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BETWEEN COUNTRIES IN ASIA AND OCEANIA**

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Recommendation D.500 R**ACCOUNTING RATES APPLICABLE TO TELEPHONE RELATIONS
BETWEEN COUNTRIES IN ASIA AND OCEANIA***(revised in 1998)*

When, in full 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 telephone relations, it is recommended that they give considerations to the provisions detailed below.

1 Determinations of accounting rates applicable in telephone relations between countries in Asia and Oceania

1.1 In traffic relations where analytical cost is available, such data should form the basis for bilateral negotiations as provided for in the ITU Regulations and Recommendation D.140.

However, where such data cannot be made available, the distance based maximum accounting rates as shown in Appendix I are recommended¹.

1.2 The maximum accounting rates in Appendix I are the results of TAS Group cost studies. They are automatically adjusted each year by ITU-T TAS Group on the basis of the new data obtained from its cost study.

1.3 The results of cost studies for a specific year adopted by the TAS Group are applicable from 1 January of the following year.

1.4 Notwithstanding the maximum accounting rate levels shown in Appendix I, Administrations should endeavour to achieve cost-oriented accounting rates.

1.5 The distances indicated in Appendix I 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 areas for international traffic should be reduced to a minimum.

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

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 over a period of one to two years.

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.

