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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.96

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The CCITT,

considering

that to facilitate the operation of the message retransmission system in accordance with Recommendation F.31, destination indicators must be established uniformly and a list of them placed at the disposal of the offices engaged in this operation;

unanimously declares the following

1 A destination indicator must be assigned to each office directly connected with the telegram retransmission system. Offices handling a large amount of international traffic should also be assigned a destination indicator. In each country at least one destination indicator (an all *others* indicator) must be chosen for offices not assigned their own destination indicator.

2 Each destination indicator consists of four letters. The first two letters[1)] characterize, in a uniform way, a particular destination country or a particular network in the destination country. The third and fourth letters characterize the office of destination in that country or network. An additional combination of the first and second letters is required for an *unrouted* indicator in countries where there are competing networks to allow for the case where the office of origin has no special preference for routing a telegram over a specific network.

3 Particular combinations

3.1 The last letter of an *all others* indicator will always be **X**.

3.2 Where there is only one indicator for all the offices in a country, the last two letters should be **XX**.

3.3 The combinations **SV**, **MV**, **XQ** and **YQ** as the third and fourth letters of indicators should preferably be reserved for the segregation of particular types of telegram at gateway cities or at major international telegraph offices. (See Recommendation F.31, §§ 2.2.3 and 3.5 on the use of such special combinations, among other things, in origin indicators and in destination indicators for return service advices.)

3.4 Destination indicators having **ZZ** as the third and fourth letters should be strictly reserved for automatic service notes, which are designed to trigger an automatic action at a connected telegram retransmission centre. (See Recommendation F.31, § 10.2.)

3.5 Destination indicators having **X** as the first letter should not be allocated to any specific destination country or network. The destination indicator **XQXQ** is reserved for use in emergency broadcast messages described in Recommendation F.31, § 10.4.3.

4 Structure of the List

4.1 A list of destination indicators will be maintained by the Secretary-General in accordance with notifications by Administrations.

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1) As noted in Recommendation F.68, for Administrations using two-character telex network identification codes, these codes should be the sme as the first two characters used to characterize their country (or network) in their destination codes for the telegram retransmission system.

4.2 As far as possible the whole of the four-letter destination indicators should be such that any indicator differs in at least two letters from any other.

4.3 Discontinued country (or network) indicators shall not be reallocated for a period of at least two years.

4.4 Offices connected directly with the telegram retransmission system are specially identified in the *List*.

4.5 Origin indicators for the special use of Administrations in accordance with § 2.2.3 of Recommendation F.31 should be included in a separate part of the *List*.

4.6 Another part should list two-letter indicators to be used in the preamble line of **ETATPRIORITE** or **ETAT** telegrams to designate international organizations (see provision A218 in Recommendation F.1).

5 Publication

5.1 The *List* will be issued and sold through the General Secretariat of the Union.

5.2 It will be kept up to date by means of amendments published in the ITU *Operational Bulletin*. The amendments will become effective on the first day of the third month following publication.

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