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Observations of Specialized Agencies on the Draft

International Covenant on Human Rights

The Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union, in a letter of 13 July 1951, makes the following statement:

"So far as the International Telecommunication Union is concerned, the only observation I have to offer relates to Article 14 of the draft Covenant on Human Rights. In this connexion, I would invite attention to the provisions of Articles 29 and 30 of the International Telecommunication Convention of Atlantic City, 1947, which deal respectively with Stoppage of Telecommunications and Suspension of Service. It is not clear that there may not be some conflict between the provisions of Article 14 of the draft Covenant as it stands at present and the above-mentioned provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention. The Members of the Union attach considerable importance to these latter provisions and during the recent Session of the Administrative Council I was specifically directed to draw renewed attention to them in the context of Articles 1 and 2 of the new draft Convention on Freedom of Information - see my letter No. D 1748/TT of 5 June last. You will remember that I also referred to this matter in connexion with the draft Covenant on Human Rights in my letter No. D 52/TT of 11 January last in reply to your letter SOA 317/1/01(2) of 3 January last."