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**ALBANIA, GERMANY, ARGENTINA,  
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(UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION)**

**Agreement concerning subscriptions to newspapers and  
periodicals (with Detailed Regulations). Signed at  
Ottawa, on 3 October 1957**

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AUTRICHE, BELGIQUE, BOLIVIE, etc.  
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**Arrangement concernant les abonnements aux journaux et  
écrits périodiques (avec Règlement d'exécution). Signé  
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**UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION**  
**ACTS OF THE CONGRESS OF OTTAWA, 1957**

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**IX**

No. 5219. AGREEMENT CONCERNING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO  
NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS. SIGNED AT OTTA-  
WA, ON 3 OCTOBER 1957

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# AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> CONCERNING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

## CONCLUDED BETWEEN

THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA, GERMANY, THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BOLIVIA, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA, CAMBODIA, CHILE, CHINA, THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA, THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA, DENMARK, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, EGYPT, SPAIN, THE SPANISH TERRITORIES IN AFRICA, FINLAND, FRANCE, ALGERIA, GREECE, THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI, THE REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS, THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, ITALY, THE TERRITORY OF SOMALIA UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION, LAOS, THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, LUXEMBOURG, MOROCCO, THE PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO, NICARAGUA, NORWAY, PARAGUAY, THE NETHERLANDS, THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, PORTUGAL, THE PORTUGUESE PROVINCES IN WEST AFRICA, THE PORTUGUESE PROVINCES IN EAST AFRICA, ASIA AND OCEANIA, THE ROMANIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, THE REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO, SWEDEN, THE SWISS CONFEDERATION, THAILAND, TUNISIA, TURKEY, THE EASTERN REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY, THE STATE OF THE CITY OF THE VATICAN, THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA, VIET-NAM, YEMEN, THE FEDERAL PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA.

Having regard to article 22 of the Universal Postal Convention concluded at Ottawa on 3 October 1957,<sup>2</sup> the undersigned, Plenipotentiaries of the Governments of the above-mentioned countries, have, by common consent and subject to ratification, drawn up the following Agreement :

### CHAPTER I

### PRELIMINARY CLAUSES

#### *Article 1*

#### SUBJECT OF THE AGREEMENT

1. The service of subscriptions to newspapers through the post between those of the contracting countries whose Administrations undertake to establish this service is governed by the terms of the present Agreement.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 1 April 1959, in accordance with article 16. The instruments of ratification or accession (a) were deposited with the Canadian Government on the dates indicated :

|                                          |             |      |                                                |             |          |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|------|------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Argentina (with reservations; see p. 48) | 15 April    | 1959 | Morocco . . . . .                              | 9 July      | 1959     |
| Austria . . . . .                        | 4 May       | 1959 | Netherlands . . . . .                          | 27 August   | 1959     |
| Belgium . . . . .                        | 5 March     | 1959 | (Including Netherlands New Guinea.)            |             |          |
| Bulgaria . . . . .                       | 13 May      | 1959 | Norway . . . . .                               | 19 August   | 1958     |
| Cambodia . . . . .                       | 12 January  | 1960 | San Marino . . . . .                           | 27 July     | 1959     |
| Republic of China . . . . .              | 6 October   | 1959 | Spain . . . . .                                | 29 July     | 1959     |
| Denmark . . . . .                        | 13 August   | 1958 | (Including the Spanish territories of Africa.) |             |          |
| Finland . . . . .                        | 6 March     | 1959 | Sweden . . . . .                               | 2 May       | 1958     |
| France . . . . .                         | 8 May       | 1959 | Switzerland . . . . .                          | 14 November | 1958     |
| (Including Algeria.)                     |             |      | Tunisia . . . . .                              | 24 March    | 1959     |
| Greece . . . . .                         | 2 October   | 1959 | United Arab Republic                           |             |          |
| Hungary . . . . .                        | 5 April     | 1960 | (Egyptian Province)                            | 15 January  | 1959     |
| Italy . . . . .                          | 9 June      | 1960 | Vatican City State . . . . .                   | 13 April    | 1960     |
| Luxembourg . . . . .                     | 13 January  | 1960 | Yemen . . . . .                                | 3 April     | 1959 (a) |
| Monaco . . . . .                         | 2 September | 1959 |                                                |             |          |

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 364, p. 3.

2. Periodicals are assimilated to newspapers.

## CHAPTER II

### SUBSCRIPTION

#### *Article 2*

##### SUBSCRIPTIONS

1. The post offices of each country accept from the public subscriptions to newspapers published in the various contracting countries if the publishers have agreed to accept the intervention of the post office in the international subscription service.

2. They may also accept subscriptions to newspapers of all other countries in the event of the postal Administrations being in a position to supply them.

3. By virtue of the provisions of article 60 of the Convention, each country has the right to refuse to accept subscriptions to newspapers the transport or distribution of which is prohibited in its territory.

#### *Article 3*

##### PERIODS OF SUBSCRIPTION. SUBSCRIPTIONS TAKEN OUT AFTER THE FIXED DATE

1. Subscriptions may be taken out only for periods of one year, six months or three months. They begin to run :

—for one year, on 1 January ;

—for six months, on 1 January and 1 July ;

—for three months, on 1 January, 1 April, 1 July and 1 October.

2. Exceptions to this rule are allowed in respect of intermittent or temporary publications.

3. The Administrations may also agree to accept subscriptions for one or two months of a given quarter, and subscriptions covering the period still to run until renewal of three-monthly, six-monthly or annual subscriptions.

4. Subscribers who do not send in their applications at the right time are not entitled to the numbers which have appeared since the beginning of the subscription period. Nevertheless, the Administrations may assist subscribers in obtaining those numbers if possible.

#### *Article 4*

##### CONTINUATION OF SUBSCRIPTIONS IN THE EVENT OF CESSATION OF SERVICE

If a country ceases to adhere to the Agreement, current subscriptions must be continued under the conditions laid down until the expiry of the period for which they were taken out.