be bound, within the limits of their normal employment, to ex­change radiocommunications reciprocally without distinction as to the radio system adopted by them. | |
| **502** | 2 Nevertheless, in order not to impede scientific progress, the provi­sions of No. 501 above 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. | |
| **503** | 3 Notwithstanding the provisions of No. 501 above, 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. | |
| **(SUP) Title to CS Art. 37** |  |
| **(SUP) 504 to CS185A** |  |
| **(SUP) 505   PP-98**  **to CS185B** |  |
| **(SUP) 506   PP-98 to CS185C** |  |
|  | CHAPTER VI **Arbitration and Amendment** | |
|  | ARTICLE 41  **Arbitration: Procedure** (see Article 56 of the Constitution) | |
| **507** | 1 The party which appeals to arbitration shall initiate the arbitration procedure by transmitting to the other party to the dispute a notice of the submission of the dispute to arbitration. | |
| **508** | 2 The parties shall decide by agreement whether the arbitration is to be entrusted to individuals, administrations or governments. If within one month after notice of submission of the dispute to arbitration, the parties have been unable to agree upon this point, the arbitration shall be entrusted to governments. | |
| **509** | 3 If arbitration is to be entrusted to individuals, the arbitrators must neither be nationals of a State party to the dispute, nor have their domi­cile in the States parties to the dispute, nor be employed in their service. | |
| **510   PP-98** | 4If arbitration is to be entrusted to governments, or to administra­tions thereof, these must be chosen from among the Member States which are not involved in the dispute, but which are parties to the agree­ment, the application of which caused the dispute. | |
| **511** | 5 Within three months from the date of receipt of the notification of the submission of the dispute to arbitration, each of the two parties to the dispute shall appoint an arbitrator. | |
| **512** | 6 If more than two parties are involved in the dispute, an arbitrator shall be appointed in accordance with the procedure set forth in Nos. 510 and 511 above, by each of the two groups of parties having a common position in the dispute. | |
| **513** | 7 The two arbitrators thus appointed shall choose a third arbitrator who, if the first two arbitrators are individuals and not governments or administrations, must fulfil the conditions indicated in No. 509 above, and in addition must not be of the same nationality as either of the other two arbitrators. Failing an agreement between the two arbitrators as to the choice of a third arbitrator, each of these two arbitrators shall nomi­nate a third arbitrator who is in no way concerned in the dispute. The Secretary-General shall then draw lots in order to select the third arbitrator. | |
| **514** | 8 The parties to the dispute may agree to have their dispute settled by a single arbitrator appointed by agreement; or alternatively, each party may nominate an arbitrator, and request the Secretary-General to draw lots to decide which of the persons so nominated is to act as the single arbitrator. | |
| **515** | 9 The arbitrator or arbitrators shall be free to decide upon the venue and the rules of procedure to be applied to the arbitration. | |
| **516** | 10 The decision of the single arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties to the dispute. If the arbitration is entrusted to more than one arbitrator, the decision made by the majority vote of the arbitrators shall be final and binding upon the parties. | |
| **517** | 11 Each party shall bear the expense it has incurred in the investigation and presentation of the arbitration. The costs of arbitration other than those incurred by the parties themselves shall be divided equally between the parties to the dispute. | |
| **518** | 12 The Union shall furnish all information relating to the dispute which the arbitrator or arbitrators may need. If the parties to the dispute so agree, the decision of the arbitrator or arbitrators shall be communi­cated to the Secretary-General for future reference purposes. | |
|  | ARTICLE 42  **Provisions for Amending this Convention** | |
| **519   PP-98** | 1Any Member State may propose any amendment to this Conven­tion. Any such proposal shall, in order to ensure its timely transmission to, and consideration by, all the Member States, reach the Secretary-General not later than eight months prior to the opening date fixed for the Plenipotentiary Conference. The Secretary-General shall, as soon as pos­sible, but not later than six months prior to the latter date, forward any such proposal to all the Member States. | |
| **520   PP-98** | 2Any proposed modification to any amendment submitted in accor­dance with No. 519 above may, however, be submitted at any time by a Member State or by its delegation at the Plenipotentiary Conference. | |
| **521** | 3 The quorum required at any Plenary Meeting of the Plenipotenti­ary Conference for consideration of any proposal for amending this Con­vention or modification thereto shall consist of more than one half of the delegations accredited to the Plenipotentiary Conference. | |
| **522** | 4 To be adopted, any proposed modification to a proposed amend­ment as well as the proposal as a whole, whether or not modified, shall be approved, at a Plenary Meeting, by more than half of the delegations accredited to the Plenipotentiary Conference which have the right to vote. | |
| **523   PP-98 PP-02** | 5Unless specified otherwise in the preceding paragraphs of this Article, which shall prevail, the General Rules of conferences, assem­blies and meetings of the Union shall apply. | |
| **524   PP-98** | 6Any amendments to this Convention adopted by a plenipotentiary conference shall, as a whole and in the form of one single amending instrument, enter into force at a date fixed by the conference between Member States having deposited before that date their instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval of, or accession to, both this Con­vention and the amending instrument. Ratification, acceptance or ap­proval of, or accession to, only a part of such an amending instrument shall be excluded. | |
| **525** | 7 Notwithstanding No. 524 above, the Plenipotentiary Conference may decide that an amendment to this Convention is necessary for the proper implementation of an amendment to the Constitution. In that case, the amendment to this Convention shall not enter into force prior to the entry into force of the amendment to the Constitution. | |
| **526   PP-98** | 8The Secretary-General shall notify all Member States of the deposit of each instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or acces­sion. | |
| **527** | 9 After entry into force of any such amending instrument, ratifica­tion, acceptance, approval or accession in accordance with Articles 52 and 53 of the Constitution shall apply to this Convention as amended. | |
| **528** | 10 After the entry into force of any such amending instrument, the Secretary-General shall register it with the Secretariat of the United Nations, in accordance with the provisions of Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations. No. 241 of the Constitution shall also apply to any such amending instrument. | |

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|  | ANNEX   **Definition of Certain Terms Used in this Convention and the Administrative Regulations of the International Telecommunication Union** |
|  | For the purpose of the above instruments of the Union, the following terms shall have the meanings defined below: |
| **1001** | *Expert:*A person sent by either: |
|  | *a)* the Government or the administration of his country, or |
|  | *b)* an entity or an organization authorized in accordance with Article 19 of this Convention, or |
|  | *c)* an international organization |
|  | to participate in tasks of the Union relevant to his area of professional competence. |
| **1002   PP-94   PP-98  PP-06** | *Observer:*A person sent by a Member State, organization, agency or entity to attend a conference, assembly or meeting of the Union or the Council, without the right to vote and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the basic texts of the Union. |
| **1003** | *Mobile Service:*A radiocommunication service between mobile and land stations, or between mobile stations |
| **1004** | *Scientific or Industrial Organization:*Any organization, other than a governmental establishment or agency, which is engaged in the study of telecommunication problems or in the design or manufacture of equipment intended for telecommunication services. |
| **1005** | *Radiocommunication:*Telecommunication by means of radio waves. |
|  | *Note 1:* Radio waves are electromagnetic waves of frequencies arbitrarily lower than 3 000 GHz, propagated in space without artificial guide. |
|  | *Note 2:* For the requirements of Nos. 149 to 154 of this Con­vention, the term “radiocommunication” also includes telecommuni­cations using electromagnetic waves of frequencies above 3 000 GHz, propagated in space without artificial guide. |
| **1006** | *Service Telecommunication:*A telecommunication that relates to public international telecommunications and that is exchanged among the following: |
|  | – administrations, |
|  | – recognized 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. |

**Annex II**

**METHODOLOGY USED BY THE GROUP TO PREPARE THIS ANNEX II**

1. **Base Document; Creation of Clean Version.** Annex I to the Report is the base document used by the Group to prepare Annex II. Prior to introducing any proposed consequential changes to Annex I, the Group accepted all tracked changes shown in such document; thereby creating a clean version of Annex I.
2. **Consequential Changes in Tracked Format.** The Group introduced, in tracked changes format, all proposed consequential changes directly into the clean version of Annex I. As a result, all tracked changes shown in Annex II reflect only proposed consequential changes introduced by the Group.
3. **Cross-References**. To ensure stability, cross-references made in the stable Constitution to the General Provisions and Rules were replaced with general cross-references to such other document.
4. **Appendix I.** Appendix Ito the present Annex IIhas been prepared by the Group to facilitate the reading of Annex II.

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|  | CONSTITUTION OF  THE INTERNATIONAL  TELECOMMUNICATION UNION |
|  | Preamble |
| **1** | While fully recognizing the sovereign right of each State to regulate its telecommunication and having regard to the growing importance of telecommunication for the preservation of peace and the economic and social development of all States, the States Parties to this Constitution, as the basic instrument of the International Telecommunication Union, with the object of facilitating peaceful relations, international cooperation among peoples and economic and social development by means of efficient tele­communication services, have agreed as follows: |
|  | CHAPTER I  **Basic Provisions** |
|  | ARTICLE 1  **Purposes of the Union** |
| **2** | 1 The purposes of the Union are: |
| **3   PP-98** | *a)*to maintain and extend international cooperation among all its Member States for the improvement and rational use of telecom­munications of all kinds; |
| **3A   PP-98** | *a* *bis)*to promote and enhance participation of entities and organizations in the activities of the Union and foster fruitful cooperation and partnership between them and Member States for the fulfilment of the overall objectives as embodied in the purposes of the Union; |
| **4   PP-98** | *b)*to promote and to offer technical assistance to developing coun­tries in the field of telecommunications, and also to promote the mobilization of the material, human and financial resources needed for its implementation, as well as access to information; |
| **5** | *c)* 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; |
| **6** | *d)* to promote the extension of the benefits of the new tele­communication technologies to all the world’s inhabitants; |
| **7** | *e)* to promote the use of telecommunication services with the objec­tive of facilitating peaceful relations; |
| **8   PP-98** | *f)*to harmonize the actions of Member States and promote fruitful and constructive cooperation and partnership between Member States and Sector Members in the attainment of those ends; |
| **9** | *g)* to promote, at the international level, the adoption of a broader approach to the issues of telecommunications in the global infor­mation economy and society, by cooperating with other world and regional intergovernmental organizations and those non‑governmental organizations concerned with telecommunications. |
| **10** | 2 To this end, the Union shall in particular: |
| **11   PP-98** | *a)*effect allocation of bands of the radio-frequency spectrum, the allotment of radio frequencies and the registration of radio-frequency assignments and, for space services, of any associated orbital position in the geostationary-satellite orbit or of any asso­ciated characteristics of satellites in other orbits, in order to avoid harmful interference between radio stations of different countries; |
| **12   PP-98** | *b)*coordinate efforts to eliminate harmful interference between radio stations of different countries and to improve the use made of the radio-frequency spectrum for radiocommunication services and of the geostationary-satellite and other satellite orbits; |
| **13** | *c)* facilitate the worldwide standardization of telecommunications, with a satisfactory quality of service; |
| **14   PP-98** | *d)*foster international cooperation and solidarity in the delivery of technical assistance to the developing countries and the creation, development and improvement of telecommunication equipment and networks in developing countries by every means at its dis­posal, including through its participation in the relevant pro­grammes of the United Nations and the use of its own resources, as appropriate; |
| **15** | *e)* coordinate efforts to harmonize the development of telecom­munication facilities, notably those using space techniques, with a view to full advantage being taken of their possibilities; |
| **16   PP-98** | *f)*foster collaboration among Member States and Sector 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 telecommunications on a sound basis; |
| **17** | *g)* promote the adoption of measures for ensuring the safety of life through the cooperation of telecommunication services; |
| **18** | *h)* undertake studies, make regulations, adopt resolutions, formulate recommendations and opinions, and collect and publish informa­tion concerning telecommunication matters; |
| **19** | *i)* promote, with international financial and development organiza­tions, the establishment of preferential and favourable lines of credit to be used for the development of social projects aimed, *inter alia*, at extending telecommunication services to the most isolated areas in countries. |
| **19A   PP-98** | *j)*promote participation of concerned entities in the activities of the Union and cooperation with regional and other organizations for the fulfilment of the purposes of the Union. |
| ARTICLE 2   **Composition of the Union** | |
| **20   PP-98** | The International Telecommunication Union is an intergovern­mental organization in which Member States and Sector Members, hav­ing well-defined rights and obligations, cooperate for the fulfilment of the purposes of the Union. It shall, having regard to the principle of uni­versality and the desirability of universal participation in the Union, be composed of: |
| **21   PP-98** | *a)* **[**any State which is a Member State of the International Telecom­munication Union as a Party to any International Telecommuni­cation Convention prior to the entry into force of this Constitution and the Convention;] |
| **22** | *b)* any other State, a Member of the United Nations, which accedes to this Constitution in accordance with [Arti­cle 53] of this Constitution; |
| **23   PP-98** | *c)*any other State, 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 Member States of the Union, accedes to this Constitution in accordance with [Article 53] of this Constitution. If such application for membership is made during the interval between two plenipotentiary conferences, the Secretary-General shall con­sult the Member States of the Union; a Member State shall be deemed to have abstained if it has not replied within four months after its opinion has been requested. |
| **PP-98** | ARTICLE 3   **Rights and Obligations of Member States  and Sector Members** |
| **24   PP-98** | 1Member States and Sector Members shall have the rights and shall be subject to the obligations provided for in this Constitution [and in the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules].. |
| **25   PP-98** | 2 Rights of Member States in respect of their participation in the conferences, meetings and consultations of the Union are: |
| **26   PP-98** | *a)*all Member States shall be entitled to participate in conferences, shall be eligible for election to the Council and shall have the right to nominate candidates for election as officials of the Union or as members of the Radio Regulations Board; |
| **27   PP-98** | *b)*subject to the provisions of [Nos. 169 and 210] of this Constitution, each Member State shall have one vote at all plenipotentiary conferences, all world conferences and all Sector assemblies and study group meetings and, if it is a Member State of the Council, all sessions of that Council. At regional conferences, only the Member States of the region concerned shall have the right to vote; |
| **(ADD) 27A ex. CV340A** | 1At all meetings of a conference, assembly or other meeting, the delegation of a Member State duly accredited by that Member State to take part in the work of the conference, assembly or other meeting shall be entitled to one vote in accordance with [Article 3] of this Constitution. |
| **(ADD) 27B ex. CV340B** | 2The delegation of a Member State shall exercise the right to vote under the conditions described in [Article 51A] of this Constitution. |
| **(ADD) 27C ex. CV340C** | b bisWhen a Member State is not represented by an administration at a radiocommunication assembly, a world telecommunication standardiza­tion assembly or a telecommunication development conference, the representatives of the recognized operating agencies of the Member State concerned shall, as a whole, and regardless of their number, be entitled to a single vote, subject to the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules. The provisions of [Nos. 207L to 207O] of this Constitution concerning the transfer of powers shall apply to the above conferences and assemblies. |
| **28   PP-98** | c)subject to the provisions of [Nos. 169 and 210] of this Constitution, each Member State shall also have one vote in all consultations carried out by correspondence. In the case of consultations regarding regional conferences, only the Member States of the region concerned shall have the right to vote. |
| **28A   PP-98** | 3 In respect of their participation in activities of the Union, Sector Members shall be entitled to participate fully in the activities of the Sector of which they are members, subject to relevant provisions of this Constitution and the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules: |
| **28B   PP-98** | *a)*they may provide chairmen and vice-chairmen of Sector assem­blies and meetings and world telecommunication development conferences; |
| **28C   PP-98** | *b)*they shall be entitled, subject to the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules and relevant decisions adopted in this regard by the Plenipotentiary Conference, to take part in the adoption of Questions and Recommendations and in decisions relating to the working methods and procedures of the Sector concerned. |
| ARTICLE 4   **Instruments of the Union** | |
| **29** | 1 The instruments of the Union are: |
|  | *–* this Constitution of the International Telecommunication Union, |
|  | and |
|  | *–* the Administrative Regulations. |
| **30** | 2 This Constitution is the basic instrument of the Union. |
| **31   PP-98** | 3 The provisions of this Constitution are further complemented by those of the Administrative Regulations, enumerated below, which regulate the use of telecommunications and shall be binding on all Member States: |
|  | *–*International Telecommunication Regulations, |
|  | –Radio Regulations. |
| **32** | 4 In the case of inconsistency between a provision of this Constitu­tion and a provision of the Administrative Regula­tions, the Constitution shall prevail. |
| ARTICLE 5   **[Definitions** | |
| **33** | Unless the context otherwise requires: |
| **34** | *a)* the terms used in this Constitution and defined in its Annex, which forms an integral part of this Constitution, shall have the meanings assigned to them in that Annex; |
| **35** | *b)* the terms – other than those defined in the Annex to this Constitu­tion – used in the Convention and defined in the Annex thereto, which forms an integral part of the Convention, shall have the meanings assigned to them in that Annex; |
| **36** | *c)* other terms defined in the Administrative Regulations shall have the meanings therein assigned to them.] |
| ARTICLE 6   **Execution of the Instruments of the Union** | |
| **37   PP-98** | 1The Member States are bound to abide by the provisions of this Constitution, and the Administrative Regulations 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 48] of this Constitution. |
| **38   PP-98** | 2 The Member States are also bound to take the necessary steps to impose the observance of the provisions of this Constitution and the Administrative Regulations upon 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 7   **Structure of the Union** | |
| **39** | The Union shall comprise: |
| **40** | *a)* the Plenipotentiary Conference, which is the supreme organ of the Union; |
| **41** | *b)* the Council, which acts on behalf of the Plenipotentiary Conference; |
| **42** | *c)* world conferences on international telecommunications; |
| **43** | *d)* the Radiocommunication Sector, including world and regional radiocommunication conferences, radiocommunication assem­blies and the Radio Regulations Board; |
| **44   PP-98** | *e)*the Telecommunication Standardization Sector, including world telecommunication standardization assemblies; |
| **45** | *f)* the Telecommunication Development Sector, including world and regional telecommunication development conferences; |
| **46** | *g)* the General Secretariat. |
| ARTICLE 8   **Plenipotentiary Conference** | |
| **47   PP-98** | 1The Plenipotentiary Conference shall be composed of delegations representing Member States. It shall be convened every four years. |
| **48   PP-98** | 2 On the basis of proposals by Member States and taking account of reports by the Council, the Plenipotentiary Conference shall: |
| **49** | *a)* determine the general policies for fulfilling the purposes of the Union prescribed in [Article 1] of this Constitution; |
| **50   PP-94   PP-98** | *b)*consider the reports by the Council on the activities of the Union since the previous plenipotentiary conference and on the policy and strategic planning of the Union; |
| **51   PP-98 PP-02** | *c)*in the light of its decisions taken on the reports referred to in [No. 50 above], establish the strategic plan for the Union and the basis for the budget of the Union, and determine related financial limits, until the next plenipotentiary conference, after considering all relevant aspects of the work of the Union in that period; |
| **51A   PP-98** | *c* *bis)*establish, using the procedures described in the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules, the total number of contributory units for the period up to the next plenipotentiary conference on the basis of the classes of contribution announced by Member States; |
| **52** | *d)* provide any general directives dealing with the staffing of the Union and, if necessary, fix the basic salaries, the salary scales and the system of allowances and pensions for all the officials of the Union; |
| **53** | *e)* examine the accounts of the Union and finally approve them, if appropriate; |
| **54   PP-98** | *f)*elect the Member States which are to serve on the Council; |
| **55** | *g)* elect the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux of the Sectors as elected officials of the Union; |
| **56** | *h)* elect the members of the Radio Regulations Board; |
| **57   PP-94   PP-98** | *i)*consider and adopt, if appropriate, proposals for amendments to this Constitution n, put forward by Member States, in accordance with the provisions of [Article 55] of this Constitution; |
| **58** | *j)* conclude or revise, if necessary, agreements between the Union and other international organizations, examine any provisional agreements with such organizations concluded by the Council on behalf of the Union, and take such measures in connection therewith as it deems appropriate; |
| **58A   PP-98 PP-02** | *j* *bis)* **[**adopt and amend the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union;] |
| **59** | *k)* deal with such other telecommunication questions as may be necessary. |
| **59A  PP-94** | 3Exceptionally, in the interval between two ordinary Plenipotenti­ary Conferences, it shall be possible to convene an extraordinary Pleni­potentiary Conference with a restricted agenda to deal with specific matters: |
| **59B  PP-94** | *a)* by a decision of the preceding ordinary Plenipotentiary Confer­ence; |
| **59C   PP-94   PP-98** | *b)*should two-thirds of the Member States individually so request the Secretary-General; |
| **59D   PP-94   PP-98** | *c)*at the proposal of the Council with the approval of at least two‑thirds of the Member States. |
| **(ADD) subtitle  ex.  title CV Art. 23** | **Admission to Plenipotentiary Conferences** |
| **(ADD) 59E ex. CV 267** | 4 The following shall be admitted to plenipotentiary conferences: |
| **(ADD) 59F ex. CV 268** | *a)* delegations; |
| **(ADD) 59G ex. CV268A** | *b)* the elected officials, in an advisory capacity; |
| **(ADD) 59H ex. CV268B** | *c)* the Radio Regulations Board, in accordance with of the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules, in an advisory capacity; |
| **(ADD) 59I ex. CV 269** | *d)* observers of the following organizations, agencies and entities, to participate in an advisory capacity: |
| **(ADD) 59J ex. CV269A** | *i)* the United Nations; |
| **(ADD) 59K ex. CV269B** | *ii)* regional telecommunication organizations mentioned in [Article 43] of this Constitution; |
| **(ADD) 59L ex. CV269C** | *iii)* intergovernmental organizations operating satellite sys­tems; |
| **(ADD) 59M ex. CV269D** | *iv)* the specialized agencies of the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency; |
| **(ADD) 59N ex. CV269E** | *e)* observers from the Sector Members referred to in [Nos. 229 and 231] of the General Provisions and Rules. |
