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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENTS ON THE
QUESTIONS ASKED IN THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION BASED
ON THE AGENDA OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE
ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

UNITED KINGDOM

In view of the additional information supplied by the United Kingdom, the United Kingdom replies to questions 1 (d) and 4 (d) of the United Nations request for information contained in document E/CONF.6/9 should read as follows:^{1/}

Question 1 (d)

Governments are invited to supply the Secretary-General with any relevant treaties, conventions or other international instruments to which they are parties;

Reply:

- "(i) The Universal Postal Convention of Paris 1947 (in French).
- "(ii) The European Broadcasting Convention of Copenhagen 1948 (in French).
- "(iii) The European Broadcasting Convention of Lucerne, 1933 (in French).
(Annex 2.)
- "(iv) The International Radio Communications Regulations of Cairo, 1938
(in French). (Annex 3.)
(The International Telecommunications Convention with the annexed International Radio Communications Regulations, Atlantic City, 1947, which will replace respectively the Madrid Convention and the Cairo Radio Communications Regulations, have been signed on behalf of the United Kingdom. Copies, published in a single volume in French and

^{1/} The changes requested by the United Kingdom are underlined.

English, can be obtained from the American Radio Relay League, 38, La Salle Road, West Hartford 7, Connecticut).

- "(v) Convention for Facilitating the International Circulation of Films of an Educational Character, 1933. (Annex 4.)
- "(vi) Proces-Verbal concerning the application of certain articles of the Convention of 11 October 1933, for Facilitating the International Circulation of Films of an Educational Character, 1938. (Annex 5.)
- "(vii) Convention between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Belgian Government for the Promotion of Mutual Understanding of Intellectual, Artistic and Scientific Activities, 1946. (Annex 6.)
- "(viii) Cultural Convention between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Brazil, 1947. (Annex 7.)
- "(ix) Cultural Convention between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Czechoslovak Government, 1947. (Annex 8.)
- "(x) An Exchange of Notes between the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union on Propaganda, 1929. (Annex 9.)
- "(xi) International Convention concerning the Use of Broadcasting in the Cause of Peace, 1936, which came into force in 1938. (Annex 10.)"

Question 4 (d)

Governments are invited to provide information concerning differences, if any, between transmission rates and services available to domestic and foreign news agencies and personnel;

Reply:

"50. There are no special transmission rates or services for news agencies or personnel in the international postal or telephone services. Reduced rates for international press telegrams are prescribed in the International Telegraph Regulations (Cairo) 1938, to which the United Kingdom is a party. These special international press telegrams rates are available to news agencies and personnel operating within the United Kingdom, both domestic and foreign, without distinction.

"All the United Kingdom inland postal, telegraph and telephone services are available equally at the ordinary rates to domestic and foreign news agencies and personnel.

"Newspapers printed and published in the United Kingdom, British possessions or Protectorates and fulfilling certain conditions, are, if registered at the General Post Office, afforded privileges including transmission at the cheap newspaper rate of postage to any address within the United Kingdom and Eire; and to Canada and Newfoundland at the magazine rate. Facilities are also given for despatch by early morning mails etc. of post copies if paid at the appropriate rate.

"As a result of the Universal Postal Convention of 1947, newspapers registered at the General Post Office and certain newspapers printed and published in the United Kingdom which fulfil conditions less exacting than those required for registration, are eligible for transmission to any destination abroad at a reduced rate of postage applicable to certain classes of printed papers within the international postal service.

"In the United Kingdom inland telegraph service, reduced press rates are available for the transmission of telegrams to newspapers, news agencies, clubs, exchange or news rooms, which are registered with the General Post Office. The ordinary inland telegraph tariff is applicable to telegrams addressed to newspapers etc. which are not so registered. Within the limits of availability of plant telegraph and telephone channels are placed at the exclusive disposal of renters. The tariff is based upon the technical characteristics of the channels provided without distinction as to the class of renter."
