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Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has been requested by the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union to circulate to the members of the Fifth Committee the text of the attached telegram received today.

ANNEX

Telegram dated 20 December 1976 from the Secretary-General of
the International Telecommunication Union to the Secretary-
General of the United Nations

We have not yet seen the ACABQ report on Pension Board recommendations for pension adjustment but on basis of summary cabled by Secretary of Board we have to make the following comments:

1. We wish to record our profound disappointment and deep concern at the postponement of action on this most important matter. Recent special Board meeting showed conclusively that present system operates completely inequitably as between New York and certain other places of residence. Correction of the resulting hardships is long overdue and delay relief for two years appears unjustified.

2. We have a heavy responsibility toward our staff and our pensioners and we shall have to consult with our own governing body in view of position taken by ITU member Governments in plenipotentiary conference as early as 1973 urging the United Nations General Assembly to do all possible to ensure urgent and uninterrupted action towards an early adjustment of pensions, the purchasing power of which should be maintained. This position confirmed by Administrative Council since.

3. We should be grateful if you would circulate this telegram to members of the Fifth Committee.

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Secretary-General of the International
Telecommunication Union
