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NOTES

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2 In this Recommendation, the expression "Administration" is used for conciseness to indicate both a telecommunication administration and a recognized operating agency.

Recommendation F.30

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The CCITT,

unanimously declares that

(1) when it is necessary to provide for switching of telegrams to different routes in semi-automatic or fully automatic telegram retransmission systems, the beginning and ending of each telegram are identified by the insertion of start-of-message and end-of-message signals;

(2) the start-of-message signal consists of the sequence **ZCZC** in letter case;

(3) the end-of-message signal consists of the sequence **NNNN**, in letter case;

(4) the equipment that recognizes the start-of-message and end-of-message signals may be designed to do so by searching only for the sequence of four combinations corresponding to **ZCZC** or **NNNN** respectively (i.e. combinations 26, 3, 26, 3 or 14, 14, 14, 14 in International Telegraph Alphabet No. 2 regardless of whether they are in letter or figure case);

(5) Table 1/F.30 lists other sequences of combinations used for special purposes.

TABLE 1/F.30

Purpose of sequence	Sequence of combination	Printed position		Recommendation reference
		Letter case	Figure case	
Connection of reperforator (or equivalent device)	3 3 3 3	**CCCC**	**: : : :**	S.4
Disconnection of reperforator (or equivalent device)	6 6 6 6	**FFFF**	Note 1	S.4
Suppression of delay signals	8 8 8 8	**HHHH**	Note 1	S.4, U.22
Ready for test	11 11 11 11	**KKKK**	**((((**	R.79, R.79 *bis*
Switching a reader (or equivalent device) into circuit by remote control	11 12 11 12	**KLKL**	**( ) ( )**	S.4
End of message or enabling of delay signals	14 14 14 14	**NNNN**	**, , , ,**	F.1, F.31, S.4, U.22
Change of alphabet	19 19 19 19	**SSSS**	**' ' ' '**	S.15
Error signal	24 24 24 24 24	**XXXXX**	/////	F.1 (C94)
Start of message	26 3 26 3	**ZCZC**	**+: +:**	F.1, F.31
End of input	26 26 26 26	**ZZZZ**	++++	F.200
Request for automatic advice of parties cleared prematurely during the broadcast call followed by call cleared	13 13 13 13 Note 3	**MMMM** Note 3	Note 2	S.4, U.44

Note 1 – As noted in Recommendation F.1, § C4, the figure case of combinations 6, 7 and 8 is available for the internal service of each Administration.

Note 2 – As noted in Recommendation U.44 this sequence is to be recognized in letter case only.

Note 3 – A minimum of 4 Ms would clear a telex broadcast call. The usage of a 5th or more Ms is a national matter.

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