

## OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL

to the

**International Telecommunication Convention**

**(Nairobi, 1982)**

### Compulsory Settlement of Disputes

At the time of signing the International Telecommunication Convention (Nairobi, 1982), the undersigned plenipotentiaries have signed the following Optional Additional Protocol on the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes, which forms part of the Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Nairobi, 1982).

The Members of the Union, parties to this Optional Protocol to the International Telecommunication Convention (Nairobi, 1982),

expressing the desire to resort to compulsory arbitration, so far as they are concerned, for the settlement of any disputes concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention or of the Regulations mentioned in Article 42 thereof,

have agreed upon the following provisions:

#### ARTICLE 1

Unless one of the methods of settlement listed in Article 50 of the Convention has been chosen by common agreement, disputes concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention or of the Regulations mentioned in Article 42 thereof shall, at the request of one of the parties to the dispute, be submitted for compulsory arbitration. The procedure to be followed is laid down in Article 82 of the Convention, paragraph 5 of which shall be amplified as follows:

"5. Within three months from the date of receipt of the notification of the submission of the dispute to arbitration, each of the two parties to