

ARTICLE 21

International Office of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain

1. With the name of *International Office of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain*, there functions in Montevideo under the general supervision of the Administration of Posts of the Oriental Republic of the Uruguay, a central Office which serves as an organ of liaison, information and consultation for countries of the Union.

2. This Office will be charged with:

(a) Assembling, co-ordinating, publishing and distributing information of all kinds which specially concerns the Americo-Spanish postal service.

(b) Giving, at the express request of the parties concerned, its opinion on disputed questions.

(c) Giving, on its own initiative or at the request of any of the Administrations of the signatory countries, its opinion on all matters of a postal character which effect or relate to the general interests of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain.

(d) Making known requests for modification of Acts of the Congress which are formulated, and giving notice of changes which are adopted.

(e) Making known the results obtained from the regulatory provisions and measures of importance which the Administrations adopt in their domestic service, which are communicated to it by the same Administrations as information.

(f) Distributing postal maps and guides which the respective Administrations send to it.

(g) Making a summary of Americo-Spanish postal statistics, on the basis of data which each Administration communicates to it annually, for which purpose a questionnaire with complete and detailed requests for postal statistical data in accordance with a scientific and rational plan, will be submitted to all Administrations.

(h) Publishing a report relative to the most rapid routes for transmission of correspondence from one of the contracting countries to another.

(i) Preparing a table giving in detail all maritime services dependent upon countries of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain, which may be utilized gratuitously for the transportation of their correspondence, under conditions laid down by Article 3.

(j) Publishing the tariff of postage rates of the domestic service of each of the countries concerned.

(k) Preparing a table of equivalents of the money of the countries concerned in gold francs and dollars.

(l) Publishing and distributing among the countries of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain, annually, a report of the work which it performs.

(m) Carrying out studies and works requested of it in the interest of the contracting countries, relative to work of social, economic and artistic cooperation for which purpose the International Office will always be at the disposal of the said countries, to furnish them any special information which they require on matters relative to the Americo-Spanish postal service.

(n) Taking part and collaborating in the organization and convening of Congresses and Conferences of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain.

(o) Distributing among the Administrations of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain the postal laws and regulations of each; said Administrations accordingly being obligated to furnish the Office mentioned twenty-five copies of the laws and regulations in question.