| **(ADD) 59O ex. CV269F** | 5The General Secretariat and the three Bureaux of the Union shall be represented at the conference in an advisory capacity. |
| ARTICLE 9   **Principles Concerning Elections and Related Matters** | |
| **60** | 1 The Plenipotentiary Conference, at any elections referred to in [Nos. 54 to 56] of this Constitution, shall ensure that: |
| **61 PP-02** | *a)* the Member States of the Council are elected with due regard to the need for equitable distribution of the seats on the Council among all regions of the world; |
| **62   PP-94   PP-98 PP-02** | *b)* the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux shall be elected among the candidates proposed by Member States as their nationals and shall all be nationals of different Member States, and at their election due consideration should be given to equitable geographical distribution amongst the regions of the world; due consideration should also be given to the principles embodied in [No. 154] of this Constitution; |
| **63   PP-94   PP-98 PP-02** | *c)*the members of the Radio Regulations Board shall be elected in their individual capacity from among the candidates proposed by Member States as their nationals. Each Member State may propose only one candidate. The members of the Radio Regula­tions Board shall not be nationals of the same Member State as the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau; at their election, due consideration should be given to equitable geographical dis­tri­bution amongst the regions of the world and to the principles embodied in [No. 93] of this Constitution. |
| **64 PP-02** | 2 Provisions relating to taking up duties, vacancy and re-eligibility are contained in the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules. |
| **(ADD) subtitle ex.  subtitle before CV7** | **The Council** |
| **(ADD) 64A ex. CV7** | 3Except in the case of vacancies arising in the circumstances described in [Nos. 64D to 64F below], the Member States elected to the Council shall hold office until the date on which a new Council is elected. They shall be eligible for re-election. |
| **(ADD) 64B ex. CV8** | 4*a)*If, between two plenipotentiary conferences, a seat becomes vacant on the Council, it shall pass by right to the Member State from the same region as the Member State whose seat is vacated which had obtained at the previous election the largest number of votes among those not elected. |
| **(ADD) 64C ex. CV9** | *b)*When for any reason a vacant seat cannot be filled according to the procedure of [No. 64B above], the Chairman of the Council shall invite the other Member States of the region to seek election within one month of such an invitation being issued. At the end of this period, the Chair­man of the Council shall invite Member States to elect a new Member State of the Council. The election shall be carried out by secret ballot by correspondence. The same majority as indicated above will be required. The new Member State of the Council shall hold office until the election of the new Council by the next competent plenipotentiary conference. |
| **(ADD) 64D ex. CV10** | 5A seat on the Council shall be considered vacant: |
| **(ADD) 64E ex. CV11** | *a)* when a Member State of the Council does not have a representative in attendance at two consecutive ordinary sessions of the Council; |
| **(ADD) 64F ex. CV12** | *b)*when a Member State resigns its membership of the Council. |
| **(ADD) subtitle ex.  subtitle  before CV13** | **Elected Officials** |
| **(ADD) 64G ex. CV13** | 6 The Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux shall take up their duties on the dates determined by the Plenipotentiary Conference at the time of their election. They shall normally remain in office until dates determined by the following plenipotentiary conference, and they shall be eligible for re-election once only for the same post. Re-election shall mean that it is possible for only a second term, regardless of whether it is consecutive or not. |
| **(ADD) 64H ex. CV14** | 7 If the post of Secretary-General falls vacant, the Deputy Secretary-General shall succeed to it and shall remain in office until a date determined by the following Plenipotentiary Conference. When under these conditions the Deputy Secretary-General succeeds to the office of the Secretary-General, the post of Deputy Secretary-General shall be considered to fall vacant on that same date and the provisions of [No. 64I below] shall be applied. |
| **(ADD) 64I ex.  CV15** | 8 If the post of Deputy Secretary-General falls vacant more than 180 days prior to the date set for the convening of the next Plenipoten­tiary Conference, the Council shall appoint a successor for the balance of the term. |
| **(ADD) 64J ex.  CV16** | 9 If the posts of the Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General fall vacant simultaneously, the Director who has been longest in office shall discharge the duties of Secretary-General for a period not exceeding 90 days. The Council shall appoint a Secretary-General and, if the vacancies occur more than 180 days prior to the date set for the con­vening of the next Plenipotentiary Conference, a Deputy Secretary-General. An official thus appointed by the Council shall serve for the balance of the term for which his predecessor was elected. |
| **(ADD) 64K ex.  CV17** | 10 If the post of a Director becomes unexpectedly vacant, the Secretary-General shall take the necessary steps to ensure that the duties of that Director are carried out until the Council shall appoint a new Director at its next ordinary session following the occurrence of such a vacancy. A Director so appointed shall serve until the date fixed by the next Plenipotentiary Conference. |
| **(ADD) 64L ex.  CV18** | 11Subject to the relevant provisions of [Article 27] of this Consti­tution, the Council shall provide for the filling of any vacancy in the post of Secretary-General or Deputy Secretary-General in the situation described in the relevant provisions of the present Article at an ordinary session, if held within 90 days after a vacancy occurs, or at a session convened by the Chairman within the periods specified in those provi­sions. |
| **(ADD) 64M ex.  CV19** | 12 Any period of service in the post of an elected official pursuant to an appointment under [Nos. 64H to 64L above] shall not affect eligibility for election or re-election to such a post. |
| **(ADD) subtitle ex.  subtitle before CV20** | **Members of Radio Regulations Board** |
| **(ADD) 64N ex. CV20** | 13 The members of the Radio Regulations Board shall take up their duties on the dates determined by the Plenipotentiary Conference at the time of their election. They shall remain in office until dates determined by the following plenipotentiary conference, and shall be eligible for re-election once only. Re‑election shall mean that it is possible for only a second term, regardless of whether it is consecutive or not. |
| **(ADD) 64O ex.  CV21** | 14 If, in the interval between two plenipotentiary conferences, a member of the Board resigns or is no longer in a position to perform his duties, the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau, shall invite the Member States of the region concerned to propose candidates for the election of a replacement at the next session of the Council. However, if the vacancy occurs more than 90 days before a session of the Council or after the session of the Council preceding the next plenipotentiary conference, the Member State concerned shall designate, as soon as possible and within 90 days, another national as a replacement who will remain in office until the new member elected by the Council takes office or until the new members of the Board elected by the next plenipotentiary conference take office, as appropriate. The replacement shall be eligible for election by the Council or by the Plenipotentiary Conference, as appropriate. |
| **(ADD) 64P ex.  CV22** | 15 A member of the Radio Regulations Board is considered no longer in a position to perform his duties after three consecutive absences from the Board meetings. The Secretary-General shall, after consultation with the Board’s Chairman as well as the member of the Board and the Member State concerned, declare existence of a vacancy in the Board and shall proceed as stipulated in [No. 64O above]. |
| ARTICLE 10   **The Council** | |
| **65   PP-98** | 1The Council shall be composed of Member States elected by the Plenipotentiary Conference in accordance with the provisions of [No. 61] of this Constitution. |
| **(ADD) 65A ex. CV50** | 1bis 1*)* The number of Member States of the Council shall be determined by the Plenipotentiary Conference which is held every four years. |
| **(ADD) 65B ex. CV50A** | 2*)* This number shall not exceed 25% of the total number of Member States. |
| **66** PP-02 | 2 Each Member State of the Council shall appoint a person to serve on the Council who may be assisted by one or more advisers. |
| **(ADD) 66A ex. CV60A** | 2bis A Member State which is not a Member State of the Council may, with prior notice to the Secretary‑General, send one observer at its own expense to meetings of the Council, its committees and its working groups. An observer shall not have the right to vote. |
| **(ADD) 66B ex. CV60B** | 2ter Sector Members may attend, as observers, meetings of the Council, its committees and its working groups, subject to the conditions established by the Council, including conditions relating to the number of such observers and the procedures for appointing them. |
| **67 PP-02** | (SUP) |
| **68** | 3 In the interval between Plenipotentiary Conferences, the Council shall act, as governing body of the Union, on behalf of the Plenipotenti­ary Conference within the limits of the powers delegated to it by the latter. |
| **69   PP-98** | 4 1*)* The Council shall take all steps to facilitate the implementation by the Member States of the provisions of this Constitution, of the Administrative Regulations, of the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules, of the decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference, and, where appropriate, of the decisions of other conferences and meetings of the Union, and perform any duties assigned to it by the Plenipotentiary Conference. |
| **70   PP-98 PP-02** | 2*)* The Council shall consider broad telecommunication policy issues in accordance with the guidelines given by the Plenipotentiary Conference to ensure that the Union’s policies and strategy fully respond to changes in the telecommunication environment. |
| **70A   PP-02** | 2 *bis)* The Council shall prepare a report on the policy and strategic planning recommended for the Union, together with their financial implications, using the specific data prepared by the Secretary-General under [No. 74A below]. |
| **71** | 3*)* It shall ensure the efficient coordination of the work of the Union and exercise effective financial control over the General Secre­tariat and the three Sectors. |
| **72** | *4)* It shall contribute, in accordance with the purposes of the Union, to the development of telecommunications in the developing countries by every means at its disposal, including through the participa­tion of the Union in the appropriate programmes of the United Nations. |
| ARTICLE 11   **General Secretariat** | |
| **73** | 1 1) The General Secretariat shall be directed by a Secretary-General, assisted by one Deputy Secretary-General. |
| **73*bis*   PP-06** | The Secretary-General shall act as the legal representative of the Union. |
| **73A   PP-98** | 2)The functions of the Secretary-General are specified in the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules. In addition, the Secretary-General shall: |
| **74   PP-98** | *a)*coordinate the Union’s activities, with the assistance of the Coordination Committee; |
| **74A   PP-98 PP-02** | *b)*prepare, with the assistance of the Coordination Committee, and provide to the Member States and Sector Members, such specific information as may be required for the preparation of a report on the policies and strategic plan for the Union, and coordinate the implementation of the plan; this report shall be communicated to the Member States and Sector Members for review during the last two regularly scheduled sessions of the Council before a plenipo­tentiary conference; |
| **75   PP-98** | *c)*take all the actions required to ensure economic use of the Union’s resources and be responsible to the Council for all the administrative and financial aspects of the Union’s activities; |
| **76   PP-06** | (SUP) |
| **76A   PP-98** | 3) The Secretary-General may act as depositary of special arrangements established in conformity with [Article 42] of this Consti­tution. |
| **77** | 2 The Deputy Secretary-General shall be responsible to the Secretary-General; he 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. |
| CHAPTER II  **Radiocommunication Sector** | |
| ARTICLE 12   **Functions and Structure** | |
| **78   PP-98** | 11)The functions of the Radiocommunication Sector shall be, bearing in mind the particular concerns of developing countries, to fulfil the purposes of the Union, as stated in [Article 1] of this Constitution, relating to radiocommunication: |
|  | –by ensuring the rational, equitable, efficient and economical use of the radio-frequency spectrum by all radiocommunication services, including those using the geostationary-satellite or other satellite orbits, subject to the provisions of [Article 44] of this Constitution, and |
|  | –by carrying out studies without limit of frequency range and adopting recommendations on radiocommunication matters. |
| **79** | 2) The precise responsibilities of the Radiocommunication Sec­tor and the Telecommunication Standardization Sector shall be subject to continuing review, in close cooperation, with regard to matters of com­mon interest to both Sectors, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the General Provision and Rules. Close coordination shall be carried out between the Radiocommunication, Telecommunication Standardization and Tele­communication Development Sectors. |
| **80** | 2The Radiocommunication Sector shall work through: |
| **81** | *a)* world and regional radiocommunication conferences; |
| **82** | *b)* the Radio Regulations Board; |
| **83   PP-98** | *c)*radiocommunication assemblies; |
| **84** | *d)* radiocommunication study groups; |
| **84A   PP-98** | *d* *bis*)the Radiocommunication Advisory Group; |
| **85** | *e)* the Radiocommunication Bureau, headed by the elected Director. |
| **86** | 3The Radiocommunication Sector shall have as members: |
| **87   PP-98** | *a)*of right, the administrations of all Member States; |
| **88   PP-98** | *b)*any entity or organization which becomes a Sector Member in accordance with the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules. |
| ARTICLE 13   **Radiocommunication Conferences and Radiocommunication Assemblies** | |
| **89** | 1A world radiocommunication conference may partially or, in exceptional cases, completely, revise the Radio Regulations and may deal with any question of a worldwide character within its competence and related to its agenda; its other duties are specified in the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules. |
| **(ADD) subtitle ex. title CV Art. 24** | **Admission to Radiocommunication Conferences** |
| **(ADD) 89A ex. CV276** | 2 The following shall be admitted to radiocommunication conferences: |
| **(ADD) 89B ex. CV277** | *a)* delegations; |
| **(ADD) 89C ex. CV278** | *b)* observers of organizations and agencies referred to in [Nos. 59J to 59M of this Constitution], to participate in an advisory capacity; |
| **(ADD) 89D ex. CV279** | *c)* observers of other international organizations invited in accordance with the relevant provisions of [Chapter I] of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, to participate in an advisory capacity; |
| **(ADD) 89E ex. CV280** | *d)*observers from Sector Members of the Radiocommunication Sector; |
| **(ADD) 89F ex. CV281** | (SUP) |
| **(ADD) 89G ex. CV282** | *e)*observers of Member States participating in a non-voting capacity in a regional radiocommunication conference of a region other than that to which the said Member States belong; |
| **(ADD) 89H ex. CV282A** | *f)* in an advisory capacity, the elected officials, when the conference is discussing matters coming within their competence, and the members of the Radio Regulations Board. |
| **(SUP) 90   PP-98 PP-06 to CV 23A** |  |
| **91   PP-98  PP-06** | 3 Radiocommunication assemblies shall also normally be convened every three to four years, and may be associated in place and time with world radiocommunication conferences so as to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Radiocommunication Sector.Radiocommunica­tion assemblies shall provide the necessary technical bases for the work of the world radiocommunication conferences and respond to all requests from world radiocommunication conferences. The duties of the radio­communication assemblies are specified in the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules. |
| **(ADD) 91A ex.  CV129** | 4 A radiocommunication assembly shall deal with and issue, as ap­propriate, recommendations on questions adopted pursuant to its own procedures or referred to it by the Plenipotentiary Conference, any other conference, the Council or the Radio Regulations Board. |
| **(ADD) 91B ex. CV137A** | 5 A radiocommunication assembly may assign specific matters within its competence, except those relating to the procedures contained in the Radio Regulations, to the radiocommunication advisory group indicating the action required on those matters. |
| **92   PP-98** | 4 The decisions of a world radiocommunication conference, of a radiocommunication assembly and of a regional radiocommunication conference shall in all circumstances be in conformity with this Consti­tution.. [The decisions of a radiocommunication assembly or of a regional radiocommunication conference shall also in all circumstances be in conformity with the Radio Regulations.] When adopting resolutions and decisions, the conferences shall take into account the foreseeable financial implications and should avoid adopting resolutions and decisions which might give rise to expenditure in excess of the financial limits laid down by the Plenipotentiary Conference. |
| ARTICLE 14   **Radio Regulations Board** | |
| **93** | 1The Radio Regulations Board shall consist of elected members thoroughly qualified in the field of radiocommunications and possessing practical experience in the assignment and utilization of frequencies. Each member shall be familiar with the geographic, economic and demographic conditions within a particular area of the world. They shall perform their duties for the Union independently and on a part-time basis. |
| **93A   PP-98** | 1 *bis)*The Radio Regulations Board is composed of not more than either 12 members, or of a number corresponding to 6% of the total number of Member States, whichever is the greater. |
| **94** | 2 The duties of the Radio Regulations Board shall consist of: |
| **95   PP-98 PP-02** | *a)* the approval of Rules of Procedure, which include technical criteria, in accordance with the Radio Regulations and with any decision which may be taken by competent radiocommunication conferences. These Rules of Procedure shall be used by the Director and the Bureau in the application of the Radio Regulations to register frequency assignments made by Member States. These Rules shall be developed in a transparent manner and shall be open to comment by administrations and, in case of continuing disagreement, the matter shall be submitted to the next world radiocommunication conference; |
| **96** | *b)* the consideration of any other matter that cannot be resolved through the application of the above Rules of Procedure; |
| **97   PP-98** | *c)*the performance of any additional duties, concerned with the assignment and utilization of frequencies, as indicated in [No. 78] of this Constitution, in accordance with the procedures provided for in the Radio Regulations, and as prescribed by a competent conference or by the Council with the consent of a majority of the Member States, in preparation for, or in pursuance of the deci­sions of, such a conference; and |
| **(ADD) 97A ex.  CV140 (2)** | *d)* independently of the Radiocommunication Bureau, at the request of one or more of the interested administrations, the consideration of appeals against decisions made by the Radiocommunication Bureau regarding frequency assignments. |
| **98** | 3 1*)* In the exercise of their Board duties, the members of the Radio Regulations Board shall serve, not as representing their respective Member States nor a region, but as custodians of an international public trust. In particular, each member of the Board shall refrain from inter­vening in decisions directly concerning the member’s own administra­tion. |
| **99   PP-98** | *2)* No member of the Board shall request or receive instructions relating to the exercise of his duties for the Union from any government or a member thereof, or from any public or private organization or person. Members of the Board shall refrain from taking any action or from participating in any decision which may be incompatible with their status defined in [No. 98 above.] |
| **100   PP-98** | 3*)* Member States and Sector Members shall respect the exclu­sively international character of the duties of the members of the Board and refrain from attempting to influence them in the performance of their Board duties. |
| **(ADD) 100A ex. CV142A** | 3 *bis)* The members of the Board shall, while in the exercise of their duties for the Union, as specified in the Constitution and the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules, or while on mission for the Union, enjoy functional privileges and immunities equivalent to those granted to the elected officials of the Union by each Member State, subject to the relevant provisions of the national legislation or other applicable legislation in each Member State. Such functional privileges and immunities are granted to members of the Board for the purposes of the Union and not for their personal advantage. The Union may and shall withdraw the immunity granted to a member of the Board whenever it considers that such immunity is contrary to the orderly administration of justice and its withdrawal is not prejudicial to the interests of the Union. |
| **101** | 4 The working methods of the Radio Regulations Board are defined in the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules. |
| ARTICLE 15   **PP-98 Radiocommunication Study Groups   and Advisory Group** | |
| **(ADD) CS101A ex. CV148** | 1 Radiocommunication study groups are set up by a radiocom­muni­cation assembly. |
| **(ADD) CS101B ex. CV149** | 2The radiocommunication study groups shall study questions adopted in accordance with a procedure established by the radio­commu­nication assembly and prepare draft recommendations to be adopted in accordance with the procedure set forth in the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules. |
| **(ADD) CS101C ex. CV149A** | 3The radiocommunication study groups shall also study topics identified in resolutions and recommendations of world radiocom­munication conferences. The results of such studies shall be included in recommendations or in the reports prepared in accordance with the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules. |
| **102   PP-98** | The respective duties of the radiocommunication study groups and advisory group are specified in the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules. |
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| ARTICLE 16   **Radiocommunication Bureau** | |
| **(ADD) 102A ex.  CV161** | The Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau shall organize and coordinate the work of the Radiocommunication Sector. The duties of the Bureau are supplemented by those specified in provisions of the Radio Regulations. |
| **103** | The functions of the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau are specified in the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules. |
| CHAPTER III  **Telecommunication Standardization Sector** | |
| ARTICLE 17   **Functions and Structure** | |
| **104   PP-98** | 1The functions of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector shall be, bearing in mind the particular concerns of the developing countries, to fulfil the purposes of the Union relating to telecommunica­tion standardization, as stated in [Article 1] of this Constitution, by studying technical, operating and tariff questions and adopting recom­mendations on them with a view to standardizing telecommunications on a worldwide basis. |
| **105** | 2)The precise responsibilities of the Telecommunication Stan­dardization and Radiocommunication Sectors shall be subject to continuing review, in close cooperation, with regard to matters of common interest to both Sectors, in accordance with the relevant provi­sions of the General Provisions and Rules. Close coordination shall be carried out between the Radiocommunication, Telecommunication Standardization and Tele­communication Development Sectors. |
| **106** | 2The Telecommunication Standardization Sector shall work through: |
| **107   PP-98** | *a)*world telecommunication standardization assemblies; |
| **108** | *b)* telecommunication standardization study groups; |
| **108A   PP-98** | *b* *bis*)the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group; |
| **109** | *c)* the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau headed by the elected Director. |
| **110** | 3The Telecommunication Standardization Sector shall have as members: |
| **111   PP-98** | *a)*of right, the administrations of all Member States; |
| **112   PP-98** | *b)*any entity or organization which becomes a Sector Member in accordance with the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules. |
| ARTICLE 18   **PP-98 World Telecommunication Standardization  Assemblies** | |
| **113   PP-98** | The duties of world telecommunication standardization assem­blies are specified in the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules. |
| **(SUP) 114   PP-98  to CV25A** |  |
| **115   PP-98** | 3 [Decisions of world telecommunication standardization assemblies must in all circumstances be in conformity with this Constitution and the Administrative Regulations.] When adopting resolu­tions and decisions, the assemblies shall take into account the foreseeable financial implications and should avoid adopting resolutions and deci­sions which might give rise to expenditure in excess of the financial limits laid down by the Plenipotentiary Conference. |
| ARTICLE 19   **PP-98 Telecommunication Standardization Study Groups   and Advisory Group** | |
