

ARTICLE 5.

Restricted Unions. Special Agreements.

Countries of the Union and, if their internal legislation does not forbid it, Administrations, may establish restricted Unions and make with one another special agreements concerning the matters dealt with in the Convention and its Detailed Regulations, provided that conditions less favourable to the public than those laid down by these Acts are not introduced.

The same right is accorded to the countries, and if necessary to their Administrations, which participate in the Agreements, in so far as the matters dealt with by these Acts and their Detailed Regulations are concerned.

ARTICLE 6.

Internal Laws.

The provisions of the Convention and of the Agreements of the Union do not override the legislation of any country as regards anything which is not expressly covered by these Acts.

ARTICLE 7.

Exceptional Relations.

Administrations which provide a service with territories not included in the Union are required to be the intermediaries of the other Administrations. The provisions of the Convention and its Detailed Regulations apply to these exceptional relations.

ARTICLE 8.

Colonies, Protectorates, &c.

The following are considered as forming a single country or Administration of the Union, as the case may be, within the meaning of the Convention or of the Agreements so far as concerns, in particular, their right to vote at a Congress or Conference, and in the interval between meetings, as well as their contribution to the expenses of the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union :

1. The whole of the Possessions of the United States of America, comprising Hawaii, Porto-Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of the United States of America ;
2. The Colony of the Belgian Congo ;
3. The whole of the Spanish Colonies ;
4. Algeria ;
5. The French Colonies and Protectorates in Indo-China ;
6. The whole of the other French Colonies ;
7. The whole of the British Colonies, including the overseas Territories, Protectorates and Territories under suzerainty or under mandate ;
8. The whole of the Italian Colonies and Possessions other than Italian East Africa ;
9. Italian East Africa ;
10. Chosen (Korea) ;
11. The whole of the other Japanese Dependencies ;
12. Curaçao and Surinam ;
13. The Dutch East Indies ;
14. The Portuguese Colonies in West Africa ;
15. The Portuguese Colonies in East Africa, Asia and Oceania.