

2. Each Member or Associate Member undertakes to require the private operating agencies which it recognizes and the other operating agencies duly authorized for this purpose, to observe the provisions of the preceding paragraph.

3. Further, the Members and Associate Members recognize the desirability of taking all practicable steps to prevent the operation of electrical apparatus and installations of all kinds from causing harmful interference to the radio services or communications mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article.

ARTICLE 45

Distress Calls and Messages

1. Radio stations shall be obliged to accept, with absolute priority, distress calls and messages regardless of their origin, to reply in the same manner to such messages, and immediately to take such action in regard thereto as may be required.

2. The international telegraph and telephone services must accord absolute priority to communications concerning safety of life at sea or in the air.

ARTICLE 46

False or Deceptive Distress or Safety Signals. Irregular Use of Call Signs

Members and Associate Members agree to take the steps required to prevent the transmission or circulation of false or deceptive distress or safety signals and the use, by a station, of call signs which have not been regularly assigned to it.

ARTICLE 47

Installations for National Defence Services

1. Members and Associate Members retain their entire freedom with regard to military radio installations of their army, naval and air forces.

2. Nevertheless, these installations must, so far as possible, observe regulatory provisions relative to giving assistance in case of distress and to the measures to be taken to prevent harmful interference, and the provisions of the Regulations concerning the types of emission and the frequencies to be used, according to the nature of the service performed by such installations.

3. Moreover, when these installations take part in the service of public correspondence or other services governed by the Regulations* annexed to this Convention, they must, in general, comply with the regulatory provisions for the conduct of such services.

CHAPTER VI

DEFINITIONS

ARTICLE 48

Definitions

In this Convention, unless the context otherwise requires,

- a) the terms which are defined in Annex 2 of this Convention shall have the meanings therein assigned to them;
- b) other terms which are defined in the Regulations referred to in Article 13 shall have the meanings therein assigned to them.

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