| **(ADD) 115A ex. CV192** | Telecommunication standardization study groups shall study questions adopted in accordance with a procedure established by the world telecommunication standardization assembly and prepare draft recommendations to be adopted in accordance with the procedure set forth in the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules. |
| **116   PP-98** | The respective duties of the telecommunication standardization study groups and advisory group are specified in the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules. |
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| ARTICLE 20   **Telecommunication Standardization Bureau** | |
| **(ADD) 116A ex.  CV198** | The Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau shall organize and coordinate the work of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector. |
| **117** | The functions of the Director of the Telecommunication Stand­ardization Bureau are specified in the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules. |
| CHAPTER IV  **Telecommunication Development Sector** | |
| ARTICLE 21   **Functions and Structure** | |
| **118** | 1 The functions of the Telecommunication Development Sec­tor shall be to fulfil the purposes of the Union as stated in [Article 1] of this Constitution and to discharge, within its specific sphere of compe­tence, the Union’s dual responsibility as a United Nations specialized agency and executing agency for implementing projects under the United Nations development system or other funding arrangements so as to facilitate and enhance telecommunications development by offering, organizing and coordinating technical cooperation and assistance activities. |
| **119** | 2) The activities of the Radiocommunication, Telecommunica­tion Standardization and Telecommunication Development Sectors shall be the subject of close cooperation with regard to matters relating to development, in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Consti­tution. |
| **120** | 2 Within the foregoing framework, the specific functions of the Telecommunication Development Sector shall be to: |
| **121** | *a)* raise the level of awareness of decision-makers concerning the important role of telecommunications in the national economic and social development programme, and provide information and advice on possible policy and structural options; |
| **122   PP-98** | *b)*promote, especially by means of partnership, the development, expansion and operation of telecommunication networks and services, particularly in developing countries, taking into account the activities of other relevant bodies, by reinforcing capabilities for human resources development, planning, management, resource mobilization, and research and development; |
| **123** | *c)* enhance the growth of telecommunications through cooperation with regional telecommunications organizations and with global and regional development financing institutions, monitoring the status of projects included in its development programme to ensure that they are properly executed; |
| **124** | *d)* activate the mobilization of resources to provide assistance in the field of telecommunications to developing countries by promoting the establishment of preferential and favourable lines of credit, and cooperating with international and regional financial and development institutions; |
| **125** | *e)* promote and coordinate programmes to accelerate the transfer of appropriate technologies to the developing countries in the light of changes and developments in the networks of the developed countries; |
| **126** | *f)* encourage participation by industry in telecommunication devel­opment in developing countries, and offer advice on the choice and transfer of appropriate technology; |
| **127** | *g)* offer advice, carry out or sponsor studies, as necessary, on techni­cal, economic, financial, managerial, regulatory and policy issues, including studies of specific projects in the field of telecommuni­cations; |
| **128** | *h)* collaborate with the other Sectors, the General Secretariat and other concerned bodies in developing a general plan for interna­tional and regional telecommunication networks so as to facilitate the coordination of their development with a view to the provision of telecommunication services; |
| **129** | *i)* in carrying out the above functions, give special attention to the requirements of the least developed countries. |
| **130** | 3 The Telecommunication Development Sector shall work through: |
| **131** | *a)* world and regional telecommunication development conferences; |
| **132** | *b)* telecommunication development study groups; |
| **132A   PP-98** | *b* *bis)*the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group; |
| **133** | *c)* the Telecommunication Development Bureau headed by the elected Director. |
| **134** | 4The Telecommunication Development Sector shall have as mem­bers: |
| **135   PP-98** | *a)*of right, the administrations of all Member States; |
| **136   PP-98** | *b)*any entity or organization which becomes a Sector Member in accordance with the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules. |
| ARTICLE 22   **Telecommunication Development Conferences** | |
| **137** | 1 Telecommunication development conferences shall be a forum for the discussion and consideration of topics, projects and programmes relevant to telecommunication development and for the provision of direction and guidance to the Telecommunication Development Bureau. |
| **(SUP) 138 to CV207A** |  |
| **(SUP) 139 to CV207B** |  |
| **(SUP) 140 to CV207C** |  |
| **(SUP) 141 to  CV 26A** |  |
| **142   PP-98** | 4 Telecommunication development conferences shall not produce Final Acts. Their conclusions shall take the form of resolutions, deci­sions, recommendations or reports. [These conclusions must in all cir­cumstances be in conformity with this Constitution, and the Administrative Regulations.] When adopting resolutions and deci­sions, the conferences shall take into account the foreseeable financial implications and should avoid adopting resolutions and decisions which might give rise to expenditure in excess of the financial limits laid down by the Plenipotentiary Conference. |
| **143** | 2The duties of telecommunication development conferences are specified in the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules. |
| ARTICLE 23   **PP-98 Telecommunication Development Study Groups   and Advisory Group** | |
| **(ADD) 143A ex. CV214** | Telecommunication development study groups shall deal with specific telecommunication questions of general interest to developing countries, including the matters enumerated in [No. 211] of the General Provisions and Rules. Such study groups shall be limited in number and created for a limited period of time, subject to the availability of resources, shall have specific terms of reference on questions and matters of priority to developing countries and shall be task-oriented. |
| **144   PP-98** | The respective duties of telecommunication development study groups and advisory group are specified in the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules. |
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| ARTICLE 24   **Telecommunication Development Bureau** | |
| **(ADD) 144A ex.  CV216** | The Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau shall organize and coordinate the work of the Telecommunication Development Sector. |
| **145** | The functions of the Director of the Telecommunication Develop­ment Bureau are specified in the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules. |

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| **PP-02** CHAPTER IVA  **Working Methods of the Sectors** | |
| **145A PP-02** | 1 The radiocommunication assembly, the world telecommuni­cation standardization assembly and the world telecommunication development conference may establish and adopt working methods and procedures for the management of the activities of their respective Sectors. [These working methods and procedures must be compatible with this Constitution, the Administrative Regulations, and the General Provision and Rules; in particular [Nos. 246D to 246H] of the General Provisions and Rules.] |
| CHAPTER V  **Other Provisions Concerning the Functioning  of the Union** | |
| ARTICLE 25   **World Conferences on International Telecommunications** | |
| **146** | 1A world conference on international telecommunications may partially, or in exceptional cases, completely revise the International Telecommunication Regulations and may deal with any question of a worldwide character within its competence and related to its agenda. |
| **(ADD) 146A ex.  CV48** | 2 World conferences on international telecommunications shall be held upon decision by the Plenipotentiary Conference. |
| **(ADD) 146B ex. CV49** | 3*)*The provisions for the convening of, the adoption of the agenda of, and the participation in a world radiocommunication confer­ence shall, as appropriate, equally apply to world conferences on inter­national telecommunications. |
| **147   PP-98** | **[**Decisions of world conferences on international telecommunica­tions shall in all circumstances be in conformity with this Constitution.] When adopting resolutions and decisions, the con­ferences shall take into account the foreseeable financial implications and should avoid adopting resolutions and decisions which might give rise to expenditure in excess of the financial limits laid down by the Plenipotentiary Conference. |
| ARTICLE 26   **Coordination Committee** | |
| **148** | 1 The Coordination Committee shall consist of the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the three Bureaux. It shall be presided over by the Secretary-General, and in his absence by the Deputy Secretary-General. |
| **149** | 2 The Coordination Committee shall act as an internal management team which advises and gives the Secretary-General practical assistance on all administrative, financial, information system and technical coop­eration matters which do not fall under the exclusive competence of a particular Sector or of the General Secretariat and on external relations and public information. In its considerations, the Committee shall keep fully in view the provisions of this Constitution, the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules, the decisions of the Council and the interests of the Union as a whole. |
| ARTICLE 27   **Elected Officials and Staff of the Union** | |
| **150** | 1 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. |
| **151   PP-98** | 2*)*Member States and Sector Members shall respect the exclu­sively international character of the duties of these elected officials and of the staff of the Union, and refrain from trying to influence them in the performance of their work. |
| **152** | 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. |
| **153   PP-98** | *4)* In order to ensure the efficient operation of the Union, any Member State a national of which has been elected Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General or Director of a Bureau shall refrain, as far as possible, from recalling that national between two plenipotentiary conferences. |
| **154** | 2The 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 shall be paid to the importance of recruiting the staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible. |
| ARTICLE 28   **Finances of the Union** | |
| **155** | 1 The expenses of the Union shall comprise the costs of: |
| **156** | *a)* the Council; |
| **157** | *b)* the General Secretariat and the Sectors of the Union; |
| **158** | *c)* Plenipotentiary Conferences and world conferences on interna­tional telecommunications. |
| **159   PP-98** | 2The expenses of the Union shall be met from: |
| **159A   PP-98** | *a)*the contributions of its Member States and Sector Members; |
| **159B   PP-98** | *b)*other revenues as identified in the the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules or in the Financial Regulations. |
| **159C   PP-98** | 2 *bis*) Each Member State and Sector Member shall pay a sum equiva­lent to the number of units in the class of contribution it has chosen in accordance with [Nos. 160 to 161I] of this Constitution and the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules. |
| **159D   PP-98 PP-02** | 2 *ter*) Expenses incurred by the regional conferences referred to in [No. 43] of this Constitution shall be borne: |
| **159E PP-02** | *a)* by all the Member States of the region concerned, in accordance with their class of contribution; |
| **159F PP-02** | *b)* by any Member States of other regions which have participated in such conferences, in accordance with their class of contribution; |
| **159G PP-02** | *c)* by authorized Sector Members and other authorized organizations which have participated in such conferences, in accordance with the the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules. |
| **160   PP-98** | 3 1*)* Member States and Sector Members shall be free to choose their class of contribution for defraying Union expenses. |
| **161   PP-98** | 2*)* The choice by Member States shall be made at a plenipotenti­ary conference in accordance with the scale of classes of contribution, and conditions contained in the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules. |
| **161A   PP-98** | 3) The choice by Sector Members shall be made in accordance with the scale of classes of contribution and conditions contained in the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules and with the procedures described below. |
| **(SUP) 161B   PP-98 to CV469A** |  |
| **(SUP) 161C   PP-98 PP-06 to CV469B** |  |
| **(SUP) 161D   PP-98 to CV469C** |  |
| **(SUP) 161E   PP-98 PP-02 PP-06 to CV469D** |  |
| **(SUP) 161F   PP-98 to CV469E** |  |
| **(SUP) 161G   PP-98 to CV469F** |  |
| **(SUP) 161H   PP-98 to CV469G** |  |
| **(SUP) 161I   PP-98 to CV469H** |  |
| **(SUP) 162   PP-98 to CV469I** |  |
| **(SUP) 163   PP-94   PP-98 to CV469J** |  |
| **164  PP-98** |  |
| **(SUP) 165   PP-98 PP-10 to CV469K** |  |
| **(SUP) 165A   PP-98 to CV469L** |  |
| **(SUP) 165B   PP-98 to CV469M** |  |
| **166 and 167  PP-98** |  |
| **168   PP-98** | 4 Member States and Sector Members shall pay in advance their annual contributory shares, calculated on the basis of the biennial budget approved by the Council as well as of any adjustment adopted by the Council. |
| **169   PP-98** | 5 A Member State which is in arrears in its payments to the Union shall lose its right to vote as defined in [Nos. 27 and 28] of this Constitu­tion for so long as the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contribution due for the two preceding years. |
| **170   PP-98** | 6 Specific provisions governing the financial contributions by Sec­tor Members and by other international organizations are contained in the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules. |
| **(ADD) Title ex.  Title  CV Art. 34** | ARTICLE 28A  **Financial Responsibilities of Conferences and Assemblies** |
| **(ADD) 170A ex.  CV488** | 1 Before adopting proposals or taking decisions with financial implications, the conferences and assemblies of the Union shall take account of all the Union’s budgetary provisions with a view to ensuring that they will not result in expenses beyond the credits which the Council is empowered to authorize. |
| **(ADD) 170B ex.  CV489** | 2 No decision of a conference or an assembly shall be put into effect if it will result in a direct or indirect increase in expenses beyond the credits that the Council is empowered to authorize. |
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| ARTICLE 29   **Languages** | |
| **171   PP-06** | 1 1*)* The official languages of the Union shall be Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. |
| **172** | 2*)* In accordance with the relevant decisions of the Plenipotenti­ary Conference, these languages shall be used for drawing up and pub­lishing documents and texts of the Union, in versions equivalent in form and content, as well as for reciprocal interpretation during conferences and meetings of the Union. |
| **173** | *3)* In case of discrepancy or dispute, the French text shall pre­vail. |
| **174** | 2 When all participants in a conference or in a meeting so agree, discussions may be conducted in fewer languages than those mentioned above. |
| ARTICLE 30   **Seat of the Union** | |
| **175** | The seat of the Union shall be at Geneva. |
| ARTICLE 31   **Legal Capacity of the Union** | |
| **176   PP-98** | The Union shall enjoy in the territory of each of its Member States such legal capacity as may be necessary for the exercise of its functions and the fulfilment of its purposes. |
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| ARTICLE 32   **PP-02 General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies  and Meetings of the Union** | |
| **177   PP-98 PP-02** | 1 **[**The General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference shall apply to the preparation of conferences and assemblies and to the organization of the work and conduct of the discussions of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, as well as to the election of Member States of the Council, of the Secretary-General, of the Deputy Secretary-General, of the Directors of the Bureaux of the Sectors and of the members of the Radio Regulations Board. |
| **178   PP-98 PP-02** | 2 Conferences, assemblies and the Council may adopt such rules as they consider to be essential in addition to those in Chapter II of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union. Such additional rules must, however, be compatible with this Constitu­tion, the General Provisions and Rules, and the aforesaid Chapter II; those adopted by conferences or assemblies shall be published as documents of the conference or assembly concerned.] |
| CHAPTER VI  **General Provisions Relating to Telecommunications** | |
| ARTICLE 33   **The Right of the Public to Use the International Telecommunication Service** | |
| **179   PP-98** | Member States 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 34   **Stoppage of Telecommunications** | |
| **180   PP-98** | 1Member States reserve the right to stop, in accordance with their national law, the transmission of any private telegram which may appear dangerous to the security of the State or contrary to its 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. |
| **181   PP-98** | 2 Member States also reserve the right to cut off, in accordance with their national law, any other private telecommunications which may appear dangerous to the security of the State or contrary to its laws, to public order or to decency. |
| ARTICLE 35   **Suspension of Services** | |
| **182   PP-98** | Each Member State reserves the right to suspend the international telecommunication service, 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 Member States through the Secretary-General. |
| ARTICLE 36   **Responsibility** | |
| **183   PP-98** | Member States accept no responsibility towards users of the inter­national telecommunication services, particularly as regards claims for damages. |
| ARTICLE 37   **Secrecy of Telecommunications** | |
| **184   PP-98** | 1Member States agree to take all possible measures, compatible with the system of telecommunication used, with a view to ensuring the secrecy of international correspondence. |
| **185** | 2 Nevertheless, they reserve the right to communicate such corre­spondence to the competent authorities in order to ensure the application of their national laws or the execution of international conventions to which they are parties. |
| **(ADD) 185A ex. CV504** | 3Government telegrams and service telegrams may be expressed in secret language in all relations. |
| **(ADD) 185B ex. CV505** | 4Private telegrams in secret language may be admitted between all Member States with the exception of those which have previously noti­fied, through the Secretary-General, that they do not admit this language for that category of correspondence. |
| **(ADD) 185C ex. CV506** | 5Member States 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 35] of this Constitution. |
| ARTICLE 38   **Establishment, Operation and Protection of  Telecommunication Channels and Installations** | |
| **186   PP-98** | 1Member States 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. |
| **187** | 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. |
| **188   PP-98** | 3 Member States shall safeguard these channels and installations within their jurisdiction. |
| **189   PP-98** | 4 Unless other conditions are laid down by special arrangements, each Member State shall take such steps as may be necessary to ensure maintenance of those sections of international telecommunication cir­cuits within its control. |
| **189A   PP-98** | 5 Member States recognize the necessity of taking practical meas­ures to prevent the operation of electrical apparatus and installations of all kinds from disrupting the operation of telecommunication installa­tions within the jurisdiction of other Member States. |
| ARTICLE 39   **Notification of Infringements** | |
| **190   PP-98** | In order to facilitate the application of the provisions of [Article 6] of this Constitution, Member States undertake to inform and, as appro­priate, assist one another with regard to infringements of the provisions of this Constitution and of the Administrative Regu­lations. |
| ARTICLE 40   **Priority of Telecommunications Concerning  Safety of Life** | |
| **191** | 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 41   **Priority of Government Telecommunications** | |
| **192** | Subject to the provisions of [Articles 40 and 46] of this Constitu­tion, government telecommunications (see Annex to this Constitution, [No. 1014]) shall enjoy priority over other telecommunications to the extent practicable upon specific request by the originator. |
| ARTICLE 42   **Special Arrangements** | |
| **193   PP-98** | Member States reserve for themselves, for the operating agencies recognized by them and for other agencies duly authorized to do so, the right to make special arrangements on telecommunication matters which do not concern Member States in general. Such arrangements, however, shall not be in conflict with the terms of this Constitution, of the Administrative Regulations, [or of the General Provisions and Rules], so far as concerns the harmful interference which their operation might cause to the radio services of other Member States, and in general so far as concerns the technical harm which their operation might cause to the operation of other telecommunication services of other Member States. |
| ARTICLE 43   **Regional Conferences, Arrangements  and Organizations** | |
| **194   PP-98** | Member States reserve the right to convene regional conferences, to make regional arrangements and to form regional organizations, for the purpose of settling telecommunication questions which are suscepti­ble of being treated on a regional basis. Such arrangements shall not be in conflict with either this Constitution or the [General Provisions and Rules.] |

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| CHAPTER VII  **Special Provisions for Radio** | | | |
| ARTICLE 44   **PP-98** **Use of the Radio-Frequency Spectrum and  of the Geostationary-Satellite and   Other Satellite Orbits** | | | |
| **195 PP-02** | | 1 Member States shall endeavour to limit the number of frequencies and the spectrum used to the minimum essential to provide in a satisfactory manner the necessary services. To that end, they shall endeavour to apply the latest technical advances as soon as possible. | |
| **196   PP-98** | | 2In using frequency bands for radio services, Member States shall bear in mind that radio frequencies and any associated orbits, including the geostationary-satellite orbit, are limited natural resources and that they must be used rationally, efficiently and economically, in conformity with the provisions of the Radio Regulations, so that countries or groups of countries may have equitable access to those orbits and frequencies, taking into account the special needs of the developing countries and the geographical situation of particular countries. | |
| ARTICLE 45   **Harmful Interference** | | | |
| **197   PP-98** | | 1All 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 Member States or of recog­nized operating agencies, or of other duly authorized operating agencies which carry on a radio service, and which operate in accordance with the provisions of the Radio Regulations. | |
| **198   PP-98** | | 2 Each Member State undertakes to require the operating agencies which it recognizes and the other operating agencies duly authorized for this purpose to observe the provisions of [No. 197 above]atterste concerning the hiearchynd ons and Rules shall prevail.ules and the General Rules of Conferences and Assemblies and. | |
| **199   PP-98** | | 3 Further, the Member States recognize the necessity 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 [No. 197 above]. | |
| ARTICLE 46   **Distress Calls and Messages** | | | |
| **200** | | 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 47   **False or Deceptive Distress, Urgency, Safety or Identification Signals** | | | |
| **201   PP-98** | | Member States 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 under their jurisdiction transmitting such signals. | |
| ARTICLE 48   **Installations for National Defence Services** | | | |
| **202   PP-98** | | 1Member States retain their entire freedom with regard to military radio installations. | |
| **203** | | 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 Administrative Regulations concerning the types of emission and the frequencies to be used, according to the nature of the service performed by such installations. | |
| **204** | | 3 Moreover, when these installations take part in the service of public correspondence or other services governed by the Administrative Regulations, they must, in general, comply with the regulatory provi­sions for the conduct of such services. | |
| CHAPTER VIII  **Relations With the United Nations, Other International  Organizations and Non-Member States** | | | |
| ARTICLE 49   **Relations With the United Nations** | | | |
| **205** | | The relationship between the United Nations and the International Telecommunication Union is defined in the Agreement concluded between these two organizations. | |
| ARTICLE 50   **Relations With Other International Organizations** | | | |
| **206 PP-02** | | In furtherance of complete international coordination on matters affecting telecommunication, the Union should cooperate with international organizations having related interests and activities. | |
| ARTICLE 51   **Relations With Non-Member States** | | | |
| **207   PP-98** | | Each Member State reserves for itself and for the recognized operating agencies the right to fix the conditions on which it admits tele­communications exchanged with a State which is not a Member State of the Union. If a telecommunication originating in the territory of such a State is accepted by a Member State, it must be transmitted and, in so far as it follows the telecommunication channels of a Member State, the obligatory provisions of this Constitution, of the Administrative Regulations, [and of the General Provisions and Rules,] and the usual charges shall apply to it. | |
