

5. (1) The members of the Board shall serve, not as representatives of their respective countries, or of a region, but as custodians of an international public trust.

(2) No member of the Board shall request or receive instructions relating to the exercise of his duties from any Government or a member thereof or from any public or private organization or person. Furthermore, each Member and Associate Member must respect the international character of the Board and of the duties of its members and shall refrain from any attempt to influence any of them in the exercise of their duties.

(3) No member of the Board or of its staff shall participate in any manner or have any financial interest whatsoever in any branch of telecommunication, apart from the work of the Board.

ARTICLE 7

Conditions to be fulfilled before serving on the Administrative Council and the International Frequency Registration Board

1. No person designated by an elected Member to serve on the Administrative Council or on the International Frequency Registration Board may exercise his functions until an instrument of ratification or of accession has been deposited by that Member or on its behalf.

2. Any country which ceases to be a Member of the Union for any reason whatsoever may not be represented in either the Administrative Council or the International Frequency Registration Board.

ARTICLE 8

International Consultative Committees

1. (1) The duties of the International Telegraph Consultative Committee (C.C.I.T.) shall be to study technical, operating and tariff questions relating to telegraphy and facsimile and to issue recommendations on them.

(2) The duties of the International Telephone Consultative Committee (C.C.I.F.) shall be to study technical, operating and tariff questions relating to telephony and to issue recommendations on them.

(3) The duties of the International Radio Consultative Committee (C.C.I.R.) shall be to study technical radio questions and operating questions the solution of which depends principally on considerations of a technical radio character and to issue recommendations on them.

2. The questions studied by each International Consultative Committee, on which it shall issue recommendations, are those submitted to it by the plenipotentiary conference, by an administrative conference, by the Administrative Council, by another Consultative Committee or by the International Frequency Registration Board. A Consultative Committee shall likewise issue its recommendations on questions the study of which has been decided upon by its Plenary Assembly or proposed by at least twelve Members or Associate Members in the interval between meetings of the Plenary Assembly concerned.

3. The International Consultative Committees shall have as members:

- a) administrations of Members and Associate Members of the Union;
- b) recognized private operating agencies which express a desire to have their experts participate in the work of these Committees.