

ARTICLE IV. CABLES

Section 14.

(i) In order to secure the optimum development of telecommunications services, and in view of the important strategic role which cables as well as radio play in a co-ordinated telecommunications system, research and development work in both cable and radio communication shall be fostered and promoted. The use of improvements, such as submarine repeaters and multi-channel operation shall wherever possible be encouraged.

(ii) Inasmuch as the trans-Atlantic cables form an integral part of a world telecommunication system, uniform procedures and techniques shall be adopted in their operation. The present arrangements for mutual consultation and co-operative action with respect to the trans-Atlantic cables shall be continued.

ARTICLE V. STANDARDIZATION

Section 15.

The Governments of the British Commonwealth shall support a recommendation, to be made by the United States Government, to the International Telegraph Consultative Committee (CCIT) and the International Consultative Committee for Radiocommunications (CCIR) on the question of standardization of modern Telecommunication methods along the following lines:—

In order to further the development and wide-spread use of modern telecommunication systems susceptible to interconnection and interchange of messages and in the interests of conservation of the radio frequency spectrum, it is proposed that the CCIT study the establishment of a standardized switching system for international telegraph communications based upon a standard five unit code of operation.

Further, it is proposed that the CCIR study the establishment of standards for:—

- (a) Carrier shift operation for single channel telegraph circuits.
- (b) Multi-tone operation for multi-channel telegraph circuits.
- (c) Performance specifications for phototelegraphic equipment to provide for inter-working, including modulation equipment for radio transmissions.

ARTICLE VI. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 16. Consultation.

(i) The parties to this Agreement shall consult on all matters coming within its purview.

(ii) The parties to this Agreement shall, at the earliest stage, advise one another regarding all intended changes in rates on routes of interest to one another.

Section 17. Acceptance.

By their approval of this Agreement, all Governments will accept it both on their own behalf and in respect of all their colonies, overseas territories, all territories under their protection, suzerainty, or authority and all territories in respect of which they exercise a mandate, subject to any necessary reservations. The United States will endeavour to obtain the adherence of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to this Agreement.