|  | | CHAPTER IX  **Final Provisions** | |
| **(ADD) Title ex.  Title to CV Art. 31** | | ARTICLE 51 A   **Credentials for Conferences** | |
| **(ADD) 207A ex. CV324** | | 1The delegation sent by a Member State to a plenipotentiary conference, a radiocommunication conference or a world conference on international telecommunications shall be duly accredited in accordance with [Nos. 207B to 207H below]. | |
| **(ADD) 207B ex. CV325** | | 2 *a)* Accreditation of delegations to Plenipotentiary Conferences shall be by means of instruments signed by the Head of State, by the Head of Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. | |
| **(ADD) 207C ex. CV326** | | *b)*Accreditation of delegations to the other conferences referred to in [No. 207A above] shall be by means of instruments signed by the Head of State, by the Head of Government, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by the Minister responsible for questions dealt with during the conference. | |
| **(ADD) 207D ex. CV327** | | *c)*Subject to confirmation prior to the signature of the Final Acts, by one of the authorities mentioned in [Nos. 207B or 207C above], a delegation may be provisionally accredited by the head of the diplomatic mission of the Member State concerned to the host government. In the case of a conference held in the Swiss Confederation, a delegation may also be provisionally accredited by the head of the permanent delegation of the Member State concerned to the United Nations Office at Geneva. | |
| **(ADD) 207E ex. CV328** | | 3 Credentials shall be accepted if they are signed by one of the competent authorities mentioned in [Nos. 207B to 207D above], and fulfil one of the following criteria: | |
| **(ADD) 207F ex. CV329** | | *a)* they confer full powers on the delegation; | |
| **(ADD) 207G ex. CV330** | | *b)* they authorize the delegation to represent its government, without restrictions; | |
| **(ADD) 207H ex. CV331** | | *c)* they give the delegation, or certain members thereof, the right to sign the Final Acts. | |
| **(ADD) 207I ex. CV332** | | | 4*a)*A delegation whose credentials are found to be in order by the Plenary Meeting shall be entitled to exercise the right to vote of the Member State concerned, subject to the provisions of [Nos. 169 and 210] of this Constitution, and to sign the final acts. | |
| **(ADD) 207J ex. CV333** | | | *b)* A delegation whose credentials are found not to be in order by the Plenary Meeting shall not be entitled to exercise the right to vote or to sign the Final Acts until the situation has been rectified. | |
| **(ADD) 207K ex. CV334** | | | 5 Credentials shall be deposited with the secretariat of the conference as early as possible; to that end, Member States should send their credentials, prior to the opening date of the conference, to the Secretary-General who shall transmit them to the secretariat of the conference as soon as the latter has been established. The committee referred to in [No. 68] of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union shall be entrusted with the verification thereof and shall report on its conclusions to the Plenary Meeting within the time specified by the latter. Pending the decision of the Plenary Meeting thereon, any delegation shall be entitled to participate in the conference and to exercise the right to vote of the Member State concerned. | |
| **(ADD) 207L ex. CV335** | | | 6As a general rule, Member States should endeavour to send their own delegations to conferences of the Union. However, if a Member State is unable, for exceptional reasons, to send its own delegation, it may give the delegation of another Member State powers to vote and sign on its behalf. Such powers must be conveyed by means of an instrument signed by one of the authorities mentioned in [Nos. 207B or 207C above]. | |
| **(ADD) 207M ex. CV336** | | | 7 A delegation with the right to vote may give to another delegation with the right to vote a mandate to exercise its vote at one or more meetings at which it is unable to be present. In such a case it shall, in good time, notify the Chairman of the conference in writing. | |
| **(ADD) 207N ex. CV337** | | | 8 A delegation may not exercise more than one proxy vote. | |
| **(ADD) 207O ex. CV338** | | | 9 Credentials and transfers of powers sent by telegram shall not be accepted. Nevertheless, replies sent by telegram to requests by the Chairman or the secretariat of the conference for clarification of creden­tials shall be accepted. | |
| **(ADD) 207P ex. CV339** | | | 10A Member State or an authorized entity or organization intending to send a delegation or representatives to a telecommunication standardi­zation assembly, a telecommunication development conference or a radiocommunication assembly shall so inform the Director of the Bureau of the Sector concerned, indicating the names and functions of the mem­bers of the delegation or of the representatives. | |
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| **(ADD) Title ex.  Title CV Art. 32B** | | | ARTICLE 51 B   **Reservations** | |
| **(ADD) 207Q ex.  CV340D** | | | 1As a general rule, any delegation whose views are not shared by the remaining delegations shall endeavour, as far as possible, to conform to the opinion of the majority. | |
| **(ADD) 207R ex. CV340E** | | | 2Any Member State that, during a plenipotentiary conference, reserves its right to make reservations as specified in its declaration when signing the final acts, may make reservations regarding an amendment to the Constitution until such time as its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval of or accession to the amendment has been deposited with the Secretary-General. | |
| **(ADD) 207S ex. CV340F** | | | 3If any decision appears to a delegation to be such as to prevent its government from consenting to be bound by the revision of the Admin­istrative Regulations, this delegation may make reservations, final or provisional, regarding that decision, at the end of the conference adopt­ing that revision; any such reservations may be made by a delegation on behalf of a Member State which is not participating in the competent conference and which has given that delegation proxy powers to sign the final acts in accordance with the provisions of [Article 51A] of this Constitution. | |
| **(ADD) 207T ex.  340G** | | | 4A reservation made following a conference shall only be valid if the Member State which made it formally confirms it when notifying its consent to be bound by the amended or revised instrument adopted by the conference at the close of which it made the reservation in question. | |
| [ARTICLE 52   **Ratification, Acceptance or Approval** | | | |
| **208   PP-98** | | 1This Constitution and the Convention shall be simultaneously ratified, accepted or approved by any signatory Member State, in accor­dance with its constitutional rules, in one single instrument. This instru­ment shall be deposited, in as short a time as possible, with the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General shall notify the Member States of each deposit of any such instrument. | |
| **209   PP-98** | | 2 1*)* During a period of two years from the date of entry into force of this Constitution and the Convention, a signatory Member State, even though it may not have deposited an instrument of ratification, accep­tance or approval, in accordance with [No. 208 above], shall enjoy the rights conferred on Member States in [Nos. 25 to 28] of this Constitution. | |
| **210   PP-98** | | 2*)* From the end of a period of two years from the date of entry into force of this Constitution and the Convention, a signatory Member State which has not deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval, in accordance with [No. 208 above], shall no longer be entitled to vote at any conference of the Union, at any session of the Council, at any meeting of any of the Sectors of the Union, or during any consulta­tion by correspondence conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and of the Convention until it has so deposited such an instrument. Its rights, other than voting rights, shall not be affected. | |
| **211** | | 3 After the entry into force of this Constitution and the Convention in accordance with [Article 58] of this Constitution, an instrument of rati­fication, acceptance or approval, shall become effective on the date of its deposit with the Secretary-General.] | |
| [ARTICLE 53   **Accession** | | | |
| **212   PP-98** | | 1A Member State which is not a signatory to this Constitution and the Convention, or, subject to the provisions of [Article 2] of this Consti­tution, any other State referred to in that Article, may accede to this Constitution and the Convention at any time. Such accession shall be made simultaneously in the form of one single instrument covering both this Constitution and the Convention. | |
| **213   PP-98** | | 2 The instrument of accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General, who shall notify the Member States of each deposit of any such instrument when it is received and shall forward to each of them a certi­fied copy thereof. | |
| **214** | | 3 After the entry into force of this Constitution and the Convention in accordance with [Article 58] of this Constitution, an instrument of accession shall become effective on the date of its deposit with the Secretary-General, unless otherwise specified therein.] | |
| ARTICLE 54   **[Administrative Regulations** | | | |
| **215** | 1 The Administrative Regulations, as specified in [Article 4] of this Constitution, are binding international instruments and shall be subject to the provisions of this Constitution and the Convention. | | |
| **216** | 2Ratification, acceptance or approval of this Constitution and the Convention, or accession to these instruments, in accordance with [Arti­cles 52 and 53] of this Constitution, shall also constitute consent to be bound by the Administrative Regulations adopted by competent world conferences prior to the date of signature of this Constitution and the Convention. Such consent is subject to any reservation made at the time of signature of the Administrative Regulations or revisions thereof to the extent that the reservation is maintained at the time of deposit of the instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. | | |
| **216A   PP-98** | 2 *bis)*The Administrative Regulations referred to in [No. 216 above] shall remain in force, subject to such revisions as may be adopted in applica­tion of [Nos. 89 and 146] of this Constitution and brought into force. Any revision of the Administrative Regulations, either partial or complete, shall enter into force on the date or dates specified therein only for the Member States which, prior to such date or dates, have notified the Secretary-General of their consent to be bound by that revision. | | |
| **217  PP-98** | (SUP) | | |
| **217A   PP-98** | 3 *bis)* A Member State shall notify its consent to be bound by a partial or complete revision of the Administrative Regulations by depositing with the Secretary-General an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval of that revision or of accession thereto or by notifying the Secretary-General of its consent to be bound by that revision. | | |
| **217B   PP-98** | 3 *ter)* Any Member State may also notify the Secretary-General that its ratification, acceptance or approval of, or accession to, amendments to this Constitution or the Convention in accordance with [Article 55] of the Constitution or [Article 42] of the Convention shall constitute consent to be bound by any revision of the Administrative Regulations, either partial or complete, adopted by a competent conference prior to the signature of the said amendments to this Constitution or to the Convention. | | |
| **217C   PP-98** | 3 *quater)* The notification referred to in [No. 217B above] shall be given at the time of the deposit by the Member State of its instrument of ratifica­tion, acceptance or approval of, or accession to the amendments to this Constitution or to the Convention. | |
| **217D   PP-98** | 3 *penter)* Any revision of the Administrative Regulations shall apply provisionally, as from the date of entry into force of the revision, in respect of any Member State that has signed the revision and has not notified the Secretary-General of its consent to be bound in accordance with [Nos. 217A and 217B above]. Such provisional application only takes effect if the Member State in question did not oppose it at the time of signature of the revision. | | |
| **218   PP-98** | 4 Such provisional application shall continue for a Member State until it notifies the Secretary-General of its decision concerning its con­sent to be bound by any such revision. | | |
| **219 to 221  PP-98** | (SUP) | | |
| **221A   PP-98** | 5 *bis)* If a Member State fails to notify the Secretary-General of its deci­sion concerning its consent to be bound under [No. 218 above] within thirty-six months following the date or dates of entry into force of the revision, that Member State shall be deemed to have consented to be bound by that revision. | | |
| **221B   PP-98** | 5 *ter)* Any provisional application within the meaning of [No. 217D] or any consent to be bound within the meaning of [No. 221A] shall be subject to any reservation as may have been made by the Member State concerned at the time of signature of the revision. Any consent to be bound within the meaning of [Nos. 216A, 217A, 217B and 218 above] shall be subject to any reservation as may have been made by the Member State concerned at the time of signature of the Administrative Regulations or revision thereto, provided that it maintains the reservation when notifying the Secretary-General of its consent to be bound. | | |
| **222  PP-98** | (SUP) | | |
| **223   PP-98** | 7 The Secretary-General shall inform Member States promptly of any notification received pursuant to this Article.] | | |
| [ARTICLE 55   **Provisions for Amending this Constitution** | | | |
| **224   PP-98 PP-02** | | 1Any Member State may propose any amendment to this Constitution. Any such proposal shall, in order to ensure its timely transmission to, and consideration by, all the Member States, reach the Secretary‑General not later than eight months prior to the opening date fixed for the plenipotentiary conference. The Secretary‑General shall, as soon as possible, but not later than six months prior to the latter date, publish any such proposal for the information of all the Member States. | |
| **225   PP-98** | | 2 Any proposed modification to any amendment submitted in accordance with [No. 224 above] may, however, be submitted at any time by a Member State or by its delegation at the plenipotentiary conference. | |
| **226** | | 3 The quorum required at any Plenary Meeting of the Plenipotenti­ary Conference for consideration of any proposal for amending this Constitution or modification thereto shall consist of more than one half of the delegations accredited to the Plenipotentiary Conference. | |
| **227** | | 4 To be adopted, any proposed modification to a proposed amend­ment as well as the proposal as a whole, whether or not modified, shall be approved, at a Plenary Meeting, by at least two-thirds of the delega­tions accredited to the Plenipotentiary Conference which have the right to vote. | |
| **228   PP-98 PP-02** | | 5 Unless specified otherwise in the preceding paragraphs of this Article, which shall prevail, the General Rules of conferences, assem­blies and meetings of the Union shall apply. | |
| **229   PP-98** | | 6 Any amendments to this Constitution adopted by a plenipotentiary conference shall, as a whole and in the form of one single amending instrument, enter into force at a date fixed by the conference between Member States having deposited before that date their instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval of, or accession to, both this Consti­tution and the amending instrument. Ratification, acceptance or approval of, or accession to, only a part of such an amending instrument shall be excluded. | |
| **230   PP-98** | | 7 The Secretary-General shall notify all Member States of the deposit of each instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. | |
| **231** | | 8 After entry into force of any such amending instrument, ratifica­tion, acceptance, approval or accession in accordance with [Articles 52 and 53] of this Constitution shall apply to the Constitution as amended. | |
| **232** | | 9 After entry into force of any such amending instrument, the Secretary-General shall register it with the Secretariat of the United Nations, in accordance with the provisions of Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations. [No. 241] of this Constitution shall also apply to any such amending instrument.] | |
| ARTICLE 56   **Settlement of Disputes** | | | |
| **233   PP-98** | | 1Member States may settle their disputes on questions relating to the interpretation or application of this Constitution, of the Administrative Regulations, [or of the General Provisions and Rules] by negotiation, 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. | |
| **234   PP-98** | | 2 If none of these methods of settlement is adopted, any Member State party to a dispute may have recourse to arbitration in accordance with the procedure defined in the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules. | |
| **235   PP-98** | | 3 The Optional Protocol on the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes Relating to this Constitution, to the Convention, and to the Administrative Regulations shall be applicable as between Member States parties to that Protocol. | |
| ARTICLE 57   **Denunciation of this Constitution** | | | |
| **236   PP-98** | | 1Each Member State which has ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to this Constitution shall have the right to denounce it. In such a case, this Constitution shall be denounced , by a written notification addressed to the Secretary-General. Upon receipt of such notifica­tion, the Secretary-General shall advise the other Member States thereof. | |
| **237** | | 2 Such denunciation shall take effect at the expiration of a period of one year from the date of receipt of its notification by the Secretary-General. | |
| ARTICLE 58   **Entry into Force and Related Matters** | | | |
| **238 PP-02** | | [1 This Constitution and the Convention, adopted by the Additional Plenipotentiary Conference **(Geneva, 1992)**, shall enter into force on 1 July 1994 between Member States having deposited before that date their instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. | |
| **239** | | 2 Upon the date of entry into force specified in [No. 238 above], this Constitution and the Convention shall, as between Parties thereto, abrogate and replace the International Telecommunication Convention (Nairobi, 1982). | |
| **240** | | 3 In accordance with the provisions of Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Secretary-General of the Union shall register this Constitution and the Convention with the Secretariat of the United Nations. | |
| **241   PP-98** | | 4The original of this Constitution and the Convention drawn up in the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages shall remain deposited in the archives of the Union. The Secretary-General shall forward, in the languages requested, a certified true copy to each of the signatory Member States.] | |
| **242** | | 5 In the event of any discrepancy among the various language versions of this Constitution and the General Provisions and Rules, the French text shall prevail. | |

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| [ANNEX   **Definition of Certain Terms Used in this Constitution, the Convention and the Administrative Regulations of the International Telecommunication Union** | |
| **1001** | For the purpose of the above instruments of the Union, the follow­ing terms shall have the meanings defined below: |
| **1001A   PP-98** | *Member State:* A State which is considered to be a Member of the International Telecommunication Union in application of Article 2 of this Constitution. |
| **1001B   PP-98** | *Sector Member:* An entity or organization authorized in accor­dance with Article 19 of the Convention to participate in the activities of a Sector. |
| **1002** | *Administration:* Any governmental department or service respon­sible for discharging the obligations undertaken in the Constitu­tion of the International Telecommunication Union, in the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union and in the Administrative Regulations. |
| **1003** | *Harmful Interference:* Interference which endangers the function­ing of a radionavigation service or of other safety services or seriously degrades, obstructs or repeatedly interrupts a radiocommunication service operating in accordance with the Radio Regulations. |
| **1004** | *Public Correspondence:* Any telecommunication which the offices and stations must, by reason of their being at the disposal of the public, accept for transmission. |
| **1005   PP-98** | *Delegation:* The totality of the delegates and, should the case arise, any representatives, advisers, attachés, or interpreters sent by the same Member State. |
|  | Each Member State shall be free to make up its delegation as it wishes. In particular, it may include in its delegation, *inter alia*, in the capacity of delegates, advisers or attachés, persons belonging to any entity or organization authorized in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention. |
| **1006   PP-98** | *Delegate:* A person sent by the government of a Member State to a plenipotentiary conference, or a person representing a government or an administration of a Member State at another conference or at a meeting of the Union. |
| **1007** | *Operating Agency:* Any individual, company, corporation or governmental agency which operates a telecommunication installation intended for an international telecommunication service or capable of causing harmful interference with such a service. |
| **1008   PP-98** | *Recognized Operating Agency:* Any operating agency, as defined above, which operates a public correspondence or broadcasting service and upon which the obligations provided for in Article 6 of this Constitution are imposed by the Member State in whose territory the head office of the agency is situated, or by the Member State which has authorized this operating agency to establish and operate a telecom­munication service on its territory. |
| **1009** | *Radiocommunication:* Telecommunication by means of radio waves. |
| **1010** | *Broadcasting Service:* A radiocommunication service in which the transmissions are intended for direct reception by the general public. This service may include sound transmissions, television transmissions or other types of transmission. |
| **1011** | *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. |
| **1012** | *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. |
| **1013** | *Telegram:* Written matter intended to be transmitted by telegra­phy for delivery to the addressee. This term also includes radiotelegrams unless otherwise specified**.** |
| **1014** | *Government Telecommunications:* Telecommunications originat­ing with any: |
|  | – Head of State; |
|  | – Head of 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. |
| **1015** | *Private Telegrams:* Telegrams other than government or service telegrams. |
| **1016** | *Telegraphy:* A form of telecommunication in which the transmit­ted information is intended to be recorded on arrival as a graphic docu­ment; the transmitted information may sometimes be presented in an alternative form or may be stored for subsequent use. |
|  | **Note:**  A graphic document records information in a permanent form and is capable of being filed and consulted; it may take the form of written or printed matter or of a fixed image. |
| **1017** | *Telephony:* A form of telecommunication primarily intended for the exchange of information in the form of speech.] |

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|  | [GENERAL PROVISIONS AND RULES] OF  THE INTERNATIONAL  TELECOMMUNICATION UNION | |
|  | CHAPTER I  **Functioning of the Union** | |
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|  | ARTICLE 1  **Plenipotentiary Conference** | |
| **1** | 1 1) The Plenipotentiary Conference shall be convened in accor­dance with the relevant provisions of [Article 8] of the Constitution of the International Telecommunication Union (hereinafter referred to as “the Constitution”). | |
| **2   PP-98** | 2)If practicable, the precise place and the exact dates of a pleni­potentiary conference shall be set by the preceding plenipotentiary con­ference; failing this, they shall be fixed by the Council with the concur­rence of the majority of the Member States. | |
| **3** | 2 1*)* The precise place and the exact dates of the next Pleni­potentiary Conference, or either one of these, may be changed: | |
| **4   PP-98** | *a)*when at least one-quarter of the Member States have individually proposed a change to the Secretary-General; or | |
| **5** | *b)* on a proposal of the Council. | |
| **6   PP-98** | 2*)*Any such change shall require the concurrence of a majority of the Member States. | |
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| **(SUP) 9   PP-98 to CS64C** |  | |
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| **(SUP) 14 to CS64H** |  | |
| **(SUP) 15 to CS64I** |  | |
| **(SUP) 16 to CS64J** |  | |
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| **(SUP) 20  PP-06 to CS64N** |  | |
| **(SUP) 21 PP-02 to CS64O** |  | |
| **(SUP) 22 PP-02 to CS64P** |  | |
| **PP-98** | ARTICLE 2  **Other Conferences and Assemblies** | |
| **23   PP-98** | 1In conformity with the relevant provisions of the Constitution, the following world conferences and assemblies of the Union shall normally be convened within the period between two plenipotentiary conferences: | |
| **(ADD) 23A ex. CS 90** | 2World radiocommunication conferences shall normally be con­vened every three to four years; however, following the application of the relevant provisions of these General Provisions and Rules, such a conference need not be convened or an additional one may be convened. | |
| **24   PP-98** | 1. *a)*one or two world radiocommunication conferences; | |
| **25   PP-98** | *b)*one world telecommunication standardization assembly; | |
| **(ADD) 25A ex. CS 114** | 2 World telecommunication standardization assemblies shall be convened every four years; however, an additional assembly may be held in accordance with the relevant provisions of these General Provisions and Rules. | |
| **26** | *c)* one world telecommunication development conference; | |
| **(ADD) 26A ex. CS 141** | 3There shall be, between two Plenipotentiary Conferences, one world telecommunication development conference and, subject to resources and priorities, regional telecommunication development conferences. | |
