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ORIGINAL: ENGLISH**TEXT OF A DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION**

Adopted at the Meeting of Experts convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations as decided by the Economic and Social Council at its Second Session

Article 57 of the Charter of the United Nations provides that specialized agencies established by inter-governmental agreement and having wide international responsibilities as defined in their basic instruments in economic, social, cultural, educational, health and related fields shall be brought into relationship with the United Nations.

Therefore, the United Nations and the Universal Postal Union agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

The United Nations recognizes the Universal Postal Union (hereinafter called the Union) as the specialized agency responsible for taking such action as may be appropriate under its basic instrument for the accomplishment of the purposes set forth therein.

ARTICLE II**Adhesions and Membership**

1. The procedure for adhesion to the Universal Postal Convention and, if need be, to its subsidiary agreements will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the said Convention. Such adhesion will not entitle the Country concerned to take part, with the right to vote, in the deliberations of the various organs of the Union.
2. Any application for new membership of the Union, involving in particular the right to vote, shall be immediately transmitted by the

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International Bureau of the Union to the General Assembly of the

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application and the Union shall take into account any such recommendation. If no such recommendation is made by the General Assembly at the first session following receipt of the application, the Union will deal with the application as it deems fit.

ARTICLE III

Reciprocal Representation

1. Representatives of the United Nations shall be invited to attend all Congresses and administrative Conferences of the Union and to participate, without vote, in the deliberations of such Congresses and Conferences and their Commissions.
2. Representatives of the Union shall be invited to attend meetings of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (hereinafter called the "Council") and of its Commissions and Committees and to participate without vote in the deliberations of these bodies with respect to items on their agenda in which the Union might be interested.
3. Representatives of the Union shall be invited to attend in a consultative capacity meetings of the General Assembly at which questions within the scope of the Union are due to be discussed and to participate without vote in the deliberations of the main Committees of the General Assembly on matters in which the Union might be interested.
4. Representatives of the Union shall be invited to attend meetings of the Trusteeship Council when matters likely to interest the Union are due to be discussed, and to participate without vote in such discussions.
5. Written statements presented by the Union shall be distributed by the Secretariat of the United Nations to the members of the General Assembly, the Council and its commissions, and the Trusteeship Council as appropriate.

ARTICLE IV

Proposal of Agenda Items

Subject to such preliminary consultation as may be necessary, the Union shall include on the agenda of its Congresses or administrative
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Conferences, or otherwise submit to its members as provided by the terms of the Universal Postal Convention, proposals made to it by the United Nations. Similarly the Council and its Commissions and Committees and the Trusteeship Council shall include on their agenda items proposed by the Union.

ARTICLE V

Recommendations of the General Assembly and of the Council

1. The Union, having regard to the obligation of the United Nations to promote the objectives set forth in Article 55 of the Charter, and the functions and powers of the Council, under Article 62 of the Charter, to make or initiate studies and reports with respect to international economic, social, cultural, educational, health and related matters and to make recommendations concerning these matters to the specialized agencies concerned, and having regard also to the responsibility of the United Nations, under Article 58 and 63 of the Charter, to make recommendations for the co-ordination of the policies and activities of such specialized agencies, agrees to arrange for the submission as soon as possible to its Congress or administrative Conference, or otherwise to its members as provided by the terms of the Universal Postal Convention, of all formal recommendations which the United Nations may make to it.
2. The Union agrees to enter into consultation with the United Nations upon request with respect to such recommendations, and in due course to report to the United Nations on the action taken by the Union or by its members to give effect to such recommendations or on the other results of their consideration.
3. The Union affirms its intention of co-operating in whatever further measures may be necessary to make co-ordination of the activities of specialized agencies and those of the United Nations fully effective. In particular, it agrees to co-operate with any body or bodies which the Council may establish for the purpose of facilitating such co-ordination

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and to furnish such information as may be required for the carrying out of this purpose.

ARTICLE VI

Exchange of Information and Documents

1. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential material, the fullest and promptest exchange of information and documents shall be made between the United Nations and the Union.
2. Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of the foregoing paragraph:

- (a) the Union agrees to transmit to the United Nations an annual report on its activities;
- (b) the Union agrees to comply to the fullest extent practicable with any request which the United Nations may make for the furnishing of special reports, studies or information, subject to the conditions set out in Article XII;
- (c) the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall, upon request, consult with the Director of the International Bureau of the Union regarding the provision to the Union of such information as may be of special interest to it.

ARTICLE VII

Assistance to the United Nations

The Union agrees to co-operate with the United Nations, its Councils, Committees or other Organs, in every way possible and agrees further that no provision in the Universal Postal Convention or related agreements shall be construed as preventing or limiting any country as regards the full implementation of the obligations of its Government to the United Nations, its Councils, Committees or other Organs.

ARTICLE VIII

Personnel Arrangements

The United Nations and the Union agree to co-operate as necessary

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to avoid serious discrepancies in the terms and conditions of employment of personnel and to avoid competition in recruitment of personnel.

ARTICLE IX

Statistical Services

1. The United Nations and the Union agree to co-operate to secure the greatest possible usefulness and utilization of statistical information and data.
2. The Union recognizes the United Nations as the central agency for the collection, analysis, publication, standardization and improvement of statistics serving the general purpose of international organizations.
3. The United Nations recognizes the Union as the appropriate agency for the collection, analysis, publication, standardization and improvement of statistics within its special sphere, notwithstanding that the United Nations may concern itself with such statistics as far as they may be essential for its own purposes or for the improvement of statistics throughout the world.

ARTICLE X

Administrative and Technical Services

1. The United Nations and the Union recognize the desirability of making the most efficient use of personnel and resources, and of avoiding whenever possible the establishment and operation of competitive or overlapping facilities and services among the United Nations and the specialized agencies.
2. Arrangements shall be made between the United Nations and the Union in regard to the registration and deposit of official documents.

ARTICLE XI

Budgetary Arrangements

The annual Budget of the Union shall be transmitted to the United Nations, and the General Assembly may make recommendations thereon to the Congress of the Union.

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Financing of Special Services

1. In the event of the Union being faced with the necessity of incurring substantial extra expense as a result of any request which the United Nations may make for special reports, studies or information in accordance with Articles VI or VII, or with other provisions of this Agreement, consultation shall take place with a view to determining the most equitable manner in which such expense shall be borne.
2. Consultation between the United Nations and the Union shall similarly take place with a view to making such arrangements as may be found equitable for covering the costs of central administrative, technical or fiscal services or facilities or other special assistance provided by the United Nations.

ARTICLE XIII

Inter-Agency Agreements

The Union agrees to inform the Council of the nature and scope of any formal agreement between the Union and any other specialized agency or inter-governmental organization and, in particular, agrees to inform the Council of the preparation of any such agreement.

ARTICLE XIV

Liaison

1. The United Nations and the Union agree to the foregoing provisions in the belief that they will contribute to the maintenance of effective liaison between the two organizations. They affirm their intention of taking by common agreement whatever further measures may be necessary to make this liaison fully effective.
2. The liaison arrangements provided for in the foregoing articles of this Agreement shall apply as far as appropriate to the relations between such branch or regional offices as may be established by the two organizations as well as between their central machinery.

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Revision

This Agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between the United Nations and the Union.

ARTICLE XVI

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall come into force on its approval by the General Assembly of the United Nations and the Congress of the Union.
