

IX.

Exception as regards the Freedom of Transit of Small Packets.

In modification of the provisions of Article 28, the Postal Administration of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics is authorised not to permit the transit of small packets through its territories on the understanding that this restriction is applied without distinction to all the countries of the Union.

X.

Special Transit Charges for conveyance by the Trans-Siberian and the Transandine Railways.

1. In modification of the provisions of Article 67, § 1 (Table), the Postal Administration of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics is authorised to collect transit charges for the Trans-Siberian Railway for both routes (Manchuria or Vladivostok) at the rate of Fr. 4·50 per kilogramme for letters and postcards and Fr. 0·50 per kilogramme for other articles for distances exceeding 6,000 kilometres.

2. The Administration of the Argentine Republic is authorised to collect a fee of 30 centimes per kilogramme over and above the transit rates mentioned in Article 67, § 1 (1.), of the Convention, in respect of correspondence of all kinds forwarded in transit by the Argentine section of the Transandine Railway.

XI.

Special Transit conditions for Afghanistan.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 67, § 1, the Administration of Afghanistan is authorised provisionally, by reason of its special difficulties as regards means of transport and communication, to effect the transit of closed mails and *à découvert* correspondence across its territory on conditions specially agreed with the Administrations concerned.

XII.

Special Warehousing Charges at Aden.

As an exceptional measure, the Administration of Aden is authorised to collect a fee of 40 centimes per bag for all mails warehoused at Aden, provided that this Administration does not receive payment for a land or sea transit in respect of the mails in question.

XIII.

Special Transshipment Charges.

Exceptionally, the Portuguese Administration is authorised to collect 40 centimes per bag on all the mails transhipped at the Port of Lisbon.

XIV.

Protocol left open to Countries not represented.

The Protocol remains open to the countries of the Union not represented at the Congress, in order to permit them to accede to the Convention and to the Agreements there concluded, or only to one or other of them.