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AGREEMENT¹ CONCERNING CASH-ON-DELIVERY ITEMS

Having regard to article 22, para. 4, of the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union concluded at Vienna on 10 July 1964,² the undersigned, Plenipotentiaries of the Governments of the Member Countries of the Union, have, by common consent and subject to the provisions of article 25, para. 3, of the Constitution, drawn up the following Agreement:

Chapter I

PRELIMINARY CLAUSES

Article 1

SUBJECT OF THE AGREEMENT

The present Agreement regulates the exchange of cash-on-delivery items which the contracting Countries agree to institute in their reciprocal relations.

Chapter II

GENERAL CONDITIONS. CHARGES. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Article 2

ITEMS ADMITTED

1. Registered letter post items, insured letters and boxes, and postal parcels which satisfy the conditions prescribed respectively by the Convention, the Agreement concerning insured letters and boxes, or the Agreement concerning postal parcels may be sent as cash-on-delivery items.

2. The Administrations have the option of admitting to the cash-on-delivery items service only certain of the categories of items mentioned above.

Article 3

CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION

Items with trade charges are subject to the conditions of admission and the charges applicable to the category to which they belong.

Article 4

MAXIMUM AMOUNT

Whatever may be the method of settlement, the amount of the trade charge may not exceed the maximum amount adopted in the Country of collection for the issue of money orders addressed to the Country of origin of the items, unless by common consent a higher maximum has been agreed upon.

¹ Put into effect on 1 January 1966, in accordance with article 21. See p. 63 of this volume for the list of States which have ratified or approved, or acceded to, the Agreement.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 611, p. 68.

Article 5
CURRENCY

In the absence of any special agreement, the amount of the trade charge is expressed in the currency of the Country of origin of the item; nevertheless, in all cases of payment or transfer of the trade charge to a postal cheque account in the Country of collection, the amount is expressed in the currency of that Country.

Article 6
METHOD OF SETTLING WITH THE SENDER

Sums intended for the sender of items are sent to him:

- (a) By means of a "trade-charge money order", the amount of which may be credited to a postal cheque account in the Country of origin of the item, if this is permitted under the regulations of the Administration of that Country;
- (b) In cases where the Administrations concerned permit this procedure: by means of a transfer or payment to a postal cheque account either in the Country of collection or in the Country of origin of the item.

Article 7
METHODS OF EXCHANGE OF TRADE-CHARGE MONEY ORDERS

The exchange of trade-charge money orders may be effected, at the option of the Administrations, by means of cards or lists. In the former case, the orders are called "trade-charge card money orders" and in the latter case, "trade-charge list money orders".

Article 8
CHARGES

1. In addition to the charges prescribed in article 3, the sender pays in advance the following charges:

- (a) If he requests that the amount of the trade charge should be sent to him by means of a trade-charge money order:
 - (1) A maximum fixed charge of
 - 70 centimes when settlement is effected by card money order,
 - 1.10 francs when settlement is effected by list money order ;
 - (2) A proportional charge which may not exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of the amount of the trade charge. Each Administration is empowered to adopt, for the collection of the proportional charge, the scale best suited to its own service;
- (b) If he requests in addition that the trade-charge money order should be sent by air and in the absence of any special agreement between the Administrations concerned: a charge equal to that prescribed under article 37, para. 1, of the Convention for the return by air of the advice of delivery form: