November in each year. The data obtained from the May statistics form the basis for the payments due for the months of May to October; those obtained from the November statistics form the basis for the months of November to April.

- 2. The statistics relating to services which are not in operation during the regular statistical periods are taken after agreement between the Administrations concerned.
- 3. As regards services in Category B, the Administration responsible for the conveyance by air has the right to demand that the settlement of accounts shall take place, monthly or quarterly, on the basis of the gross weight of the mails or of the net weight increased by 10 per cent. of articles sent à découvert actually conveyed during the period in question. In this case, the provisions of Articles 19, 21 and 22 hereafter, are applied to the verification of the weights and to the preparation of the accounts, it being understood that the statements AV 3 and AV 4, based upon the date of despatch indicated by the office of origin, must be drawn up monthly for all the air services performed.

## ARTICLE 18.

Make-up of Ordinary or Air Mails during Air Mail Statistical Periods.

The provisions of Article 153 of the Detailed Regulations of the Convention are not applicable to the half-yearly statistics for calculating the charges for conveyance by air. However, during these statistical periods, the labels or addresses of mails containing Air Mail correspondence must be conspicuously marked "Statistique-avion."

## ARTICLE 19.

Establishment of the Weight of Air Mails and Air Mail Correspondence.

- 1. During the statistical periods, the date of despatch, the gross weight and the number of the mail are entered on the label or outer address of the mail. The enclosure of one Air Mail in another mail of the same kind is forbidden.
- 2. If letters and postcards, as well as "other articles" are included in a mail conveyed on routes for which reduced charges for conveyance apply to "A.O.", the weight of each of the two categories must be shown, in addition to the total weight, on the label or on the outer address of the mail. In this case, the weight of the exterior packing (bag or packet) is added to the weight of the "other articles." Where a collective bag (sac-collecteur) is used, the weight of this bag is ignored.
- 3. If correspondence à découvert, intended for onward transmission by air, is included in an ordinary or Air Mail, it must be made up into a special bundle labelled "Par Avion" accompanied by statements identical with Form AV 2 annexed\*, one for unregistered correspondence and another for registered correspondence. The weight of transit correspondence forwarded à découvert is shown separately for each country of destination or group of countries for which the conveyance charges are uniform. In the relations between countries which have agreed not to claim any credit on account of reforwarding by air in their internal service, the weight of à découvert correspondence for the country of destination itself is not shown. The letter bill is headed "Bordereau AV2." Transit countries are entitled to request that special statements AV 2 shall be used which show, in a fixed order, the most important countries and air lines. When the accounting for the charges for air conveyance is not based on statistical returns (services in Category B, exceptional circumstances) the statements AV 2 must be numbered specially in a continuous annual series.

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