| **27   PP-98** | *d)*one or two radiocommunication assemblies. | |
| **28** | 2 Exceptionally, within the period between Plenipotentiary Confer­ences: | |
| **29  PP-98** | (SUP) | |
| **30   PP-98** | *–*an additional world telecommunication standardization assembly may be convened. | |
| **31** | 3 These actions shall be taken: | |
| **32** | *a)* by a decision of a Plenipotentiary Conference; | |
| **33   PP-98** | *b)*on the recommendation of the previous world conference or assembly of the Sector concerned, if approved by the Council; in the case of a radiocommunication assembly, the recommendation of the assembly shall be transmitted to the following world radio­communication conference for comments for the attention of the Council; | |
| **34   PP-98** | *c)*at the request of at least one-quarter of the Member States, which shall individually address their requests to the Secretary-General; or | |
| **35** | *d)* on a proposal of the Council. | |
| **36** | 4A regional radiocommunication conference shall be convened: | |
| **37** | *a)* by a decision of a Plenipotentiary Conference; | |
| **38** | *b)* on the recommendation of a previous world or regional radiocom­munication conference if approved by the Council; | |
| **39   PP-98** | *c)*at the request of at least one-quarter of the Member States belong­ing to the region concerned, which shall individually address their requests to the Secretary-General; or | |
| **40** | *d)* on a proposal of the Council. | |
| **41   PP-98** | 51*)*The precise place and the exact dates of a world or regional conference or an assembly of a Sector may be fixed by a plenipotentiary conference. | |
| **42   PP-98** | 2*)*In the absence of such a decision, the Council shall determine the precise place and the exact dates of a world conference or an assem­bly of a Sector with the concurrence of a majority of the Member States, and of a regional conference with the concurrence of a majority of the Member States belonging to the region concerned; in both cases the pro­visions of [No. 47 below] shall apply. | |
| **43** | 61*)* The precise place and the exact dates of a conference or assembly may be changed: | |
| **44   PP-98** | *a)*at the request of at least one-quarter of the Member States in the case of a world conference or an assembly of a Sector, or of at least one-quarter of the Member States belonging to the region concerned in the case of a regional conference. Their requests shall be addressed individually to the Secretary‑General, who shall transmit them to the Council for approval; or | |
| **45** | *b)* on a proposal of the Council. | |
| **46   PP-98** | 2*)*In the cases specified in [Nos. 44 and 45 above], the changes proposed shall not be finally adopted until accepted by a majority of the Member States, in the case of a world conference or an assembly of a Sector, or by a majority of the Member States belonging to the region concerned, in the case of a regional conference, subject to the provisions of [No. 47 below]. | |
| **47   PP-98 PP-02** | 7In the consultations referred to in [Nos. 42, 46, 118, 123 and 138] of these General Provisions and Rules and in [Nos. 26, 28, 29, 31 and 36] of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, Member States which have not replied within the time-limits specified by the 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 Member States consulted, a further consultation shall take place, the results of which shall be decisive regardless of the number of votes cast. | |
| **(SUP) 48 to CS146A** |  | |
| **(SUP) 49 to CS146B** |  | |
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|  | ARTICLE 3  **The Council** | |
| **(SUP) 50   PP-94   PP-98 to  CS 65A** |  | |
| **(SUP) 50A   PP-94   PP-98 to CS65B** |  | |
| **51** | 1 *a)* The Council shall hold an ordinary session annually at the seat of the Union. | |
| **52** | *b)* During this session it may decide to hold, exceptionally, an additional session. | |
| **53   PP-98** | *c)*Between ordinary sessions, it may be convened, as a general rule at the seat of the Union, by the Chairman at the request of a majority of its Member States, or on the initiative of the Chairman under the con­ditions provided for in the Constitution. | |
| **54** | 2 The Council shall take decisions only in session. Exceptionally, the Council in session may agree that any specific issue shall be decided by correspondence. | |
| **55   PP-98** | 3At the beginning of each ordinary session, the Council shall elect its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman from among the representatives of its Member States, taking into account the principle of rotation between the regions. They shall serve until the opening of the next ordinary ses­sion and shall not be eligible for re-election. The Vice-Chairman shall serve as Chairman in the absence of the latter. | |
| **56   PP-98** | 4The person appointed to serve on the Council by a Member State of the Council shall, so far as possible, be an official serving in, or directly responsible to, or for, their telecommunication administration and qualified in the field of telecommunication services. | |
| **57   PP-98 PP-02** | 5 Only the travelling, subsistence and insurance expenses incurred by the representative of each Member State of the Council, belonging to the category of developing countries, the list of which is established by the United Nations Development Programme, in that capacity at Council sessions, shall be borne by the Union. | |
| **58   PP-06** |  | |
| **59** | 6 The Secretary-General shall act as Secretary of the Council. | |
| **60   PP-98** | 7The Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux may participate as of right in the deliberations of the Council, but without taking part in the voting. Nevertheless, the Council may hold meetings confined to the representatives of its Member States. | |
| **(SUP) 60A   PP-98 PP-02 to CS66A** |  | |
| **(SUP) 60B   PP-02  PP-06 to CS66B** |  | |
| **61   PP-98** | 8The Council shall consider each year the report prepared by the Secretary‑General on implementation of the strategic plan adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference and shall take appropriate action. | |
| **61A   PP-02** | 9 While at all times respecting the financial limits as adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference, the Council may, as necessary, review and update the strategic plan which forms the basis of the corresponding operational plans and inform the Member States and Sector Members accordingly. | |
| **61B   PP-02** | 10The Council shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure. | |
| **62** | 11 The Council shall, in the interval between two Plenipotentiary Conferences, supervise the overall management and administration of the Union; it shall in particular: | |
| **62A PP-02** | *a)* receive and review the specific data for strategic planning that is provided by the Secretary-General as noted in [No. 74A] of the Constitution and, in the last but one ordinary session of the Council before the next plenipotentiary conference, initiate the preparation of a draft new strategic plan for the Union, drawing upon input from Member States, Sector Members and the Sector advisory groups, and produce a coordinated draft new strategic plan at least four months before that plenipotentiary conference; | |
| **62B PP-02** | *b)* establish a calendar for the development of strategic and financial plans for the Union, and of operational plans for each Sector and for the General Secretariat, so as to allow for the development of appropriate linkage among the plans; | |
| **63** | *c)* approve and revise the Staff Regulations and the Financial Regulations of the Union and any other regulations as it may consider necessary, taking account of current practice of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies applying the common system of pay, allow­ances and pensions; | |
| **64** | *d)* adjust as necessary: | |
| **65** | *i)* the basic salary scales for staff in the professional and higher cate­gories, 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; | |
| **66** | *ii)* the basic salary scales for staff in the general services categories to accord with changes in the rates applied by the United Nations and the specialized agencies at the seat of the Union; | |
| **67** | *iii)* the post adjustment for professional and higher categories, includ­ing posts filled by election, in accordance with decisions of the United Nations for application at the seat of the Union; | |
| **68** | *iv)* the allowances for all staff of the Union, in accordance with any changes adopted in the United Nations common system; | |
| **69   PP-98** | *e)*take decisions to ensure equitable geographical distribution and representation of women in the Professional and higher categories in the staff of the Union and monitor the implementation of such decisions; | |
| **70** | *f)* decide on proposals for major organizational changes within the General Secretariat and the Bureaux of the Sectors of the Union con­sistent with the Constitution and the relevant provisions of the General Provisions and Rules, submitted to it by the Secretary-General following their consideration by the Coordination Committee; | |
| **71** | *g)* examine and decide on plans concerning Union posts and staff and human resources development programmes covering several years, and give guidelines for the staffing of the Union, including on staffing levels and structures, taking into account the guidelines given by the Plenipotentiary Conference and the relevant provisions of [Article 27] of the Constitution; | |
| **72** | *h)* adjust, as necessary, the contributions payable by the Union and its staff to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, in accor­dance with the Fund’s rules and regulations, as well as the cost of living allowances to be granted to beneficiaries of the Union Staff Superan­nuation and Benevolent Funds on the basis of the practice followed by the Fund; | |
| **73   PP-98 PP-02  PP-06** | *i)*review and approve the biennial budget of the Union, and consider the budget forecast (included in the financial operating report prepared by the Secretary-General under [No. 101] of the General Provisions and Rules) for the two-year period following a given budget period, taking account of the decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference in relation to [No. 50] of the Constitution and of the financial limits set by the Plenipotentiary Conference in accordance with [No. 51] of the Constitution; it shall ensure the strictest possible economy but be mindful of the obligation upon the Union to achieve satisfactory results as expeditiously as possible. In so doing, the Council shall take into account the priorities established by the Plenipotentiary Conference as expressed in the strategic plan for the Union, the views of the Coordination Committee as contained in the report by the Secretary‑General mentioned in [No. 86] of the General Provisions and Rules and the financial operating report mentioned in [No. 101] of the General Provisions and Rules. The Council shall carry out an annual review of income and expen­diture with a view to effecting adjustments, where appropriate, in accor­dance with resolutions and decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference; | |
| **74** | *j)* arrange for the annual audit of the accounts of the Union pre­pared by the Secretary-General and approve them, if appropriate, for submission to the next Plenipotentiary Conference; | |
| **75   PP-98** | *k)*arrange for the convening of the conferences and assemblies of the Union and provide, with the consent of a majority of the Member States in the case of a world conference or assembly, or of a majority of the Member States belonging to the region concerned in the case of a regional conference, appropriate directives to the General Secretariat and the Sectors of the Union with regard to their technical and other assis­tance in the preparation for and organization of conferences and assem­blies; | |
| **76** | *l)* take decisions in relation to [No. 28] of these General Provisions and Rules; | |
| **77** | *m)* decide upon the implementation of any decisions which have been taken by conferences and which have financial implications; | |
| **78** | *n)* to the extent permitted by the Constitution, the Administrative Regulations, and these General Provisions and Rules, take any other action deemed neces­sary for the proper functioning of the Union; | |
| **79   PP-98 PP-02** | *o)*take any necessary steps, with the agreement of a majority of the Member States, provisionally to resolve questions not covered by the Constitution, the Administrative Regulations, and these General Provisions and Rules and which cannot await the next competent conference for settlement; | |
| **80   PP-94  PP-06** | *p)* be responsible for effecting the coordination with all interna­tional organizations referred to in [Articles 49 and 50] of the Constitution and, to this end, conclude, on behalf of the Union, provisional agreements with the international organizations referred to in [Article 50] of the Constitution and in [Nos. 59K and 59L] of the Constitution, and with the United Nations in application of the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Telecommunication Union; these provi­sional agreements shall be submitted to the Plenipotentiary Conference in accordance with the relevant provision of [Article 8] of the Constitution; | |
| **81   PP-98 PP-02** | *q)*send to Member States, within 30 days after each of its sessions, summary records on the activities of the Council and other documents deemed useful; | |
| **82** | *r)* submit to the Plenipotentiary Conference a report on the activities of the Union since the previous Plenipotentiary Conference and any appropriate recommendations. | |
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|  | ARTICLE 4  **General Secretariat** | |
| **83** | 1 The Secretary-General shall: | |
| **84** | *a)* be responsible for the overall management of the Union’s re­sources; he may delegate the management of part of these resources to the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux, in consultation as necessary with the Coordination Committee; | |
| **85** | *b)* coordinate the activities of the General Secretariat and the Sectors of the Union, taking into account the views of the Coordination Committee, with a view to assuring the most effective and eco­nomical use of the resources of the Union; | |
| **86   PP-98** | *c)*prepare, with the assistance of the Coordination Committee, and submit to the Council a report indicating changes in the telecom­munication environment since the last plenipotentiary conference and containing recommended action relating to the Union’s future policies and strategy, together with their financial implications; | |
| **86A   PP-98** | *d)*coordinate implementation of the strategic plan adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference and prepare an annual report on this implementation for review by the Council; | |
| **87** | *e)* organize the work of the General Secretariat and appoint the staff of that Secretariat in accordance with the directives of the Pleni­potentiary Conference and the rules established by the Council; | |
| **87A   PP-98 PP-02** | *f)*prepare annually a four-year rolling operational plan of activities to be undertaken by the staff of the General Secretariat consistent with the strategic plan, covering the subsequent year and the following three-year period, including financial implications, taking due account of the financial plan as approved by the pleni­po­tentiary conference; this four-year operational plan shall be reviewed by the advisory groups of all three Sectors, and shall be reviewed and approved annually by the Council; | |
| **88** | *g)* undertake administrative arrangements for the Bureaux of the Sectors of the Union and appoint their staff on the basis of the choice and proposals of the Director of the Bureau concerned, although the final decision for appointment or dismissal shall rest with the Secretary-General; | |
| **89** | *h)* report to the Council any decisions taken by the United Nations and the specialized agencies which affect common system condi­tions of service, allowances and pensions; | |
| **90** | *i)* ensure the application of any regulations adopted by the Council; | |
| **91** | *j)* provide legal advice to the Union; | |
| **92** | *k)* supervise, for administrative management purposes, the staff of the Union with a view to assuring the most effective use of per­sonnel and the application of the common system conditions of employment for the staff of the Union. The staff appointed to assist directly the Directors of the Bureaux shall be under the administrative control of the Secretary-General and shall work under the direct orders of the Directors concerned but in accor­dance with administrative guidelines given by the Council; | |
| **93** | *l)* in the interest of the Union as a whole and in consultation with the Directors of the Bureaux concerned, temporarily reassign staff members from their appointed position as necessary to meet fluctuating work requirements at headquarters; | |
| **94** | *m)* make, in agreement with the Director of the Bureau concerned, the necessary administrative and financial arrangements for the conferences and meetings of each Sector; | |
| **95** | *n)* taking into account the responsibilities of the Sectors, undertake appropriate secretariat work preparatory to and following confer­ences of the Union; | |
| **96  PP-06** | *o)* prepare recommendations for the first meeting of the heads of delegation referred to in [No. 49] of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, taking into account the results of any regional consultation; | |
| **97** | *p)* provide, where appropriate in cooperation with the inviting government, the secretariat of conferences of the Union, and pro­vide the facilities and services for meetings of the Union, in col­laboration, as appropriate, with the Director concerned, drawing from the Union’s staff as he deems necessary in accordance with [No. 93 above]. The Secretary-General may also, when so re­quested, provide the secretariat of other telecom­munication meetings on a contractual basis; | |
| **98** | *q)* take necessary action for the timely publication and distribution of service documents, information bulletins, and other documents and records prepared by the General Secretariat and the Sectors, communicated to the Union or whose publication is requested by conferences or the Council; the list of documents to be published shall be maintained by the Council, following consultation with the conference concerned, with respect to service documents and other documents whose publication is requested by conferences; | |
| **99** | *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; | |
| **100   PP-98  PP-06** | *s)*after consultation with the Coordination Committee and making all possible economies, prepare and submit to the Council a bien­nial draft budget covering the expenditures of the Union, taking account of the financial limits laid down by the Plenipotentiary Conference. This draft shall consist of a consolidated budget, including cost-based and results-based budget information for the Union, prepared in accordance with the budget guidelines issued by the Secretary-General, and comprising two versions. One version shall be for zero growth of the contributory unit, the other for a growth less than or equal to any limit fixed by the Plenipotentiary Conference, after any drawing on the Reserve Account. The budget resolution, after approval by the Council, shall be sent for information to all Member States; | |
| **101** | *t)* with the assistance of the Coordination Committee, prepare an annual financial operating report in accordance with the Financial Regulations and submit it to the Council. A recapitulative finan­cial operating report and accounts shall be prepared and submitted to the next Plenipotentiary Conference for examination and final approval; | |
| **102   PP-98** | *u)*with the assistance of the Coordination Committee, prepare an annual report on the activities of the Union which, after approval by the Council, shall be sent to all Member States; | |
| **102A   PP-98** | *v)*manage the special arrangements referred to in [No. 76A] of the Constitution, the cost of this management being borne by the sig­natories of the arrangement in a manner agreed between them and the Secretary-General. | |
| **103** | *w)* perform all other secretarial functions of the Union; | |
| **104** | *x)* perform any other functions entrusted to him by the Council. | |
| **105  PP-06** | 2The Secretary-General or the Deputy Secretary-General may par­ticipate, in an advisory capacity, in conferences of the Union; the Secretary-General or his representative may participate in an advisory capacity in all other meetings of the Union. | |
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|  | ARTICLE 5  **Coordination Committee** | |
| **106** | 1 *a)* The Coordination Committee shall assist and advise the Secretary-General on all matters mentioned under the relevant provisions of [Article 26] of the Constitution and the relevant provisions of these General Provisions and Rules. | |
| **107** | *b)* The Committee shall be responsible for ensuring coordi­nation with all the international organizations mentioned in [Articles 49 and 50] of the Constitution as regards representation of the Union at conferences of such organizations. | |
| **108** | *c)*The Committee shall examine the progress of the work of the Union and assist the Secretary-General in the preparation of the report referred to in [No. 86] of these General Provisions and Rules for submission to the Council. | |
| **109   PP-98** | 2The Committee shall endeavour to reach conclusions unani­mously. In the absence of the support of the majority in the Committee, its Chairman may in exceptional circumstances take decisions, on the Chairman’s own responsibility, when judging that the decision of the matters in question is urgent and cannot await the next session of the Council. In such circumstances the Chairman shall report promptly in writing on such matters to the Member States of the Council, setting forth the reasons for such action together with any other written views submitted by other members of the Committee. If in such circumstances the matters are not urgent, but nevertheless important, they shall be sub­mitted for consideration by the next session of the Council. | |
| **110** | 3 The Chairman shall convene the Committee at least once a month; the Committee may also be convened when necessary at the request of two of its members. | |
| **111 PP-02  PP-06** | 4 A report shall be made of the proceedings of the Coordination Committee and shall be made available to the Member States. | |
|  | CHAPTER II  **Radiocommunication Sector** | |
|  | ARTICLE 6  **World Radiocommunication Conference** | |
| **112** | 1 In accordance with [No. 90] of the Constitution, a world radio­communication conference shall be convened to consider specific radio­communication matters. A world radiocommunication conference shall deal with those items which are included in its agenda adopted in accor­dance with the relevant provisions of this Article. | |
| **113** | 2*a)* The agenda of a world radiocommunication conference may include: | |
| **114** | *i)* the partial or, exceptionally, complete revision of the Radio Regulations referred to in [Article 4] of the Constitution; | |
| **115** | *ii)* any other question of a worldwide character within the compe­tence of the conference; | |
| **116** | *iii)* an item concerning instructions to the Radio Regulations Board and the Radiocommunication Bureau regarding their activities, and a review of those activities; | |
| **117   PP-98** | *iv)*the identification of topics to be studied by the radiocom­munica­tion assembly and the radiocommunication study groups, as well as matters that the assembly shall consider in relation to future radiocommunication conferences. | |
| **118   PP-94   PP-98** | *b)*The general scope of this agenda should be established four to six years in advance, and the final agenda shall be established by the Council preferably two years before the conference, with the concurrence of a majority of the Member States, subject to the provisions of [No. 47] of these General Provisions and Rules. These two versions of the agenda shall be established on the basis of the recommendations of the world radiocommunication conference, in accordance with [No. 126] of these General Provisions and Rules. | |
| **119** | *c)* This agenda shall include any question which a Plenipoten­tiary Conference has directed to be placed on the agenda. | |
| **120** | 3 *a)* This agenda may be changed: | |
| **121   PP-98** | *i)*at therequest of at least one-quarter of the Member States. Such requests shall be addressed individually to the Secretary-General, who shall transmit them to the Council for approval; or | |
| **122** | *ii)* on a proposal of the Council. | |
| **123   PP-98** | *b)*The proposed changes to the agenda of a world radiocom­munication conference shall not be finally adopted until accepted by a majority of the Member States, subject to the provisions of [No. 47] of these General Provisions and Rules. | |
| **124** | 4 The conference shall also: | |
| **125** | *a)* consider and approve the report of the Director of the Bureau on the activities of the Sector since the last conference; | |
| **126** | *b)* recommend to the Council items for inclusion in the agenda of a future conference and give its views on such agendas for at least a four-year cycle of radiocommunication conferences, together with an estimate of the financial implications; | |
| **127** | *c)*include, in its decisions, instructions or requests, as appro­priate, to the Secretary-General and the Sectors of the Union. | |
| **128** | 5 The Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the radiocommunication assembly, or of relevant study groups, may participate in the associated world radiocommunication conference. | |
|  | ARTICLE 7  **Radiocommunication Assembly** | |
| **(SUP) 129 to CS91A** |  | |
| **129A PP-02** | 1 The radiocommunication assembly is authorized to adopt the working methods and procedures for the management of the Sector’s activities in accordance with [No. 145A] of the Constitution. | |
| **130** | 2 With regard to [No. 91A of the Constitution], the radiocommunication assembly shall: | |
| **131   PP-98** | *a)*consider the reports of study groups prepared in accordance with [No. 157] of these General Provisions and Rules and approve, modify or reject the draft recommendations contained in those reports, and consider the reports of the radiocommunication advisory group prepared in accordance with [No. 160H] of these General Provisions and Rules; | |
