

ARTICLE 11

Composition of the Conferences

§ 1. The Conferences shall be composed, as provided in the Internal Regulations of the Inter-American Telecommunications Conferences (Annex to this Convention), of the delegates of all governments of the American Region which desire to participate.

§ 2. Representatives of institutions and organizations associated with telecommunications, of enterprises or groups of enterprises and bodies or persons engaged in the operation of telecommunications services may also attend, as observers, provided they are authorized by their respective governments.

ARTICLE 12

Voting at Conferences

§ 1. Only one vote shall be had in the Conferences by each state that meets the following qualifications:

- a) A permanent population;
- b) A defined territory;
- c) Self-government;
- d) Capacity to enter into relations with the other States.

§ 2. The States, colonies or territories not possessing these qualifications may have voice, but no vote, in the Conferences, but agreements resulting from the Conferences shall be open for their adherence through the medium of their respective home governments.

ARTICLE 13

Languages

The authorized languages of the discussions and documents of the conferences shall be those requested by the delegations present having the right to vote. The official languages of the authentic text of the final documents shall be English, French, Portuguese and Spanish.

ARTICLE 14

Internal regulations for Conferences

The procedure at conferences shall be governed by the internal regulations (Annex). Any conference may adopt such supplemental procedure or modifications of procedure as are necessary for the conduct of its own business.

CHAPTER IV

GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 15

General principles for the use of frequencies

§ 1. The contracting Governments recognize the sovereign right of all nations to the use of any radio frequency. Upon the sole condition that no interference will be caused to the services of another country, they may assign any frequency and any type of emission to any radio station under their respective jurisdictions.