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The undersigned representatives, duly authorized by their respective Governments :

—considering the importance of the common problems which face the Postal Administrations in the Asian and Oceanic area;

—convinced of the opportunity of instituting and developing a large degree of cooperation between them; and

—in the exercise of the rights granted them by the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union;²

Have agreed to conclude, under reservation of acceptance, approval or ratification by their respective Governments, the following Convention :

PART I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

CONSTITUTION AND PURPOSE OF THE UNION

1. The countries between which the present Convention is concluded form, under the name of “ Asian-Oceanic Postal Union ”, hereafter referred to as “ the Union”, a single postal territory.

2. The purpose of the Union is to extend, facilitate and improve the postal relations between the member-countries and promote cooperation in the field of the postal services.

Article 2

ORGANS OF THE UNION

There are established as the organs of the Union : the Congress, the Executive Committee, the Central Office and such other organs as may be necessary.

¹ In accordance with article 25 of the Convention and article 110 (1) of the Detailed Regulations, both acts came into force on 1 July 1966.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 364, p. 3.

Article 3

ADHERENCE TO THE UNION

1. Any sovereign country in Asia and Oceania which is a member of the Universal Postal Union or any territory in that area whose Postal Administration is a member of the Universal Postal Union may request adherence as a member of the Asian-Oceanic Postal Union.

2. The request for adherence is transmitted through diplomatic channels to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and by the latter to the member-countries of the Union.

3. The country concerned is considered as adhering to the Union if its request is approved by at least two-thirds of the member-countries of the Union.

4. Member-countries of the Union failing to reply within four months are considered as abstaining.

5. Adherence to the Union is made known by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines to the Governments of all the member-countries of the Union.

6. Any country which has the required qualifications but which cannot comply with any provision of the Convention may apply for membership to the Union subject to the conditions which may be acceptable to all member-countries.

Article 4

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE UNION

1. Any member-country has the right to withdraw from the Union by means of a notice of its renunciation of the Convention given through diplomatic channels to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, which makes it known to the Governments of the other member-countries.

2. Withdrawal from the Union becomes effective at the expiration of a period of one year, counting from the date of receipt of the notification by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines.

Article 5

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

English is the official language of the Union. However, member-countries whose language is not English may provide for a translation at their own expense.

Article 6

SPECIAL AGREEMENTS

1. The member-countries of the Union, or their Postal Administrations if the legislation of the countries permits, may conclude special agreements concerning the international postal service between themselves on condition that they do not introduce provisions less favorable to the public than those laid down in the Convention.

2. These special agreements are notified through the intermediary of the Central Office to member-countries or their Postal Administrations, as the case may be.

Article 7

CONGRESS

1. The Congress, being the supreme organ of the Union, is composed of representatives from member-countries.

2. The delegates of the member-countries of the Union meet in Congress not later than two years after the holding of each Universal Postal Congress in order to revise the Convention of the Union, if necessary, and to consider such other postal problems of common interest to the member-countries of the Union as they may deem necessary.

3. Each country is represented in the Congress by one or more delegates duly authorized for the purpose by their respective Governments.

4. Each country has only one vote.

5. Observers may be invited to attend meetings of the Union in an advisory capacity without the right to vote provided that they represent the United Nations or one of its Specialized Agencies or Postal Administrations which are members of the Universal Postal Union. At the request of Congress or the Executive Committee, the invitation is made by the Government of the country in which the meeting is to take place.

6. Each Congress fixes the country of convocation of the next one. The Government of the convoking country shall fix the date and place of the new Congress through diplomatic channels at least six months before it is held.

Article 8

EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESSES

1. An extraordinary Congress may be held at the request or with the consent of at least two-thirds of the member-countries.

2. The place and date of assembly is fixed by the Executive Committee in agreement with the member-countries initiating the Congress.

3. The provisions of Article 7, Paragraphs 3 and 4, apply to extraordinary Congresses.

Article 9

INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSITIONS TO CONGRESSES

1. The Postal Administration of any member-country has the right to present propositions to Congresses, which propositions must reach the Central Office at least three months before the holding of the Congress. Nevertheless, propositions which reach the Central Office during the period of three months preceding the holding of the Congress may also be considered at the discretion of the Congress.

2. The Central Office publishes these propositions and distributes them, as early as possible, among the Postal Administrations of the member-countries.

Article 10

DECISIONS OF MEETINGS OF THE UNION

1. Except as otherwise provided in the Convention, decisions at meetings of the Union are taken by a majority of the members present and voting.

2. At meetings of the Union convened in accordance with the provisions of the Convention, a country may arrange for its representation by another country, provided that a delegation may represent and vote for only one country other than its own.

Article 11

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE CONGRESS

The Congress draws up the Standing Rules of Procedure necessary for its work.

Article 12

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. To ensure the continuity of the work of the Union in the interval between Congresses, an Executive Committee meets once each year as a general rule at the place where the Central Office is situated.

2. The Committee comprises all the member-countries of the Union, with a quorum of the majority.