| **132** | *b)* bearing in mind the need to keep the demands on the resources of the Union to a minimum, approve the programme of work arising from the review of existing questions and new questions and determine the priority, urgency, estimated financial implications and time-scale for the completion of their study; | |
| **133** | *c)* decide, in the light of the approved programme of work derived from [No. 132 above], on the need to maintain, terminate or estab­lish study groups, and allocate to each of them the questions to be studied; | |
| **134** | *d)*group questions of interest to the developing countries as far as possible, in order to facilitate their participation in the study of those questions; | |
| **135** | *e)* give advice on matters within its competence in response to requests from a world radiocommunication conference; | |
| **136   PP-98** | *f)*report to the following world radiocommunication confer­ence on the progress in matters that may be included in the agenda of future radiocommunication conferences; | |
| **136A   PP-02** | *g)* decide on the need to maintain, terminate or establish other groups and appoint their chairmen and vice-chairmen; | |
| **136B   PP-02** | *h)* establish the terms of reference for the groups referred to in [No. 136A above]; such groups shall not adopt questions or recommenda­tions. | |
| **137** | 3 A radiocommunication assembly shall be presided over by a per­son designated by the government of the country in which the meeting is held or, in the case of a meeting held at the seat of the Union, by a person elected by the assembly itself. The Chairman shall be assisted by Vice-Chairmen elected by the assembly. | |
| **(SUP) 137A   PP-98 PP-02 to CS91B** |  | |
|  | ARTICLE 8  **Regional Radiocommunication Conferences** | |
| **138   PP-98** | The agenda of a regional radiocommunication conference may provide only for specific radiocommunication questions of a regional nature, including instructions to the Radio Regulations Board and the Radiocommunication Bureau regarding their activities in respect of the region concerned, provided such instructions do not conflict with the interests of other regions. Only items included in its agenda may be discussed by such a conference. The provisions contained in [Nos. 118 to 123] of these General Provisions and Rules shall apply to a regional radiocommunication conference, but only with regard to the Member States of the region concerned. | |
|  | ARTICLE 9  **Radio Regulations Board** | |
| **139  PP-98** |  | |
| **140 PP-02** | 1 In addition to the duties specified in [Article 14] of the Constitution, the Board shall consider reports from the Director of the Radiocom­munication Bureau on investigations of harmful interference carried out at the request of one or more of the interested administrations, and formulate recommendations with respect thereto. | |
| **(SUP) 140 to CS97A** |  | |
| **141 PP-02** | 2 The members of the Board shall participate, in an advisory capacity, in radiocommunication conferences. In this case, they shall not participate in these conferences as members of their national delegations. | |
| **141A PP-02** | 3 Two members of the Board, designated by the Board, shall participate, in an advisory capacity, in plenipotentiary conferences and radiocommunication assemblies. In these cases, the two members designated by the Board shall not participate in these conferences or assemblies as members of their national delegations. | |
| **142** | 4Only the travelling, subsistence and insurance expenses incurred by the members of the Board in the exercise of their duties for the Union shall be borne by the Union. | |
| **(SUP) 142A PP-02 to CS100A** |  | |
| **143** | 5 The working methods of the Board shall be as follows: | |
| **144** | *a)* The members of the Board shall elect from their own mem­bers a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman for a period of one year. Thereaf­ter the Vice-Chairman shall succeed the Chairman each year and a new Vice-Chairman shall be elected. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Board shall elect a temporary Chairman for the oc­casion from among its members. | |
| **145 PP-02** | *b)* The Board shall normally hold up to four meetings a year, of up to five days’ duration, generally at the seat of the Union, at which at least two-thirds of its members shall be present, and may carry out its duties using modern means of communication. However, if the Board deems necessary, depending upon the matters to be considered, it may increase the number of its meetings. Exceptionally, the meetings may be of up to two weeks’ duration. | |
| **146** | *c)* The Board shall endeavour to reach its decisions unani­mously. If it fails in that endeavour, a decision shall be valid only if at least two-thirds of the members of the Board vote in favour thereof. Each member of the Board shall have one vote; voting by proxy is not allowed. | |
| **147** | *d)* The Board may make such internal arrangements as it considers necessary in conformity with the provisions of the Consti­tution, the Radio Regulations and the relevant provisions of these General Provisions and Rules. Such arrangements shall be published as part of the Board’s Rules of Procedure. | |
|  | ARTICLE 10  **Radiocommunication Study Groups** | |
| **(SUP) 148 to CS101A** |  | |
| **(SUP) 149   PP-98**  **to CS101B** |  | |
| **(SUP) 149A   PP-98 to CS101C** |  | |
| **150   PP-98** | 1 The study by radiocommunication study groups of the questions and topics set forth in the Constitution shall, subject to [No. 158 below,] focus on the following: | |
| **151   PP-98** | *a)*use of the radio-frequency spectrum in terrestrial and space radio­communication and of the geostationary-satellite and other satel­lite orbits; | |
| **152** | *b)* characteristics and performance of radio systems; | |
| **153** | *c)* operation of radio stations; | |
| **154** | *d)* radiocommunication aspects of distress and safety matters. | |
| **155   PP-98** | 2These studies shall not generally address economic ques­tions, but when they involve comparing technical or operational alterna­tives, economic factors may be taken into consideration. | |
| **156** | 3The radiocommunication study groups shall also carry out pre­paratory studies of the technical, operational and procedural matters to be considered by world and regional radiocommunication conferences and elaborate reports thereon in accordance with a programme of work adopted in this respect by a radiocommunication assembly or following instructions by the Council. | |
| **157** | 4Each study group shall prepare for the radiocommunication assembly a report indicating the progress of work, the recommendations adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure contained in [No. 101B] of the Constitution and any draft new or revised recommendations for consideration by the assembly. | |
| **158** | 5Taking into account [No. 79] of the Constitution, the tasks enumer­ated in [Nos. 151 to 154] and in [No. 193] of these General Provisions and Rules in rela­tion to the Telecommunication Standardization Sector shall be kept under continuing review by the Radiocommunication Sector and the Telecommunication Standardization Sector with a view to reaching common agreement on changes in the distribution of matters under study. The two Sectors shall cooperate closely and adopt procedures to conduct such a review and reach agreements in a timely and effective manner. If agreement is not reached, the matter may be submitted through the Council to the Plenipotentiary Conference for decision. | |
| **159** | 6In the performance of their studies, the radiocommunication study groups shall pay due attention to the study of questions and to the formulation of recommendations directly connected with the establish­ment, development and improvement of telecommunications in devel­oping countries at both the regional and international levels. They shall conduct their work giving due consideration to the work of national, regional and other international organizations concerned with radiocom­munication and cooperate with them, keeping in mind the need for the Union to maintain its pre-eminent position in the field of telecommunications. | |
| **160** | 7 For the purpose of facilitating the review of activities in the Radiocommunication Sector, measures should be taken to foster coop­eration and coordination with other organizations concerned with radiocommunication and with the Telecommunication Standardization Sector and the Telecommunication Development Sector. A radiocom­munication assembly shall determine the specific duties, conditions of participation and rules of procedure for these measures. | |
| **PP-98** | ARTICLE 11  **Radiocommunication Advisory Group** | |
| **160A   PP-98 PP-02** | 1The radiocommunication advisory group shall be open to representatives of administrations of Member States and representa­tives of Sector Members and to chairmen of the study groups and other groups, and will act through the Director. | |
| **160B   PP-98** | 2The radiocommunication advisory group shall: | |
| **160C   PP-98 PP-02** | *a)* review priorities, programmes, operations, financial matters and strategies related to radiocommunication assemblies, study groups and other groups and the preparation of radiocom­munication conferences, and any specific matters as directed by a conference of the Union, a radiocommunication assembly or the Council; | |
| **160CA   PP-02** | *b)*review the implementation of the operational plan of the preceding period in order to identify areas in which the Bureau has not achieved or was not able to achieve the objectives laid down in that plan, and advise the Director on the necessary corrective measures; | |
| **160D   PP-98** | *c)*review progress in the implementation of the programme of work established under [No. 132] of these General Provisions and Rules; | |
| **160E   PP-98** | *d)*provide guidelines for the work of study groups; | |
| **160F   PP-98** | *e)*recommend measures, *inter alia*, to foster cooperation and coordination with other standards bodies, with the Telecommunication Standardization Sector, the Telecommunication Development Sector and the General Secretariat; | |
| **160G   PP-98** | *f)*adopt its own working procedures compatible with those adopted by the radiocommunication assembly; | |
| **160H   PP-98** | *g)*prepare a report for the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau indicating action in respect of the above items; | |
| **160I   PP-02** | *h)* prepare a report for the Radiocommunication Assembly on the matters assigned to it in accordance with [No. 91B] of the Constitution and transmit it to the Director for submission to the assembly. | |
|  | ARTICLE 12  **Radiocommunication Bureau** | |
| **(SUP) 161 to CS102A** |  | |
| **162** | 1The Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau shall: | |
| **163** | *a)* in relation to radiocommunication conferences: | |
| **164   PP-98 PP-02** | *i)*coordinate the preparatory work of the study groups and other groups and the Bureau, communicate to the Member States and Sector Members the results of this preparatory work, collect their comments and submit a consolidated report to the conference which may include proposals of a regulatory nature; | |
| **165 PP-02** | *ii)* participate as of right, but in an advisory capacity, in the deliberations of radiocommunication conferences, of the radio­com­munication assembly and of the radiocommunication study groups and other groups. The Director shall make all necessary preparations for radiocommunication conferences and meetings of the Radiocommunication Sector in consultation with the General Secretariat in accordance with [No. 94] of these General Provisions and Rules and, as appropriate, with the other Sectors of the Union, and with due regard for the directives of the Council in carrying out these preparations; | |
| **166** | *iii)* provide assistance to the developing countries in their prepa­ra­tions for radiocommunication conferences. | |
| **167** | *b)*in relation to the Radio Regulations Board: | |
| **168** | *i)* prepare and submit draft Rules of Procedure for approval by the Radio Regulations Board; they shall include, inter alia, calcula­tion methods and data required for the application of the provi­sions of the Radio Regulations; | |
| **169   PP-98 PP-02** | *ii)*distribute to all Member States the Rules of Procedure of the Board, collect comments thereon received from administrations and submit them to the Board; | |
| **170 PP-02** | *iii)* process information received from administrations in application of the relevant provisions of the Radio Regulations and regional agreements and their associated Rules of Procedure and prepare it, as appropriate, in a form suitable for publication; | |
| **171** | *iv)* apply the Rules of Procedure approved by the Board, prepare and publish findings based on those Rules, and submit to the Board any review of a finding which is requested by an administration and which cannot be resolved by the use of those Rules of Proce­dure; | |
| **172** | *v)* in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Radio Regula­tions, effect an orderly recording and registration of frequency assignments and, where appropriate, the associated orbital char­acteristics, and keep up to date the Master International Fre­quency Register; review entries in that Register with a view to amending or eliminating, as appropriate, those which do not reflect actual frequency usage, in agreement with the administra­tion concerned; | |
| **173** | *vi)* assist in the resolution of cases of harmful interference, at the request of one or more of the interested administrations, and where necessary, make investigations and prepare, for consid­eration by the Board, a report including draft recommendations to the administrations concerned; | |
| **174** | *vii)* act as executive secretary to the Board; | |
| **175 PP-02** | *c)* coordinate the work of the radiocommunication study groups and other groups and be responsible for the organization of that work; | |
| **175A   PP-98** | *d)*provide the necessary support for the radiocommunication advisory group, and report each year to Member States and Sector Mem­bers and to the Council on the results of the work of the advisory group. | |
| **175B   PP-98 PP-02** | *e)*take practical measures to facilitate the participation of developing countries in the radiocommunication study groups and other groups. | |
| **176** | *f)* also undertake the following: | |
| **177   PP-98** | *i)*carry out studies to furnish advice 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, and with a view to the equitable, effective and economical use of the geostationary-satellite and other satellite orbits, taking into account the needs of Member States requiring assistance, the specific needs of developing countries, as well as the special geographical situation of particular countries; | |
| **178   PP-98  PP-06** | *ii)*exchange with Member States and Sector Members data in machine-readable and other forms, prepare and keep up to date any documents and databases of the Radiocommunication Sector, and arrange with the Secretary-General, as appropriate, for their publication in the languages of the Union in accordance with [No. 172] of the Constitution; | |
| **179** | *iii)* maintain such essential records as may be required; | |
| **180   PP-98 PP-02** | *iv)*submit to the world radiocommunication conference a report on the activities of the Radiocommunication Sector since the last conference; if a world radiocommunication conference is not planned, a report on the activities of the Sector covering the period since the last conference shall be submitted to the Council and, for information, to Member States and Sector Members; | |
| **181** | *v)* prepare a cost-based budget estimate for the requirements of the Radiocommunication Sector and transmit it to the Secretary-General for consideration by the Coordination Committee and inclusion in the Union’s budget. | |
| **181A   PP-98 PP-02** | *vi)*prepare annually a rolling four-year operational plan that covers the subsequent year and the following three-year period, including financial implications of activities to be undertaken by the Bureau in support of the Sector as a whole; this four-year operational plan shall be reviewed by the radiocommunication advisory group in accordance with [Article 11] of these General Provisions and Rules, and shall be reviewed and approved annually by the Council; | |
| **182** | 2The Director shall choose the technical and administrative personnel of the Bureau within the framework of the budget as approved by the Council. The appointment of the technical and administrative personnel is made by the Secretary-General in agreement with the Director. The final decision for appointment or dismissal rests with the Secretary-General. | |
| **183** | 3The Director shall provide technical support, as necessary, to the Telecommunication Development Sector within the framework of the Constitution and the relevant provisions of these General Provisions and Rules. | |
|  | CHAPTER III  **Telecommunication Standardization Sector** | |
| **PP-98** | ARTICLE 13  **World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly** | |
| **184   PP-98** | 1In accordance with [No. 104] of the Constitution, a world telecom­munication standardization assembly shall be convened to consider specific matters related to telecommunication standardization. | |
| **184A   PP-02** | 2 The world telecommunication standardization assembly is authorized to adopt the working methods and procedures for the management of the Sector’s activities in accordance with [No. 145A] of the Constitution. | |
| **185   PP-98** | 3The questions to be studied by a world telecommunication standardization assembly, on which recommendations shall be issued, shall be those adopted pursuant to its own procedures or referred to it by the Plenipotentiary Conference, any other conference, or the Council. | |
| **186   PP-98** | 4In accordance with [No. 104] of the Constitution, the assembly shall: | |
| **187   PP-98 PP-02** | *a)*consider the reports of study groups prepared in accordance with [No. 194] of these General Provisions and Rules and approve, modify or reject draft recommendations contained in those reports, and consider the reports of the telecommunication standardization advisory group in accordance with [Nos. 197H and 197I] of these General Provisions and Rules; | |
| **188** | *b)* bearing in mind the need to keep the demands on the resources of the Union to a minimum, approve the programme of work arising from the review of existing questions and new questions and determine the priority, urgency, estimated financial implications and time-scale for the completion of their study; | |
| **189** | *c)* decide, in the light of the approved programme of work derived from [No. 188 above], on the need to maintain, terminate or establish study groups and allocate to each of them the questions to be studied; | |
| **190   PP-98** | *d)*group, as far as practicable, questions of interest to the developing countries to facilitate their participation in these studies; | |
| **191** | *e)* consider and approve the report of the Director on the activities of the Sector since the last conference. | |
| 191APP-02 | *f)* decide on the need to maintain, terminate or establish other groups and appoint their chairmen and vice-chairmen; | |
| 191BPP-02 | *g)* establish the terms of reference for the groups referred to in [No. 191A above]; such groups shall not adopt questions or recommendations. | |
| **191C   PP-98** | 5A world telecommunication standardization assembly may assign specific matters within its competence to the telecommunication standardization advisory group indicating the action required on those matters. | |
| **191D   PP-98 PP-02** | 6A world telecommunication standardization assembly shall be presided over by a chairman designated by the government of the country in which the meeting is held or, in the case of a meeting held at the seat of the Union, by a chairman elected by the assembly itself. The chairman shall be assisted by vice-chairmen elected by the assembly. | |
|  | ARTICLE 14   **Telecommunication Standardization Study Groups** | |
| **(SUP) 192   PP-98 to CS115A** |  | |
| **193** | 1 The telecommunication standardization study groups shall, subject to [No. 195 below,] study technical, operating and tariff questions and prepare recommendations on them with a view to standardizing telecommunications on a worldwide basis, including recommendations on interconnection of radio systems in public telecommunication networks and on the performance required for these interconnections. Technical or operating questions specifically related to radiocommunication as enumerated in [Nos. 151 to 154] of these General Provisions and Rules shall be within the purview of the Radiocommunication Sector. | |
| **194   PP-98** | 2 Each study group shall prepare for the world telecommu­nication standardization assembly a report indicating the progress of work, the recommendations adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure contained in [No. 115A] of the Constitution, and any draft new or revised recommendations for consideration by the assembly. | |
| **195** | 3 Taking into account [No. 105] of the Constitution, the tasks enumerated in [No. 193] and those enumerated in [Nos. 151 to 154] of these General Provisions and Rules in relation to the Radiocommunication Sector shall be kept under continuing review by the Telecommunication Standardization Sector and the Radiocommunication Sector with a view to reaching common agreement on changes in the distribution of matters under study. The two Sectors shall cooperate closely and adopt procedures to conduct such a review and reach agreements in a timely and effective manner. If agreement is not reached, the matter may be submitted through the Council to the Plenipotentiary Conference for decision. | |
| **196** | 4In the performance of their studies, the telecommunication standardization study groups shall pay due attention to the study of questions and to the formulation of recommendations directly connected with the establishment, development and improvement of telecommuni­cations in developing countries at both the regional and international levels. They shall conduct their work giving due consideration to the work of national, regional and other international standardization organi­zations, and cooperate with them, keeping in mind the need for the Union to maintain its pre-eminent position in the field of worldwide standardi­zation for telecommunications. | |
| **197   PP-98** | 5For the purpose of facilitating the review of activities in the Telecommunication Standardization Sector, measures should be taken to foster cooperation and coordination with other organizations concerned with telecommunication standardization and with the Radiocommuni­cation Sector and the Telecommunication Development Sector. A world telecommunication standardization assembly shall determine the specific duties, conditions of participation and rules of procedure for these measures. | |
| **PP-98** | ARTICLE 15  **Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group** | |
| **197A   PP-98 PP-02** | 1The telecommunication standardization advisory group shall be open to representatives of administrations of Member States and representatives of Sector Members and to chairmen of the study groups and other groups. | |
| **197B   PP-98** | 2The telecommunication standardization advisory group shall: | |
| **197C   PP-98** | *a)*review priorities, programmes, operations, financial matters and strategies for activities in the Telecommunication Standardization Sector; | |
| **197CA   PP-02** | *b)* review the implementation of the operational plan of the preceding period in order to identify areas in which the Bureau has not achieved or was not able to achieve the objectives laid down in that plan, and advise the Director on the necessary corrective measures; | |
| **197D   PP-98** | *c)*review progress in the implementation of the programme of work established under [No. 188] of these General Provisions and Rules; | |
| **197E   PP-98** | *d)*provide guidelines for the work of study groups; | |
| **197F   PP-98** | *e)*recommend measures, *inter alia*, to foster cooperation and coordination with other relevant bodies, with the Radiocommunication Sector, the Telecommunication Development Sector and the General Secretariat; | |
| **197G   PP-98** | *f)*adopt its own working procedures compatible with those adopted by the world telecommunication standardization assembly; | |
| **197H   PP-98** | *g)*prepare a report for the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau indicating action in respect of the above items. | |
| **197I   PP-98** | *h)*prepare a report for the world telecommunication standardi­zation assembly on the matters assigned to it in accordance with [No. 191A] of these General Provisions and Rules, and transmit it to the Director for submission to the assembly. | |
|  | ARTICLE 16  **Telecommunication Standardization Bureau** | |
| **(SUP) 198 to CS116A** |  | |
| **199** | 1 The Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau shall: | |
| **200   PP-98 PP-02** | *a)*update annually the work programme approved by the world telecommunication standardization assembly, in consultation with the chairmen of the telecommunication standardization study groups and other groups; | |
| **201   PP-98 PP-02** | *b)*participate, as of right, but in an advisory capacity, in the deliberations of world telecommunication standardization assem­blies and of the telecommunication standardization study groups and other groups. The Director shall make all necessary preparations for assemblies and meetings of the Telecom­munication Standardization Sector in consultation with the General Secretariat in accordance with [No. 94] of these General Provisions and Rules and, as appropriate, with the other Sectors of the Union, and with due regard for the directives of the Council concerning these preparations; | |
| **202   PP-98** | *c)*process information received from administrations in application of the relevant provisions of the International Telecommunication Regulations or decisions of the world telecommunication standardization assembly and prepare it, where appropriate, in a suitable form for publication; | |
| **203   PP-98  PP-06** | *d)*exchange with Member States and Sector Members data in machine-readable and other forms, prepare and, as necessary, keep up to date any documents and databases of the Telecom­munication Standardization Sector, and arrange with the Secretary-General, as appropriate, for their publication in the languages of the Union in accordance with [No. 172] of the Constitution; | |
| **204   PP-98** | *e)*submit to the world telecommunication standardization assembly a report on the activities of the Sector since the last assembly; the Director shall also submit to the Council and to the Member States and Sector Members such a report covering the two-year period since the last assembly, unless a second assembly is convened; | |
