

ARTICLE 7

Functions

The Inter-American Radio Office shall be charged with:—

- (a) the preparatory work of conferences and the work resulting from their decisions;
- (b) providing in accord with the organizing government concerned, the Secretariat of the conferences;
- (c) the issuance of such publications as may be established by conferences;
- (d) the publication and circulation of technical information other than that resulting from conferences, including the exchange of data relating to the accuracy and stability of frequencies, to interference or other disturbances observed in the territories of the contracting countries, and such other studies as may be carried on, such as the propagation of waves, the general characteristics of antennas, etc.; also the exchange of documents of a legal nature, treaties and general information designed for a better understanding and raising of the standards of radiocommunications in the American continent;
- (e) the submission of an annual report of its work, which shall be communicated to all contracting governments;
- (f) the performance of such other duties as may pertain to it or be assigned to it by the conferences.

ARTICLE 8

Maintenance of the Office

(a) The general expenses of the Inter-American Radio Office shall not exceed the sum of Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) currency of the United States of America, per annum.

(b) In order to defray these expenses each of the American governments agrees to contribute in proportion to a certain number of units corresponding to the category to which it belongs, as provided in the Internal Regulations of the O.I.R. For this purpose six categories are established with the units assigned to each as shown below:—

Categories	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Units	25	20	15	10	5	3

(c) The general expenses will not include the expenses incidental to the work of conferences, which shall be borne by the organizing government.

(d) The funds required for the Office shall be payable half yearly in advance by the governments forming part of the Inter-American Radio Office. If any country is in arrears of payment the government of the country in which the Office is located shall advance amounts as required. The sums thus advanced must be reimbursed by the debtor governments as soon as possible and at the latest at the expiration of the fourth month following the date on which payments are due.

ARTICLE 9

Seat and Supervision of the Office

(a) The seat of the Inter-American Radio Office and appointment of Director will form a subject of the Agenda for each conference.

(b) The Government of the country where the Office has its seat shall exercise general supervision over its organization, budget and finances and make the necessary advances of funds.