

FINAL PROTOCOL OF THE CONVENTION

At the moment of proceeding to sign the Universal Postal Convention concluded this day, the undersigned plenipotentiaries have agreed as follows:—

I

Withdrawal of Correspondence. Modification of Address

The provisions of Article 51 do not apply to Great Britain and to the British Dominions, Colonies and Protectorates, whose internal legislation does not permit the withdrawal or the modification of the address of correspondence at the request of the sender.

II

Equivalents: Maximum and Minimum Limits

1. Each country has the right to increase up to 40 per cent or to reduce by as much as 20 per cent the postage rates prescribed by Article 34, § 1, as indicated in the following table:—

	Lower limit (gold value)	Higher limit (gold value)
	Centimes	Centimes
Letters--		
first unit.....	20	35
each succeeding unit.....	12	21
Post-cards--		
single.....	12	21
reply-paid.....	24	42
Commercial papers (per 50 grammes).....	4	7
minimum charge.....	20	35
Printed papers (per 50 grammes).....	4	7
Blind literature (per 1,000 grammes).....	2.4	4.2
Samples of merchandise (per 50 grammes).....	4	7
minimum charge.....	8	14
Small packets (per 50 grammes).....	8	14
minimum charge.....	40	70

The rates adopted must, as far as possible, maintain the same proportions to one another as the basic rate, each Administration being empowered to round up its rates to suit its currency.

2. It is open to any country to reduce to 10 centimes the postage on a single post-card and to 20 centimes that on a reply-paid post-card.

3. The rates adopted by a country apply to the charges to be collected on unpaid or insufficiently prepaid inward correspondence.

III

Ounce Avoirdupois

As an exceptional measure, it is agreed that countries which, by reason of their internal regulations, are unable to adopt the metric-decimal system of weight, are empowered to substitute for it the ounce avoirdupois (28.3465 grammes) taking one ounce as equivalent to 20 grammes for letters, and two ounces as equivalent to 50 grammes for commercial papers, printed papers and small packets.