

## ARTICLE 182.

*Postal Statistics.*

1. On the basis of information obtained by means of questionnaires which are sent to the Administrations at least four months before the beginning of the year to which they relate, the International Bureau publishes:

(a) every three years:

- 1 complete statistics of postal services, comprising five parts: I. General; II. Organisation; III. Traffic; IV. Undelivered correspondence and V. Financial result;
- 2 statistics of outward traffic in the international postal service;

(b) each intermediate year, when the publications mentioned under (a) do not appear, restricted statistics of postal services comprising only parts III. Traffic and V. Financial result.

2. Transactions which are the subject of specific record are embodied in periodical statements based upon these records.

3. With regard to all other transactions, correspondence of all kinds is counted annually without distinction between letters, postcards, commercial papers, printed papers, samples and Small Packets, and every three years, at least, the different classes of correspondence are counted. Each Administration fixes the time and duration of its counts.

4. In the interval which elapses between the special statistics, the numbers of the different classes are estimated according to the proportions given by the last special statistics.

5. The International Bureau draws up and distributes the statistical questionnaires to be filled up by each Administration. It furnishes to Administrations on application all necessary information as to the rules to be followed, in order to ensure uniformity of practice in taking the statistics.

## ARTICLE 183.

*Expenses of the International Bureau.*

1. The ordinary expenses of the International Bureau must not exceed the sum of 500,000 francs annually.

2. The Swiss Postal Administration supervises the expenditure of the International Bureau, makes the necessary advances, and prepares the annual account, which is communicated to other Administrations.

3. The sums advanced by the Swiss Postal Administration, in accordance with § 2, must be repaid by the debtor Administrations with as little delay as possible, and at latest before the 31st of December of the year of despatch of the account. If this period is exceeded, the sums due are chargeable with interest in favour of that Administration at the rate of 5 per cent per annum from the date of the expiration of the period mentioned.

4. The countries of the Union are classified as follows, for the division of expenses:

1st class: Union of South Africa, Germany, United States of America, Argentine Republic, Commonwealth of Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Spain, France, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, India, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;