

INTER-AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONVENTION

Concluded at Rió de Janeiro, Brazil, September 27, 1945 among the Governments of the States below:

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela. There were also present representatives of the Bahamas and Newfoundland and an observer on behalf of the British Colonies in the Caribbean area.

The Governments named above, recognizing the benefits of cooperation and mutual understanding resulting from the exchange of views with respect to telecommunications, have designated the undersigned plenipotentiaries, meeting in the City of Rio de Janeiro, United States of Brazil, who by common consent and subject to ratification, have concluded the following Convention in conformity with the provisions of the International Telecommunications Convention of Madrid, 1932.

CHAPTER I

ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION

ARTICLE 1

Constitution of the Union

The Governments of the American Region party to this Convention constitute the Inter-American Telecommunications Union.

ARTICLE 2

Definition of American Region for Telecommunications

The American Region shall, for telecommunications purposes, be deemed to be bounded as follows:

1. From the North Pole on the meridian approximately 169° W. to 65° $30'$, N. latitude, coinciding with the international boundary in Behring Strait;
2. Thence by great circle in the southwesterly direction to a point located on 50° N. latitude, 165° E. longitude;
3. Thence by great circle in a southeasterly direction to a point located on 10° N. latitude, 120° W. longitude;
4. Thence directly south on the meridian 120° W. longitude to the South Pole;
5. Thence from the South Pole north on meridian 20° W. longitude to the intersection point of parallel 10° S. latitude;
6. Thence by great circle in a northwesterly direction to a point located on 40° N. latitude and meridian 50° W. longitude;
7. Thence by great circle in a northeasterly direction to a point located on 72° N. latitude, 10° W. longitude;
8. Thence directly north on the meridian 10° W. longitude to the North Pole.