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**UNITED NATIONS
and
SWITZERLAND**

**Postal Agreement (with Provisions for its implementation).
Signed at Geneva on 11 December 1968**

Authentic text : French.

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**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
et
SUISSE**

**Accord postal (avec Dispositions d'exécution). Signé à Genève
le 11 décembre 1968**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

POSTAL AGREEMENT¹ CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE
UNITED NATIONS AND THE SWISS POSTAL, TELE-
PHONE AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, by virtue of an Agreement concluded between the Directorate-General of the Swiss PTT and the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the supply of service stamps to the European Office of the United Nations at Geneva, signed at Berne on 13 September 1949 and at Geneva on 14 September 1949,² the United Nations Office at Geneva uses exclusively Swiss postage stamps for the franking, at the prevailing rates, of the postal dispatches made by it,

WHEREAS the United Nations is desirous of making its objectives and activities better known by using its own postage stamps as widely as possible,

NOW, THEREFORE, The United Nations, on the one hand, and

The Swiss Postal, Telephone and Telegraph Department, on the other hand,
Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

OBJECT OF THE AGREEMENT

1. Subject to the provisions of the present Agreement, a Palais des Nations post office to be operated by the Swiss PTT shall be established at Geneva.

2. The said post office shall continue to provide all the services available from Swiss post offices with the exception of philatelic sales and services.

3. Mail deposited with the Palais des Nations post office shall be franked exclusively with postage stamps or bear machine frankings issued by the United Nations, the denominations of which shall be expressed in Swiss francs.

¹ Came into force on 1 October 1969, in accordance with article 9 (1).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 43, p. 327.

Article 2

ISSUE AND SUPPLY OF STAMPS AND POSTAL STATIONERY

1. The United Nations shall issue at its own expense all the postage stamps, postcards and airmails, hereinafter referred to as "postal items", necessary for the operation of the service by virtue of the provisions of this Agreement. These postal items shall be the only ones authorized. They shall have validity solely within the premises of the Palais des Nations at Geneva and shall be the only ones valid.

2. The choice of the denominations of the postage stamps to be issued by the United Nations will be made after agreement with the Swiss PTT. These denominations shall remain valid indefinitely.

3. The postal items issued by the United Nations shall be provided free of charge to the Palais des Nations post office according to its requirements.

4. If the United Nations should produce or authorize the production of franked envelopes and postcards, such envelopes or postcards shall conform to the specifications as regards size and quality of paper prescribed by the Swiss PTT.

5. No United Nations postal items shall be put into circulation except in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

Article 3

SALE OF UNITED NATIONS POSTAL ITEMS

1. The Palais des Nations post office may sell only United Nations postal items intended for the franking of mail at face value. All revenue derived from such sale shall be retained by the Swiss PTT. The temporary offices of the post office operating at the Palais des Nations may place these postal items on sale under the same conditions.

2. The United Nations may establish a service especially intended for the sale and distribution of postal items for philatelic purposes. All revenue derived from these sales by the United Nations service shall be retained by it, except for the amount of franking at the prevailing rates due to the Swiss PTT for dispatches franked with these postal items and entrusted to the Palais des Nations post office for mailing.

Article 4

POSTMARKING STAMPS

1. The United Nations shall arrange for the production of all the postmarking stamps to be applied to mail dispatched from the Palais des Nations post office and shall supply it with all such postmarking stamps free of charge. These postmarking stamps shall be reserved for the exclusive use of the United Nations.

2. The specifications of the postmarking stamps shall be agreed upon between the Swiss PTT and the United Nations.

3. Only the postal items issued by the United Nations for the use of its office at Geneva may be cancelled by means of these postmarking stamps.

Article 5

POST OFFICE PREMISES

The United Nations shall, at its own expense, provide the Swiss PTT with the premises necessary for operating the postal service. It shall also provide, at its own expense, security services, upkeep, lighting and heating.

Article 6

STAFF AND EQUIPMENT

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Swiss PTT shall provide at its own expense all staff necessary for the operation of the Palais des Nations post office and the furnishings and equipment used in all Swiss post offices, with the exception of automatic stamp vending machines.

Article 7

POSTAL ADDRESS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AT GENEVA

The postal address of the United Nations Office at Geneva shall be:

United Nations Office at Geneva
Palais des Nations
1211 Geneva 10