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**INTERNATIONAL AUTOMATIC AND
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**ADVANTAGES OF SEMI-AUTOMATIC
SERVICE IN THE INTERNATIONAL
TELEPHONE SERVICE**

ITU-T Recommendation Q.5

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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.

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The CCITT,

considering

- (a) the large economies in personnel that can result from the introduction of semi-automatic service at the incoming exchange;
- (b) the very small number of faults due to the equipment used for the international semi-automatic service;
- (c) the improvement in the "efficiency" (ratio of chargeable time to total holding time) of circuits using semi-automatic service compared with the efficiency of manual circuits operated on a demand basis;
- (d) the improvement in the quality of the service given to users due to the reduction in the time of setting up a call;
- (e) the fact that any type of call can be set up without difficulty over semi-automatic circuits, so that semi-automatic circuits can be used exclusively on an international relation;

draws the attention of Administrations

to the advantages of semi-automatic service from the point of view of economy and of the quality of service given to subscribers.