

2.—In countries where the internal legislation does not forbid, Administrations are authorised to make with one another any necessary agreements on the subject of questions which do not concern the Union generally, provided that conditions less favourable than those laid down by the Acts of the Union are not introduced. In the letter post, for example, they may conclude mutual arrangements for the adoption of lower rates of postage.

ARTICLE 6

Internal Laws

The provisions of the Convention and of the Agreements of the Union do not override the legislation of any country as regards anything which is not expressly covered by these Acts.

ARTICLE 7

Exceptional Relations

Administrations which provide a service with certain territories not included in the Union, are required to be the intermediaries of the other Administrations. The provisions of the Convention and its Detailed Regulations apply to these exceptional relations.

ARTICLE 8

Colonies, Protectorates, Etc.

The following are considered as forming a single country or Administration of the Union, as the case may be, within the meaning of the Convention or of the Agreements so far as concerns, in particular, their right to vote at a Congress or Conference, and in the interval between meetings, as well as their contribution to the expenses of the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union:

- 1° The whole of the island possessions of the United States of America, except the Philippine Islands, and comprising Hawaii, Porto-Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of the United States of America;
- 2° The Philippine Islands;
- 3° The Colony of the Belgian Congo;
- 4° The whole of the Spanish Colonies;
- 5° Algeria;
- 6° The French Colonies and Protectorates in Indo-China;
- 7° The whole of the other French Colonies;
- 8° The whole of the Italian Colonies;
- 9° Chosen (Korea);
- 10° The whole of the other Japanese Dependencies;
- 11° Curaçao and Surinam;
- 12° The Dutch East Indies;
- 13° The Portuguese Colonies in West Africa;
- 14° The Portuguese Colonies in East Africa, Asia and Oceania.

ARTICLE 9

Application of the Convention to Colonies, Protectorates, Etc.

1.—Any Contracting Party may declare, either at the time of signing, of ratifying, of adhering, or later, that its acceptance of the present Convention includes all its Colonies, Territories overseas, Protectorates or Territories under suzerainty or under mandate, or certain of them only. The declaration, unless made at the time of signing the Convention, must be addressed to the Government of the Swiss Confederation.