

ARTICLE IV—CABLES

Section 13—Cables

(i) In order to secure the optimum development of telecommunication services, and in view of the important strategic rôle which cables as well as radio play in a co-ordinated telecommunication system, research and development work in both cable and radio communication shall be fostered and promoted. The use of improvements such as submarine repeaters and multi-channel operation shall wherever possible be encouraged.

(ii) Inasmuch as the trans-Atlantic cables form an integral part of a world telecommunication system, uniform procedures and techniques shall be adopted in their operation. The present arrangements for mutual consultation and cooperative action with respect to the trans-Atlantic cables shall be continued.

ARTICLE V—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 14—Consultation

(i) The parties to this Agreement shall consult on all matters coming within its purview.

(ii) Any party to this Agreement shall, at the earliest practicable stage, notify the other parties to this Agreement regarding any intended change in a United States-Commonwealth rate.

(iii) It is recognised that because of the conditions which obtain in the United States as to rate matters, the United States may be obliged, in exceptional circumstances, to take action in any matter involving United States Commonwealth collection rates prior to notification (except as provided in Sections 6 and 7) to the other parties to the Agreement, who will, as necessary, consult among themselves about the resulting position.

Section 15—Acceptance

(i) This Agreement shall be open to acceptance by the Governments whose delegations signed the Final Act authenticating the text thereof on 12th August, 1949.

(ii) Acceptance shall be effected by deposit of an instrument with the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

(iii) By their acceptance of this Agreement, all Governments will accept it both on their own behalf and in respect of all the territories and possessions for the international relations of which they are responsible, subject to any necessary reservations.

Section 16—Entry into force

This Agreement shall come into force as between the parties thereto upon the receipt by the United Kingdom Government of the respective notifications of their approval. The United Kingdom Government shall on receipt of such notifications inform all the other Governments concerned.