| **205** | *f)* prepare a cost-based budget estimate for the requirements of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector and transmit it to the Secretary-General for consideration by the Coordination Commit­tee and inclusion in the Union’s budget. | |
| **205A   PP-98 PP-02** | *g)*prepare annually a rolling four-year operational plan that covers the subsequent year and the following three-year period, including financial implications of activities to be undertaken by the Bureau in support of the Sector as a whole; this four-year operational plan shall be reviewed by the telecommunication standardization advisory group in accordance with [Article 15] of these General Provisions and Rules, and shall be reviewed and approved annually by the Council; | |
| **205B   PP-98** | *h)*provide the necessary support for the telecommunication standardization advisory group, and report each year to Member States and Sector Members and to the Council on the results of its work; | |
| **205C   PP-98** | *i)*provide assistance to developing countries in the preparatory work for world standardization assemblies, particularly with regard to matters of a priority nature for those countries. | |
| **206** | 2The Director shall choose the technical and administrative personnel of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau within the framework of the budget as approved by the Council. The appointment of the technical and administrative personnel is made by the Secretary-General in agreement with the Director. The final decision on appointment or dismissal rests with the Secretary-General. | |
| **207** | 3The Director shall provide technical support, as necessary, to the Telecommunication Development Sector within the framework of the Constitution and the relevant provisions of these General Provisions and Rules. | |
|  | CHAPTER IV  **Telecommunication Development Sector** | |
|  | ARTICLE 17  **Telecommunication Development Conferences** | |
| **(ADD) 207A ex. CS 138** | 1Telecommunication development conferences shall comprise: | |
| **(ADD) 207B ex. CS 139** | *a)* world telecommunication development conferences; | |
| **(ADD) 207C ex. CS 140** | *b)* regional telecommunication development conferences. | |
| **207A PP-02** | 2 The world telecommunication development conference is authorized to adopt the working methods and procedures for the management of the Sector’s activities in accordance with [No. 145A] of the Constitution. | |
| **208** | 3 In accordance with [No. 118] of the Constitution, the duties of the telecommunication development conferences shall be as follows: | |
| **209  PP-06** | *a)* world telecommunication development conferences shall establish work programmes and guidelines for defining telecommunication development questions and priorities and shall provide direction and guidance for the work programme of the Telecommunication Development Sector. They shall decide, in the light of the above-mentioned programmes of work, on the need to maintain, terminate or establish study groups and allocate to each of them the questions to be studied; | |
| **209A PP-02** | *b)* decide on the need to maintain, terminate or establish other groups and appoint their chairmen and vice-chairmen; | |
| **209B PP-02** | *c)* establish the terms of reference for the groups referred to in [No. 209A above]; such groups shall not adopt questions or recommendations. | |
| **210 PP-02** | *d)* regional telecommunication development conferences shall consider questions and priorities relating to telecommunication development, taking into account the needs and characteristics of the region concerned, and may also submit recommendations to world telecommunication development conferences; | |
| **211** | *e)* the telecommunication development conferences should fix the objectives and strategies for the balanced worldwide and regional development of telecommunications, giving particular consid­e­ration to the expansion and modernization of the networks and services of the developing countries as well as the mobilization of the resources required for this purpose. They shall serve as a forum for the study of policy, organizational, operational, regula­tory, technical and financial questions and related aspects, including the identification and implementation of new sources of funding; | |
| **212** | *f)* world and regional telecommunication development conferences, within their respective sphere of competence, shall consider reports submitted to them and evaluate the activities of the Sector; they may also consider telecommunication development aspects related to the activities of the other Sectors of the Union. | |
| **213   PP-98** | 4The draft agenda of telecommunication development conferences shall be prepared by the Director of the Telecommunication Develop­ment Bureau and be submitted by the Secretary-General to the Council for approval with the concurrence of a majority of the Member States in the case of a world conference, or of a majority of the Member States belonging to the region concerned in the case of a regional conference, subject to the provisions of [No. 47] of these General Provisions and Rules. | |
| **213A   PP-98 PP-02** | 5A telecommunication development conference may assign specific matters within its competence to the telecommunication devel­opment advisory group, indicating the recommended action on those matters. | |
|  | ARTICLE 18  **Telecommunication Development Study Groups** | |
| **(SUP) 214 to CS143A** |  | |
| **215** | 1 Taking into account [No. 119] of the Constitution, the Radiocommunication, Telecommunication Standardization and Telecommuni­cation Development Sectors shall keep the matters under study under continuing review with a view to reaching agreement on the distribution of work, avoiding duplication of effort and improving coordination. The Sectors shall adopt procedures to conduct such reviews and reach such agreement in a timely and effective manner. | |
| **215A   PP-98** | 2Each telecommunication development study group shall prepare for the world telecommunication development conference a report indi­cating the progress of work and any draft new or revised recommen­dations for consideration by the conference. | |
| **215B   PP-98** | 3Telecommunication development study groups shall study ques­tions and prepare draft recommendations to be adopted in accordance with the procedures set out in [Nos. 246A to 247] of these General Provisions and Rules. | |
| **PP-98** | ARTICLE 19 **Telecommunication Development Advisory Group** | |
| **215C   PP-98 PP-02 PP-06** | 1The telecommunication development advisory group shall be open to representatives of administrations of Member States and representatives of Sector Members and to chairmen and vice-chairmen of study groups and other groups, and will act through the Director. | |
| **215D   PP-98** | 2The telecommunication development advisory group shall: | |
| **215E   PP-98** | *a)*review priorities, programmes, operations, financial matters and strategies for activities in the Telecommunication Development Sector; | |
| **215EA   PP-02** | *b)* review the implementation of the operational plan of the preceding period in order to identify areas in which the Bureau has not achieved or was not able to achieve the objectives laid down in that plan, and advise the Director on the necessary corrective measures. | |
| **215F   PP-98** | *c)*review progress in the implementation of the programme of work established under [No. 209] of these General Provisions and Rules; | |
| **215G   PP-98** | *d)*provide guidelines for the work of study groups; | |
| **215H   PP-98** | *e)*recommend measures, *inter alia*, to foster cooperation and coordination with the Radiocommunication Sector, the Telecommuni­cation Standardization Sector and the General Secretariat, as well as with other relevant development and financial institutions. | |
| **215I   PP-98** | *f)*adopt its own working procedures compatible with those adopted by the world telecommunication development conference. | |
| **215J   PP-98** | *g)*prepare a report for the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau indicating action in respect of the above items. | |
| **215JA   PP-02** | *f)* prepare a report for the world telecommunication development conference on the matters assigned to it in accordance with [No. 213A] of these General Provisions and Rules and transmit it to the Director for submission to the conference. | |
| **215K   PP-98** | 3Representatives of bilateral cooperation and development aid agencies and multilateral development institutions may be invited by the Director to participate in the meetings of the advisory group. | |
| **PP-98** | ARTICLE 20  **Telecommunication Development Bureau** | |
| **(SUP) 216 to CS 144A** |  | |
| **217** | 1 The Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau shall,: | |
| **218 PP-02** | *a)* participate as of right, but in an advisory capacity, in the delib­erations of the telecommunication development conferences and of the telecommunication development study groups and other groups. The Director shall make all necessary preparations for conferences and meetings of the Telecommunication Develop­ment Sector in consultation with the General Secretariat in accordance with [No. 94] of these General Provisions and Rules and, as appropriate, with the other Sectors of the Union, and with due regard for the directives of the Council in carrying out these preparations; | |
| **219** | *b)* process information received from administrations in application of the relevant resolutions and decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference and telecommunication development conferences and prepare it, where appropriate, in a suitable form for publication; | |
| **220  PP-06** | *c)* exchange with members data in machine-readable and other forms, prepare and, as necessary, keep up to date any documents and databases of the Telecommunication Development Sector, and arrange with the Secretary-General, as appropriate, for their publication in the languages of the Union in accordance with [No. 172] of the Constitution; | |
| **221** | *d)* assemble and prepare for publication, in cooperation with the General Secretariat and the other Sectors of the Union, both tech­nical and administrative information that might be especially useful to 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; | |
| **222   PP-98** | *e)*submit to the world telecommunication development conference a report on the activities of the Sector since the last conference; the Director shall also submit to the Council and to the Member States and Sector Members such a report covering the two-year period since the last conference; | |
| **223   PP-98** | *f)*prepare a cost-based budget estimate for the requirements of the Telecommunication Development Sector and transmit it to the Secretary-General for consideration by the Coordination Com­mittee and inclusion in the Union’s budget; | |
| **223A   PP-98 PP-02** | *g)*prepare annually a rolling four-year operational plan that covers the subsequent year and the following three-year period, including financial implications of activities to be undertaken by the Bureau in support of the Sector as a whole; this four-year operational plan shall be reviewed by the telecommunication development advisory group in accordance with [Article 17A] of these General Provisions and Rules, and shall be reviewed and approved annually by the Council; | |
| **223B   PP-98** | *h)*provide the necessary support for the telecommunication devel­opment advisory group, and report each year to the Member States and Sector Members and to the Council on the results of its work. | |
| **224   PP-98** | 2TheDirector shall work collegially with the other elected officials in order to ensure that the Union’s catalytic role in stimulating telecom­munication development is strengthened and shall make the necessary arrangements with the Director of the Bureau concerned for initiating suitable action, including the convening of information meetings on the activities of the Sector concerned. | |
| **225   PP-98** | 3At the request of the Member States concerned, the Director, with the assistance of the Directors of the other Bureaux and, where appro­priate, the Secretary-General, shall study and offer advice concerning their national telecommunication problems; where a comparison of tech­nical alternatives is involved, economic factors may be taken into con­sideration. | |
| **226** | 4 The Director shall choose the technical and administrative per­sonnel of the Telecommunication Development Bureau within the framework of the budget as approved by the Council. The appointment of the personnel is made by the Secretary-General in agreement with the Director. The final decision for appointment or dismissal rests with the Secretary-General. | |
| **227   PP-98** |  | |
|  | CHAPTER V  **Provisions Common to the Three Sectors** | |
|  | ARTICLE 21 **Participation of Entities and Organizations Other than Administrations in the Union’s Activities** | |
| **228** | 1 The Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux shall encourage the enhanced participation in the activities of the Union of the following entities and organizations: | |
| **229   PP-98** | *a)*recognized operating agencies, scientific or industrial organi­zations and financial or development institutions which are ap­proved by the Member State concerned; | |
| **230   PP-98** | *b)*other entities dealing with telecommunication matters which are approved by the Member State concerned; | |
| **231** | *c)* regional and other international telecommunication, standardiza­tion, financial or development organizations. | |
| **232** | 2 The Directors of the Bureaux shall maintain close working rela­tions with those entities and organizations which are authorized to par­ticipate in the activities of one or more of the Sectors of the Union. | |
| **233   PP-98** | 3Any request from an entity listed in [No. 229 above] to participate in the work of a Sector, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Constitution and these General Provisions and Rules, approved by the Member State con­cerned shall be forwarded by the latter to the Secretary-General. | |
| **234   PP-98** | 4Any request from an entity referred to in [No. 230 above] submitted by the Member State concerned shall be handled in conformity with a procedure established by the Council. Such a request shall be reviewed by the Council with respect to its conformity with the above procedure. | |
| **234A   PP-98** | 5Alternatively, a request from an entity listed in [No. 229 or 230 above] to become a Sector Member may be sent direct to the Secretary-General. Those Member States authorizing such entities to send a request directly to the Secretary-General shall inform the latter accordingly. Entities whose Member State has not provided such notice to the Secretary-General shall not have the option of direct application. The Secretary-General shall regularly update and publish a list of those Member States that have authorized entities under their jurisdiction or sovereignty to apply directly. | |
| **234B   PP-98** | 6Upon receipt, directly from an entity, of a request under [No. 234A above], the Secretary-General shall, on the basis of criteria defined by the Council, ensure that the function and purposes of the candidate are in conformity with the purposes of the Union. The Secretary-General shall then, without delay, inform the applicant’s Member State inviting approval of the application. If the Secretary-General receives no objec­tion from the Member State within four months, a reminder telegram shall be sent. If the Secretary-General receives no objection within four months after the date of dispatch of the reminder telegram, the applica­tion shall be regarded as approved. If an objection is received from the Member State by the Secretary-General, the applicant shall be invited by the Secretary-General to contact the Member State concerned. | |
| **234C   PP-98** | 7 When authorizing direct application, a Member State may notify the Secretary‑General that it assigns authority to the Secretary-General to approve any application by an entity under its jurisdiction or sovereignty. | |
| **235 PP-06** | 8Any request from any entity or organization listed in [No. 231 above] (other than those referred to in [Nos. 59K and 59L of the Constitution] to participate in the work of a Sector shall be sent to the Secretary-General and acted upon in accordance with procedures estab­lished by the Council. | |
| **236 PP-06** | 9 Any request from an organization referred to in [Nos. 59K to 59M of the Constitution] to participate in the work of a Sector shall be sent to the Secretary‑General, and the organization concerned shall be included in the lists referred to in [No. 237 below]. | |
| **237   PP-98 PP-06** | 10The Secretary-General shall compile and maintain lists of all enti­ties and organizations referred to in [Nos. 229 to 231] of these General Provisions and Rules and [Nos. 59K to 59M of the Constitution] that are authorized to participate in the work of each Sector and shall, at appropriate intervals, publish and distribute these lists to all Member States and Sector Members concerned and to the Director of the Bureau concerned. That Director shall advise such enti­ties and organizations of the action taken on their requests, and shall inform the relevant Member States. | |
| **238   PP-98** | 11The conditions of participation in the Sectors by entities and organizations contained in the lists referred to in [No. 237 above] are specified in this Article, in [Article 27 below], and in other relevant provisions of these General Provisions and Rules. The provisions of [Nos. 25 to 28] of the Constitution do not apply to them. | |
| **239   PP-94   PP-98** | 12A Sector Member may act on behalf of the Member State which has approved it, provided that the Member State informs the Director of the Bureau concerned that it is authorized to do so. | |
| **240   PP-98  PP-06** | 13Any Sector Member has the right to denounce such participation by notifying the Secretary-General. Such participation may also be denounced, where appropriate, by the Member State concerned or, in case of the Sector Member approved pursuant to [No. 234C above], in accordance with criteria and procedures determined by the Council. Such denunciation shall take effect at the end of six months from the date when notification is received by the Secretary-General. | |
| **241** | 14 The Secretary-General shall delete from the list of entities and organizations any entity or organization that is no longer authorized to participate in the work of a Sector, in accordance with criteria and proce­dures determined by the Council. | |
| **241A   PP-98** | 15The assembly or conference of a Sector may decide to admit enti­ties or organizations to participate as Associates in the work of a given study group or subgroups thereof following the principles set out below: | |
| **241B   PP-98** | *a)*An entity or organization referred to in [Nos. 229 to 231 above] may apply to participate in the work of a given study group as an Associate. | |
| **241C   PP-98** | *b)*In cases where a Sector has decided to admit Associates, the Secretary‑General shall apply to the applicants the relevant provisions of this Article, taking account of the size of the entity or organization and any other relevant criteria. | |
| **241D   PP-98** | *c)*Associates admitted to participate in a given study group are not entered in the list referred to in [No. 237 above]. | |
| **241E   PP-98** | *d)*The conditions governing participation in the work of a study group are specified in [Nos. 248B and 483A] of these General Provisions and Rules. | |
|  | ARTICLE 22  **Conduct of Business of Study Groups** | |
| **242   PP-98** | 1The radiocommunication assembly, the world telecommunication standardization assembly and the world telecommunication development conference shall appoint the chairman and one vice-chairman or more for each study group. In appointing chairmen and vice-chairmen, particular consideration shall be given to the requirements of competence and equitable geographical distribution, and to the need to promote more efficient participation by the developing countries. | |
| **243   PP-98** | 2If the workload of any study group requires, the assembly or conference shall appoint such additional vice-chairmen as it deems necessary. | |
| **244** | 3 If, in the interval between two assemblies or conferences of the Sector concerned, a study group Chairman is unable to carry out his duties and only one Vice-Chairman has been appointed, then that Vice-Chairman shall take the Chairman’s place. In the case of a study group for which more than one Vice-Chairman has been appointed, the study group at its next meeting shall elect a new Chairman from among those Vice-Chairmen and, if necessary, a new Vice-Chairman from among the members of the study group. It shall likewise elect a new Vice-Chairman if one of the Vice-Chairmen is unable to carry out his duties during that period. | |
| **245** | 4Study groups shall conduct their work as far as possible by corre­spondence, using modern means of communication. | |
| **246** | 5 The Director of the Bureau of each Sector, on the basis of the decisions of the competent conference or assembly, after consultation with the Secretary-General and coordination as required by the Consti­tution and the relevant provisions of these General Provisions and Rules, shall draw up the general plan of study group meetings. | |
| **246A   PP-98** | 6 *a)* Member States and Sector Members shall adopt questions to be studied in accordance with procedures established by the relevant conference or assembly, as appropriate, including the indication whether or not a resulting recommendation shall be the subject of a formal consultation of Member States. | |
| **246B   PP-98** | *b)* Recommendations resulting from the study of the above questions are adopted by a study group in accordance with procedures established by the relevant conference or assembly, as appro­priate. Those recommendations which do not require formal consultation of Member States for their approval shall be considered as approved. | |
| **246C   PP-98** | *c)* A recommendation requiring formal consultation of Member States shall be either treated in accordance with [No. 247 below] or transmitted to the relevant conference or assembly, as appropriate. | |
| **246D   PP-98** | *d)*[Nos. 246A and 246B above] shall not be used for questions and recommendations having policy or regulatory implications such as: | |
| **246E   PP-98** | *i)*questions and recommendations approved by the Radiocom­munication Sector relevant to the work of radiocommunication conferences, and other categories of questions and recommen­dations that may be decided by the radiocom­munication assembly; | |
| **246F   PP-98** | *ii)* questions and recommendations approved by the Telecom­munication Standardization Sector which relate to tariff and accounting issues, and relevant numbering and addressing plans; | |
| **246G   PP-98** | *iii)* questions and recommendations approved by the Telecommuni­cation Development Sector which relate to regulatory, policy and financial issues; | |
| **246H   PP-98** | *iv)* questions and recommendations where there is any doubt about their scope. | |
| **247   PP-98** | 7Study groups may initiate action for obtaining approval from Member States for recommendations completed between two assemblies or conferences. The procedures to be applied for obtaining such approval shall be those approved by the competent assembly or conference, as appropriate. | |
| **247A   PP-98** | 8Recommendations approved in application of [Nos. 246B or 247 above] shall have the same status as ones approved by the conference or assembly itself. | |
| **248** | 9 Where necessary, joint working parties may be established for the study of questions requiring the participation of experts from several study groups. | |
| **248A   PP-98** | 10Following a procedure developed by the Sector concerned, the Director of a Bureau may, in consultation with the chairman of the study group concerned, invite an organization which does not participate in the Sector to send representatives to take part in the study of a specific matter in the study group concerned or its subordinate groups. | |
| **248B   PP-98** | 11An Associate, as referred to in [No. 241A] of these General Provisions and Rules, will be permitted to participate in the work of the selected study group with­out taking part in any decision-making or liaison activity of that study group. | |
| **249** | 12 The Director of the relevant Bureau shall send the final reports of the study groups to the administrations, organizations and entities participating in the Sector. Such reports shall include a list of the recommendations approved in conformity with [No. 247 above]. These reports shall be sent as soon as possible and, in any event, in time for them to be received at least one month before the date of the next session of the conference concerned. | |
|  | ARTICLE 23  **Recommendations from One Conference to Another** |
| **250** | 1Any conference may submit to another conference of the Union recommendations within its field of competence. |
| **251 PP-06** | 2Such recommendations shall be sent to the Secretary-General in good time for assembly, coordination and communication, as laid down in [No. 44] of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union. |
|  | ARTICLE 24  **Relations Between Sectors and With International Organizations** |
| **252** | 1The Directors of the Bureaux may agree, after appropriate consultation and coordination as required by the Constitution, the relevant provisions of these General Provisions and Rules and the decisions of the competent conferences or assem­blies, to organize joint meetings of study groups of two or three Sectors, in order to study and prepare draft recommendations on questions of common interest. Such draft recommendations shall be submitted to the competent conferences or assemblies of the Sectors concerned. |
| **253** | 2 Conferences or meetings of a Sector may be attended in an advi­sory capacity by the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General, the Directors of the Bureaux of the other Sectors, or their representatives, and members of the Radio Regulations Board. If necessary, they may invite, in an advisory capacity, representatives of the General Secretariat or of any other Sector which has not considered it necessary to be repre­sented. |
| **254** | 3When a Sector is invited to participate in a meeting of an interna­tional organization, its Director is authorized to make arrangements for its representation in an advisory capacity, taking into account the provi­sions of [No. 107] of these General Provisions and Rules. |
