

## PART I.

# UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION.

### CHAPTER I.

## ORGANIZATION AND EXTENT OF THE UNION.

#### ARTICLE 1.

##### *Constitution and aim of the Union.*

1. The countries between which the present Convention is concluded form, under the title of the Universal Postal Union, a single postal territory for the reciprocal exchange of correspondence.
2. The aim of the Union is to secure the organisation and improvement of the various international postal services, and to promote the development of international collaboration in this sphere.

#### ARTICLE 2.

##### *Relationship with the United Nations.*

The Union is brought into relationship with the United Nations in accordance with the terms of the Agreement of which the text is annexed to the present Convention.

#### ARTICLE 3.

##### *New accessions. Procedure.*

1. Any sovereign country may at any time request to be allowed to adhere to the Convention.
2. The request is sent through the diplomatic channel to the Government of the Swiss Confederation, and by the latter to the members of the Union.
3. The country concerned is considered as having been admitted to membership if its request is approved by at least two-thirds of the countries which compose the Union.
4. Countries which, having been consulted, have not replied within a period of four months are considered as abstaining.

5. Admission to membership is notified by the Government of the Swiss Confederation to the Governments of all the countries of the Union.

#### ARTICLE 4.

##### *Convention and Agreements of the Union.*

1. The letter post is governed by the provisions of the Convention.
2. Other services, such as those relating to insured letters and boxes, postal parcels, cash on delivery, money orders, transfers to and from postal cheque accounts, collection of bills, drafts, etc., and subscriptions to newspapers and