

As far as possible, it takes care that each Office, in order to settle its debts, shall have to make only one or two distinct payments.

Nevertheless, an Office which habitually finds a sum exceeding 50,000 francs owing to it from another has the right to claim remittances on account.

These remittances on account are entered, both by the creditor Office and by the debtor Office, at the foot of the statements to be forwarded to the International Bureau.

2. The acknowledgments forwarded to the International Bureau with the tables are classified by Offices.

They serve as the basis for settling the accounts of each of the Offices concerned. In this settlement there must appear

- (a) the sums relating to the special accounts concerning the different services;
- (b) the total of the sums resulting from all the special accounts relating to each of the Offices concerned;
- (c) the totals of the sums due to all the creditor Offices on account of each branch of the service, as well as their general total.

This total must be equal to the total of the Debit which appears in the summary.

At the foot of the settlement account, a balance is struck between the Debit and the Credit resulting from the statements forwarded by the Offices to the International Bureau. The net amount of the Debit or of the Credit must be equal to the debit balance or to the credit balance carried into the general balance sheet. Moreover, the settlement account indicates the Offices to which payment must be made by the debtor Office.

The settlement accounts must be forwarded by the International Bureau to the Offices concerned not later than the 22nd of each month.

ARTICLE 89

Payment

Payment of the sums due, under a settlement account, from one Office to another, must be made as soon as possible and at the latest a fortnight after receipt of the settlement account by the debtor Office. As regards other conditions of payment the provisions of §1 of Article 72 are applicable. The provisions of § 2 of that Article are applicable to cases of non-payment of the balance within the fixed period.

Debit or credit balances not exceeding 500 francs may be carried forward to the settlement of the following month, provided, however, that the Offices concerned are in monthly communication with the International Bureau. The amount brought forward is entered in the summaries and in the settlement accounts for the creditor and debtor Offices. In such a case, the debtor Office forwards to the creditor Office an acknowledgment of the sum due, to be carried into the next statement.

ARTICLE 90

Communications to be Addressed to the International Bureau

1. Administrations must in particular communicate to each other through the medium of the International Bureau,

- (a) particulars of the surtaxes which, by virtue of Articles 36 and 76 of the Convention, they collect to cover the cost of extraordinary services, as well as a list of the countries in respect of which these surtaxes are collected, and, if necessary, particulars of the services on which surtaxes are due;