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| **(SUP) 282   PP-98 PP-02 to CS89G** |  |
| **(SUP) 282A   PP-02 to CS89H** |  |
| **PP-98 PP-02** | ARTICLE 25  **Admission to Radiocommunication Assemblies, World Telecommunication Standardization Assemblies and Telecommunication Development Conferences** |
| **283 to 294 PP-02** |  |
| **295 PP-02** | 1 The following shall be admitted to the assembly or conference: |
| **296** | *a)* delegations; |
| **296 *bis*  PP-06** | *b)* representatives of Sector Members concerned; |
| **297 PP-02  PP-06** | *c)* observers, to participate in an advisory capacity, from: |
| **297 *bis* PP-06** | *i)* the organizations and agencies referred to in [Nos. 59J to 59M] of the Constitution; |
| **298   PP-02** |  |
| **298A  to B  PP-06** |  |
| **298C   PP-02 PP-06** | *ii)* any other regional organization or other international organization dealing with matters of interest to the assembly or conference; |
| **298D to F PP-06** |  |
| **298G   PP-02** | 2 The elected officials, the General Secretariat and the Bureaux of the Union, as appropriate, shall be represented at the assembly or conference in an advisory capacity. Two members of the Radio Regulations Board, designated by the Board, shall participate in radio­communication assemblies in an advisory capacity. |
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| **(SUP) 339   PP-98 to CS207P** |  | |
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| **PP-02** | ARTICLE 26  **General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings of the Union** | |
| **339A   PP-98 PP-02** | 1 **[**The General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union are adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference. The provisions governing the procedure for amending those Rules and the entry into force of amendments are contained in the Rules themselves. | |
| **340   PP-98 PP-02** | 2The General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union shall apply without prejudice to the amendment provisions contained in [Article 55] of the Constitution and in [Article 34] of these General Provisions and Rules.] | |

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| **(SUP) 340G   PP-98 to CS 207T** |  | |
| **341 to 467 PP-98** |  | |
|  | CHAPTER VI  **Other Provisions** | |
|  | ARTICLE 27 **Finances** | |
| **468   PP-98  PP-06 PP-10** | 1*a)*The scale from which each Member State, subject to the provisions of [No. 468A below], and Sector Member, subject to the provisions of [No. 468B below], shall choose its class of contribution, in conformity with the relevant provisions of [Article 28] of the Constitution, shall be as follows:   1. From the 40 unit class to the 2 unit class: in steps of one unit 2. Below the 2 unit class, as follows: 1 1/2 unit class 1 unit class 1/2 unit class 1/4 unit class 1/8 unit class 1/16 unit class | |
| **468A   PP-98** | *b)*Only Member States listed by the United Nations as least developed countries and those determined by the Council may select the 1/8 and 1/16 unit classes of contribution. | |
| **468B   PP-98** | *c)*Sector Members may not select a class of contribution lower than 1/2 unit, with the exception of Sector Members of the Telecommu­nication Development Sector, which may select the 1/4, 1/8 and 1/16 unit classes. However, the 1/16 unit class is reserved for Sector Members of developing countries as determined by the list established by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to be reviewed by the ITU Council. | |
| **469   PP-98** | *d)*In addition to the classes of contribution listed in [No. 468 above], any Member State or Sector Member may choose a number of contributory units over 40. | |
| **(ADD) 469A ex. CS161B** | [2 *a)* At its session preceding the plenipotentiary conference, the Council shall fix the provisional amount of the contributory unit, on the basis of the draft financial plan for the corresponding period and total number of contributory units. | |
| **(ADD) 469B ex. CS161C** | *b)* The Secretary-General shall inform the Member States and Sector Members of the provisional amount of the contributory unit as determined under [No. 469A above] and invite the Member States to notify, no later than four weeks prior to the date set for the opening of the plenipotentiary conference, the class of contribution they have provision­ally chosen. | |
| **(ADD) 469C ex. CS161D** | *c)* The plenipotentiary conference shall, during its first week, determine the provisional upper limit of the amount of the contributory unit resulting from the steps taken by the Secretary-General in pursuance of [Nos. 469A and 469B above], and taking account of any changes in class of contribution notified by Member States to the Secretary-General as well as classes of contribution remaining unchanged. | |
| **(ADD) 469D ex. CS161E** | *d)* Bearing in mind the draft financial plan as revised, the plenipotentiary conference shall, as soon as possible, determine the definitive upper limit of the amount of the contributory unit and set the date, which shall be at the latest on Monday of the final week of the plenipotentiary conference, by which Member States, upon invitation by the Secretary-General, shall announce their definitive choice of class of contribution. | |
| **(ADD) 469E ex. CS161F** | *e)* Member States which have failed to notify the Secretary-General of their decision by the date set by the plenipotentiary confer­ence shall retain the class of contribution previously chosen. | |
| **(ADD) 469F ex. CS161G** | *f)* The plenipotentiary conference shall then approve the defini­tive financial plan on the basis of the total number of contributory units corresponding to the definitive classes of contribution chosen by the Member States and classes of contribution of the Sector Members at the date on which the financial plan is approved. | |
| **(ADD) 469G ex. CS161H** | 3 *a)* The Secretary-General shall inform the Sector Members of the definitive upper limit of the amount of the contributory unit and invite them to notify, within three months from the closing date of the plenipotentiary conference, the class of contribution they have chosen. | |
| **(ADD) 469H ex. CS161I** | *b)* Sector Members which have failed to notify the Secretary-General of their decision within this three-month period shall retain the class of contribution previously chosen. | |
| **(ADD) 469I ex. CS162** | *c)* Amendments to the scale of classes of contribution adopted by a plenipotentiary conference shall apply for the selection of the class of contribution during the following plenipotentiary conference. | |
| **(ADD) 469J ex. CS163** | *d)* The class of contribution chosen by a Member State or a Sector Member is applicable as of the first biennial budget after a plenipotentiary conference. | |
| **(ADD) 469K ex. CS165** | 4 When choosing its class of contribution, a Member State shall not reduce it by more than 15 per cent of the number of units chosen by the Member State for the period preceding the reduction, rounding down to the nearest lower number of units in the scale, for contributions of three or more units; or by more than one class of contribution, for contributions below three units. The Council shall indicate to it the manner in which the reduction shall be gradually implemented over the period between plenipotentiary conferences. However, under exceptional circumstances such as natural disasters necessitating international aid programmes, the Plenipotentiary Conference may authorize a greater reduction in the number of contributory units when so requested by a Member State which has established that it can no longer maintain its contribution at the class originally chosen. | |
| **(ADD) 469L ex. CS165A** | 5 Under exceptional circumstances such as natural disasters necessitating international aid programmes, the Council may authorize a reduction in the number of contributory units when so requested by a Member State which has established that it can no longer maintain its contribution at the class originally chosen. | |
| **(ADD) 469M ex. CS165B** | 6 Member States and Sector Members may at any time choose a class of contribution higher than the one already adopted by them.] | |
| **470   PP-98** | 7The Secretary-General shall communicate promptly to each Member State not represented at the Plenipotentiary Conference the decision of each Member State as to the class of contribution to be paid by it. | |
| **471   PP-98** |  | |
| **472   PP-98** | 8*a)*Every new Member State and Sector Member shall, in respect of the year of its accession or admission, pay a contribution cal­culated as from the first day of the month of accession or admission, as the case may be. | |
| **473   PP-98** | *b)*Should a Member State denounce the Constitution or a Sector Member denounce its participation in a Sector, its contribution shall be paid up to the last day of the month in which such denunciation takes effect in accordance with [No. 237] of the Constitution or [No. 240] of these General Provisions and Rules, respectively. | |
| **474   PP-98** | 9The amounts due shall bear interest from the beginning of the fourth month of each financial year of the Union at 3% (three per cent) per annum during the following three months, and at 6% (six per cent) per annum from the beginning of the seventh month. | |
| **475   PP-98** |  | |
| **476   PP-94   PP-98 PP-02  PP-06** | 10*a)*The organizations referred to in [Nos. 59J to 59N] of the Constitution and other organizations alsospecified in [Nos. 59E to 59O and 89A to 89H of the Constitution], [Article 53] of the Constitution, and [Article 25] of these General Provisions and Rules (unless they have been exempted by the Council, subject to reciprocity) and Sector Members referred to in [No. 230] of these General Provisions and Rules which participate, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Constitution and these General Provisions and Rules , in a plenipotentiary conference, in a conference, assembly or meeting of a Sector of the Union, or in a world conference on international telecommunications, shall share in defraying the expenses of the conferences, assemblies and meetings in which they participate on the basis of the cost of these conferences and meetings and in accordance with the Financial Regulations. Nevertheless, Sector Members will not be charged separately for their attendance at a conference, assembly or meeting of their respective Sectors, except in the case of regional radiocommunication conferences. | |
| **477   PP-94 PP-98** | *b)*Any Sector Member appearing in the lists mentioned in [No. 237] of this these General Provisions and Rules shall share in defraying the expenses of the Sector in accordance with [Nos. 480 and 480A below]. | |
| **478 and 479 PP-98** |  | |
| **480   PP-94   PP-98** | *c)*The amount of the contribution per unit payable towards the expenses of each Sector concerned shall be set at 1/5 of the contributory unit of the Member States. These contributions shall be considered as Union income. They shall bear interest in accordance with the provisions of [No. 474 above]. | |
| **480A   PP-98 PP-06** | *d)*When a Sector Member contributes to defraying the expenses of the Union under [No. 159A] of the Constitution, the Sector for which the contribution is made should be identified. | |
| **480B   PP-06** | *e)* Under exceptional circumstances, the Council may authorize a reduction in the number of contributory units when so requested by a Sector Member which has established that it can no longer maintain its contribution at the class originally chosen. | |
| **481 to 483 PP-98** |  | |
| **483A   PP-98** | 11Associates as described in [No. 241A] of these General Provisions and Rules shall share in defraying the expenses of the Sector and the study group and subordinate groups in which they participate, as determined by the Council. | |
| **484   PP-94   PP-98** | 12The Council shall determine criteria for the application of cost recovery for some products and services of the Union. | |
| **485   PP-94** | 13 The Union shall maintain a reserve account in order to provide working capital to meet essential expenditures and to maintain sufficient cash reserves to avoid resorting to loans as far as possible. The amount of the reserve account shall be fixed annually by the Council on the basis of expected requirements. At the end of each biennial budgetary period all budget credits which have not been expended or encumbered will be placed in the reserve account. Other details of this account are described in the Financial Regulations. | |
| **486   PP-94** | 14*a)* The Secretary-General may, in agreement with the Coor­dination Committee, accept voluntary contributions in cash or kind, provided that the conditions attached to such voluntary contributions are consistent, as appropriate, with the purposes and programmes of the Union and with the programmes adopted by a conference and in conformity with the Financial Regulations, which shall contain special provisions for the acceptance and use of such voluntary contributions. | |
| **487   PP-94** | *b)* Such voluntary contributions shall be reported by the Secretary-General to the Council in the financial operating report as well as in a summary indicating for each case the origin, proposed use and action taken with respect to each voluntary contribution. | |
| **(SUPP) Title to CS Art. 28A** |  | |
| **(SUP) 488 to CS 170A** |  | |
| **(SUP) 489 to CS 170B** |  | |
|  | ARTICLE 28  **Languages** | |
| **490   PP-98** | 1a)Languages other than those mentioned in the relevant provi­sions of [Article 29] of the Constitution may be used: | |
| **491   PP-98** | *i)*if an application is made to the Secretary-General to provide for the use of an additional language or languages, oral or written, on a permanent or an ad hoc basis, provided that the additional cost so incurred shall be borne by those Member States which have made or supported the application; | |
| **492   PP-98** | *ii)*if, at conferences and meetings of the Union, after informing the Secretary‑General or the Director of the Bureau concerned, 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 the relevant provision of [Article 29] of the Constitu­tion. | |
| **493   PP-98** | b)In the case provided for in [No. 491 above], the Secretary-General shall comply to the extent practicable with the application, having first obtained from the Member States concerned an undertaking that the cost incurred will be duly repaid by them to the Union. | |
| **494** | c) In the case provided for in [No. 492 above], 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 the relevant provision of [Article 29] of the Constitution. | |
| **495   PP-98** | 2Any of the documents referred to in the relevant provisions of [Article 29] of the Constitution may be published in languages other than those specified therein, provided that the Member States requesting such publication undertake to defray the whole of the cost of translation and publication involved. | |
|  | [CHAPTER VII  **Various Provisions Related to the Operation of Telecommunication Services** | |
|  | ARTICLE 29  **Charges and Free Services** | |
| **496** | The provisions regarding charges for telecommunications and the various cases in which free services are accorded are set forth in the Administrative Regulations. | |
|  | ARTICLE 30  **Rendering and Settlement of Accounts** | |
| **497   PP-98** | 1The settlement of international accounts shall be regarded as cur­rent transactions and shall be effected in accordance with the current international obligations of the Member States and Sector Members 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 42] of the Constitution, these settlements shall be effected in accor­dance with the Administrative Regulations. | |
| **498   PP-98** | 2Administrations of Member States and Sector Members which operate international telecommunication services shall come to an agreement with regard to the amount of their debits and credits. | |
| **499** | 3 The statement of accounts with respect to debits and credits referred to in [No. 498 above] shall be drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Regulations, unless special arrange­ments have been concluded between the parties concerned. | |
|  | ARTICLE 31  **Monetary Unit** | |
| **500   PP-98** | In the absence of special arrangements concluded between Mem­ber States, 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:  *a)*either the monetary unit of the International Monetary Fund  *b)*or the gold franc,  both as defined in the Administrative Regulations. The provisions for application are contained in Appendix 1 to the International Telecommu­nication Regulations. | |
|  | ARTICLE 32  **Intercommunication** | |
| **501** | 1 Stations performing radiocommunication in the mobile service shall be bound, within the limits of their normal employment, to ex­change radiocommunications reciprocally without distinction as to the radio system adopted by them. | |
| **502** | 2 Nevertheless, in order not to impede scientific progress, the provi­sions of [No. 501 above] 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. | |
| **503** | 3 Notwithstanding the provisions of [No. 501 above], 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.] | |
| **(SUP) Title to CS Art. 37** |  |
| **(SUP) 504 to CS185A** |  |
| **(SUP) 505   PP-98**  **to CS185B** |  |
| **(SUP) 506   PP-98 to CS185C** |  |
|  | CHAPTER VIII  **Arbitration and Amendment** | |
|  | ARTICLE 33  **Arbitration: Procedure** (see [Article 56] of the Constitution) | |
| **507** | 1 The party which appeals to arbitration under [Article 56] of the Constitution shall initiate the arbitration procedure by transmitting to the other party to the dispute a notice of the submission of the dispute to arbitration. | |
| **508** | 2 The parties shall decide by agreement whether the arbitration is to be entrusted to individuals, administrations or governments. If within one month after notice of submission of the dispute to arbitration, the parties have been unable to agree upon this point, the arbitration shall be entrusted to governments. | |
| **509** | 3 If arbitration is to be entrusted to individuals, the arbitrators must neither be nationals of a State party to the dispute, nor have their domi­cile in the States parties to the dispute, nor be employed in their service. | |
| **510   PP-98** | 4If arbitration is to be entrusted to governments, or to administra­tions thereof, these must be chosen from among the Member States which are not involved in the dispute, but which are parties to the agree­ment, the application of which caused the dispute. | |
| **511** | 5 Within three months from the date of receipt of the notification of the submission of the dispute to arbitration, each of the two parties to the dispute shall appoint an arbitrator. | |
| **512** | 6 If more than two parties are involved in the dispute, an arbitrator shall be appointed in accordance with the procedure set forth in [Nos. 510 and 511 above], by each of the two groups of parties having a common position in the dispute. | |
| **513** | 7 The two arbitrators thus appointed shall choose a third arbitrator who, if the first two arbitrators are individuals and not governments or administrations, must fulfil the conditions indicated in [No. 509 above], and in addition must not be of the same nationality as either of the other two arbitrators. Failing an agreement between the two arbitrators as to the choice of a third arbitrator, each of these two arbitrators shall nomi­nate a third arbitrator who is in no way concerned in the dispute. The Secretary-General shall then draw lots in order to select the third arbitrator. | |
| **514** | 8 The parties to the dispute may agree to have their dispute settled by a single arbitrator appointed by agreement; or alternatively, each party may nominate an arbitrator, and request the Secretary-General to draw lots to decide which of the persons so nominated is to act as the single arbitrator. | |
| **515** | 9 The arbitrator or arbitrators shall be free to decide upon the venue and the rules of procedure to be applied to the arbitration. | |
| **516** | 10 The decision of the single arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties to the dispute. If the arbitration is entrusted to more than one arbitrator, the decision made by the majority vote of the arbitrators shall be final and binding upon the parties. | |
| **517** | 11 Each party shall bear the expense it has incurred in the investigation and presentation of the arbitration. The costs of arbitration other than those incurred by the parties themselves shall be divided equally between the parties to the dispute. | |
| **518** | 12 The Union shall furnish all information relating to the dispute which the arbitrator or arbitrators may need. If the parties to the dispute so agree, the decision of the arbitrator or arbitrators shall be communi­cated to the Secretary-General for future reference purposes. | |
|  | [ARTICLE 34  **Provisions for Amending this Convention** | |
| **519   PP-98** | 1Any Member State may propose any amendment to this Conven­tion. Any such proposal shall, in order to ensure its timely transmission to, and consideration by, all the Member States, reach the Secretary-General not later than eight months prior to the opening date fixed for the Plenipotentiary Conference. The Secretary-General shall, as soon as pos­sible, but not later than six months prior to the latter date, forward any such proposal to all the Member States. | |
| **520   PP-98** | 2Any proposed modification to any amendment submitted in accor­dance with [No. 519 above] may, however, be submitted at any time by a Member State or by its delegation at the Plenipotentiary Conference. | |
| **521** | 3 The quorum required at any Plenary Meeting of the Plenipotenti­ary Conference for consideration of any proposal for amending this Con­vention or modification thereto shall consist of more than one half of the delegations accredited to the Plenipotentiary Conference. | |
| **522** | 4 To be adopted, any proposed modification to a proposed amend­ment as well as the proposal as a whole, whether or not modified, shall be approved, at a Plenary Meeting, by more than half of the delegations accredited to the Plenipotentiary Conference which have the right to vote. | |
| **523   PP-98 PP-02** | 5Unless specified otherwise in the preceding paragraphs of this Article, which shall prevail, the General Rules of conferences, assem­blies and meetings of the Union shall apply. | |
| **524   PP-98** | 6Any amendments to this Convention adopted by a plenipotentiary conference shall, as a whole and in the form of one single amending instrument, enter into force at a date fixed by the conference between Member States having deposited before that date their instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval of, or accession to, both this Con­vention and the amending instrument. Ratification, acceptance or ap­proval of, or accession to, only a part of such an amending instrument shall be excluded. | |
| **525** | 7 Notwithstanding [No. 524 above], the Plenipotentiary Conference may decide that an amendment to this Convention is necessary for the proper implementation of an amendment to the Constitution. In that case, the amendment to this Convention shall not enter into force prior to the entry into force of the amendment to the Constitution. | |
| **526   PP-98** | 8The Secretary-General shall notify all Member States of the deposit of each instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or acces­sion. | |
| **527** | 9 After entry into force of any such amending instrument, ratifica­tion, acceptance, approval or accession in accordance with [Articles 52 and 53] of the Constitution shall apply to this Convention as amended. | |
| **528** | 10 After the entry into force of any such amending instrument, the Secretary-General shall register it with the Secretariat of the United Nations, in accordance with the provisions of Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations. [No. 241] of the Constitution shall also apply to any such amending instrument.] | |

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|  | ANNEX   **[Definition of Certain Terms Used in this Convention and the Administrative Regulations  of the International Telecommunication Union** |
|  | For the purpose of the above instruments of the Union, the following terms shall have the meanings defined below: |
| **1001** | *Expert:*A person sent by either: |
|  | *a)* the Government or the administration of his country, or |
|  | *b)* an entity or an organization authorized in accordance with Article 19 of this Convention, or |
|  | *c)* an international organization |
|  | to participate in tasks of the Union relevant to his area of professional competence. |
| **1002   PP-94   PP-98  PP-06** | *Observer:*A person sent by a Member State, organization, agency or entity to attend a conference, assembly or meeting of the Union or the Council, without the right to vote and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the basic texts of the Union. |
| **1003** | *Mobile Service:*A radiocommunication service between mobile and land stations, or between mobile stations |
| **1004** | *Scientific or Industrial Organization:*Any organization, other than a governmental establishment or agency, which is engaged in the study of telecommunication problems or in the design or manufacture of equipment intended for telecommunication services. |
| **1005** | *Radiocommunication:*Telecommunication by means of radio waves. |
|  | *Note 1:* Radio waves are electromagnetic waves of frequencies arbitrarily lower than 3 000 GHz, propagated in space without artificial guide. |
|  | *Note 2:* For the requirements of Nos. 149 to 154 of this Con­vention, the term “radiocommunication” also includes telecommuni­cations using electromagnetic waves of frequencies above 3 000 GHz, propagated in space without artificial guide. |
| **1006** | *Service Telecommunication:*A telecommunication that relates to public international telecommunications and that is exchanged among the following: |
|  | – administrations, |
|  | – recognized 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.] |

**Appendix 1 to Annex II**

The below table has been prepared to facilitate the reading of Annex II.

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| CS 66A | from CV 60A |
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| GP&R 22 | to CS 64P |
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2. i.e. regarding the title of the «other document/convention». [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. \* The language used in the Constitution of the Union is to be considered as gender neutral. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
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6. \* The language used in these General Provisions and Rules is to be considered as gender neutral. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)