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FOREWORD

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NOTE

In this Recommendation, the expression “Administration” is used for conciseness to indicate both a telecommunication administration and a recognized operating agency.

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(revised in 1993)

When, in full exercise of their sovereignty, the Administrations of the countries in Asia and Oceania negotiate among themselves agreements to determine the accounting rates to be applied in their telex relations, it is recommended that they give consideration to the provisions detailed below.

1 Determination of accounting rates applicable in telex relations between countries in Asia and Oceania

1.1 It is desirable to achieve some coordination and, as far as is possible, standardization of the accounting rates applicable in telex relations over similar distances between countries in Asia and Oceania. To this end, a scale of accounting rates has been established using the "synthetic method" (see 2.1 of Supplement No. 1 to D-Series Recommendations), and taking into account:

a) accounting rates already in use;

b) the declining traffic volume and its implication on cost;

c) that adjustment of telex accounting rates has not generally kept pace with the evolving environment;

d) the desirability to confine rate standards to an indication of the maximum accounting rates applicable within the region.

1.2 It is recommended to adopt a distance-related zonal pattern rather than to adhere to a rigid distance-based pattern.

1.3 In traffic relations where analytical cost data is available, such data should form the basis for bilateral negotiations as provided in the ITU Regulations and the relevant ITU-T Recommendations. However, where such data cannot be made available, the following maximum accounting rates are recommended[1)]:

Zone	*Distance*	*Maximum accounting rate per minute*
1	0 to 3000 km	0.87 SDR
2	3001 to 6000 km	1.20 SDR
3	over 6000 km	1.40 SDR

1.4 Notwithstanding the maximum accounting rate levels shown above, Administrations should endeavour to achieve cost-orientated accounting rates.

1.5 The distances indicated in the above scale are those between the appropriate international exchanges in the originating and destination countries.

1.6 It is also recommended that each country should normally constitute a single area for the purpose of fixing accounting rates. However, in relations between adjacent countries, a country may be divided into several areas. In this case, the number of such areas for international traffic should be reduced to a minimum.

1.7 It is recognized that in some cases, such as transit switched services, Administrations may apply rates which reflect additonal costs.

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1) The accounting rates given in this Recommendation are expressed in the monetary unit of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Special Drawing Right (SDR).

In accordance with the International Telecommunication Regulations, the gold franc is equivalent to 1/3.061 SDR.

1.8 Administrations should seek to implement this Recommendation in an expeditious manner, recognizing that this may need to be done on a scheduled basis where the level of reduction required is significant. In the event of scheduling, Administrations should aim to implement this Recommendation before the end of 1996.

2 Frontier relations between countries in Asia and Oceania

The accounting rates to be applied to frontier relations should be fixed by agreement between the Administrations concerned.