

5. Associate Members shall have the same rights and obligations as Members of the Union, except that they shall not have the right to vote in any Conference or other organ of the Union. They shall not be eligible for election to any organ of the Union of which the Members are elected by a plenipotentiary or administrative conference.

6. For the purposes of paragraphs 2 c) and 4 a) and b) above, if an application for Membership or Associate Membership is made during the interval between two plenipotentiary conferences, the Secretary General shall consult the Members of the Union; a Member shall be deemed to have abstained if he has not replied within four months after his opinion has been requested.

## ARTICLE 2

### *Seat of the Union*

The seat of the Union and of its permanent organs shall be at Geneva.

## ARTICLE 3

### *Purposes of the Union*

1. The purposes of the Union are:

- a) to maintain and extend international cooperation for the improvement and rational use of telecommunication of all kinds;
- b) to promote the development of technical facilities and their most efficient operation with a view to improving the efficiency of telecommunication services, increasing their usefulness and making them, so far as possible, generally available to the public;
- c) to harmonize the actions of nations in the attainment of those common ends.

2. To this end, the Union shall in particular:

- a) effect allocation of the radio frequency spectrum and registration of radio frequency assignments in order to avoid harmful interference between radio stations of different countries;
- b) foster collaboration among its Members and Associate Members with a view to the establishment of rates at levels as low as possible consistent with an efficient service and taking into account the necessity for maintaining independent financial administration of telecommunication on a sound basis;
- c) promote the adoption of measures for ensuring the safety of life through the cooperation of telecommunication service;
- d) undertake studies, formulate recommendations, and collect and publish information on telecommunication matters for the benefit of all Members and Associate Members.

## ARTICLE 4

### *Structure of the Union*

The organization of the Union shall be as follows:

1. the Plenipotentiary Conference which is the supreme organ of the Union;
2. Administrative Conferences;

3. The permanent organs of the Union which are:

- a) the Administrative Council,
- b) the General Secretariat,
- c) the International Frequency Registration Board (I.F.R.B.),
- d) the International Telegraph Consultative Committee (C.C.I.T.),
- e) the International Telephone Consultative Committee (C.C.I.F.),
- f) the International Radio Consultative Committee (C.C.I.R.).