

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION CONVENTION

PREAMBLE

While fully recognizing the sovereign right of each country to regulate its telecommunication, the plenipotentiaries of the Contracting Governments have agreed to conclude the following Convention, with a view to ensuring the effectiveness of telecommunication.

CHAPTER I

COMPOSITION, FUNCTIONS AND STRUCTURE OF THE UNION

ARTICLE 1

Composition of the Union

1. The International Telecommunication Union shall comprise Members and Associate Members.
2. A Member of the Union shall be:
 - a) any country or group of territories listed in Annex 1 upon signature and ratification of, or accession to, this Convention, by it or on its behalf;
 - b) any country not listed in Annex 1 which becomes a Member of the United Nations and which accedes to this Convention in accordance with Article 17;
 - c) any sovereign country not listed in Annex 1 and not a Member of the United Nations which applies for membership in the Union and which, after having secured approval of such application by two-thirds of the Members of the Union, accedes to this Convention in accordance with Article 17.
3. (1) All Members shall be entitled to participate in conferences of the Union and shall be eligible for election to any of its organs.
(2) Each Member shall have one vote at any conference of the Union and at any meeting of an organ of the Union of which it is a Member.
4. An Associate Member shall be:
 - a) any country which has not become a Member of the Union in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article, by acceding to this Convention in accordance with Article 17, after its application for Associate Membership has received approval by a majority of the Members of the Union;
 - b) any territory or group of territories, not fully responsible for the conduct of its international relations, on behalf of which this Convention has been accepted by a Member of the Union in accordance with Article 17 or 18, provided that its application for Associate Membership is sponsored by such Member, after the application has received approval by a majority of the Members of the Union;
 - c) any trust territory on behalf of which the United Nations has acceded to this Convention in accordance with Article 19, and the application of which for Associate Membership has been sponsored by the United Nations.