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DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE
UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION

(Proposed by the Delegation of France)

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 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

Reciprocal Representation

Representatives of the United Nations shall be invited to attend all Congresses and administrative Conferences of the Universal Postal Union and to participate, without vote, in the deliberations of such Congresses and Conferences.

Representatives of the Universal Postal 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 or Committees and to participate without

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vote in the deliberations of these bodies with respect to items on their agenda in which the Universal Postal Union has signified its interest.

Representatives of the Universal Postal Union shall be invited to attend in a consultative capacity meetings of the General Assembly at which questions within the scope of the Universal Postal Union are due to be discussed and to participate without vote in meetings of the main Committees of the General Assembly, on matters in which the Universal Postal Union is interested.

ARTICLE III

Inclusion of Items in the Agenda

Subject to such preliminary consultation as may be necessary, the Universal Postal Union shall include on the agenda of its Congresses or administrative Conferences questions submitted to it by the United Nations. Similarly, the Council and its Commissions and Committees shall include on their agenda items submitted by the Universal Postal Union.

ARTICLE IV

Recommendations of the General Assembly and of the Council

The Universal Postal 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 Articles 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

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soon as possible to its Congress or administrative Conference of all official recommendations which the United Nations may make to it.

The Universal Postal 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 to give effect to such recommendations or on the other results of their consideration.

The Universal Postal 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 participate in any body or bodies which the Council may establish for the purpose of facilitating such co-ordination and to furnish such information as may be required for the carrying out of this purpose.

ARTICLE V

Exchange of Information and Documents

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 Universal Postal Union.

Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of the foregoing paragraph:

- (a) the Universal Postal Union agrees to transmit to the United Nations an annual report on its activities;
- (b) the Universal Postal 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 XI;

/(c) The Secretary-General

(c) the Secretary-General shall, upon request, consult with the Director of the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union regarding the provision to the Postal Union of such information as may be of special interest to its members.

ARTICLE VI

Headquarters and Regional Offices

The International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union shall continue to have its headquarters in Berne and shall maintain close association in matters of mutual interest with any European regional offices which the United Nations may establish.

ARTICLE VII

Personnel Arrangements

The United Nations and the Universal Postal Union agree to co-operate as necessary to avoid discrepancies in the terms and conditions of employment of personnel and to avoid competition in recruitment of personnel.

ARTICLE VIII

Statistical Services

The United Nations and the Universal Postal Union agree to co-operate to the greatest possible extent, to eliminate all undesirable duplication between them, and to secure the greatest possible utilization of their technical personnel in their respective activities for the collection, analysis, publication and diffusion of statistical information. They further agree to combine their efforts to secure the greatest possible usefulness and utilization of statistical information and to reduce to a minimum the charges of governments and of all other organizations from which such information may be obtained.

The Universal Postal Union recognizes the United Nations as the central agency for the collection, analysis,

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publication, standardization and improvement of statistics serving the general purposes of international organizations.

The United Nations recognizes the Universal Postal Union as the appropriate agency for the collection, analysis, publication, standardization and improvement of statistics within its special sphere, without prejudice to the right of the United Nations to 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.

The United Nations, in agreement with the specialized agencies, shall adjust the administrative instruments and the procedure so as to assure, in the field of statistics, effective co-operation between the United Nations and the agencies related thereto.

It is recognized as desirable that statistical information should not be collected simultaneously by the United Nations and by any other agency or agencies whenever it is possible to use information or material which can be furnished by another agency.

With a view to setting up a centre where statistical information for general use may be collected, it is agreed that the data furnished to the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union for insertion in its publications shall, so far as possible, be placed at the disposal of the United Nations.

ARTICLE IX

Arrangements shall be made between the United Nations and the Universal Postal Union in regard to the registration and deposit of official documents.

ARTICLE X

Budgetary Arrangements

The annual Budget of the Universal Postal Union shall

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be transmitted to the United Nations, and the General Assembly may make recommendations to the Union regarding any article or articles appearing therein.

ARTICLE XI

Financing of Special Services

In the event of the Universal Postal 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 Article V 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.

ARTICLE XII

Inter-Agency Agreements

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

ARTICLE XIII

Liaison

The United Nations and the Universal Postal 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 whatever further measures may be necessary to make this liaison fully effective.

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 Universal Postal Union.

ARTICLE XV

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 Universal Postal Union.
