

**COMMONWEALTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORGANISATION FINANCIAL  
AGREEMENT, 1973**

The Governments signatories to this Agreement;

Desiring to constitute new financial arrangements to supersede those subsisting under the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation Financial Agreement signed at London on 27 January 1969; <sup>(1)</sup>

Agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Parties to this Agreement shall be known as Partner Governments.

ARTICLE 2

In this Agreement:

- (a) the expression "Council" means the Commonwealth Telecommunications Council established by the constitution of the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation;
- (b) the expression "common-user facilities" means all those facilities which are used to provide external telecommunications services other than those facilities which the Council may from time to time exclude;
- (c) the expression "common-user segment" means such part of a common-user facility or combination of common-user facilities as the Council may from time to time determine;
- (d) the expression "common-user services" means all those external telecommunications services for the provision of which common-user facilities are used other than those services which the Council may from time to time exclude.

ARTICLE 3

For the purpose of operating and maintaining common-user facilities and common-user services each Partner Government shall nominate a Department, public corporation or other body (hereinafter referred to as the "National Body") having the powers necessary for the purposes of this Agreement and reference hereinafter to the National Body shall include any operator subordinate to that National Body in operating and maintaining common-user facilities and common-user services.

<sup>(1)</sup> Treaty Series 1969 No. 2.