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**BELGIQUE  
ET GRANDE-BRETAGNE  
ET IRLANDE DU NORD**

Accord concernant le service téléphonique. Signé à Londres, le 4 avril et à Bruxelles, le 9 avril 1927.

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**BELGIUM  
AND GREAT BRITAIN  
AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

Agreement respecting Telephone Service. Signed at London, April 4, and at Brussels, April 9, 1927.

No. 1548. — AGREEMENT RESPECTING THE TELEPHONE SERVICE BETWEEN BELGIUM AND GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND. SIGNED AT LONDON, APRIL 4 AND AT BRUSSELS, APRIL 9, 1927.

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*English and French official texts communicated by His Britannic Majesty's Foreign Office. The registration of this Agreement took place October 11, 1927*

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES OF BELGIUM have agreed as follows :

*Article 1.*

The submarine telephone cables between Belgium and Great Britain are owned jointly by the two Administrations and are maintained by Great Britain at the joint expense of the two Administrations.

*Article 2.*

As laid down in Article 8 of the International Convention<sup>1</sup> of St. Petersburg each of the contracting parties retains the right where necessary of suspending totally or partially the telephone service without being liable to any indemnity.

*Article 3.*

The Belgian and British Administrations are not subject to any responsibility to subscribers and other members of the public on account of the international telephone service between their two countries or with or between other countries.

*Article 4.*

The arrangements prescribed in Chapter XXIV (Telephone Service) of the International Regulations<sup>1</sup> (Revision of Paris, 1925) annexed to the International Telegraph Convention of St. Petersburg are applied to the telephonic service between Belgium and Great Britain and Northern Ireland as amplified and modified by the following conditions :

*B. Duration of Service.*

(1) The exchanges at the terminal points of the Anglo-Belgian circuits shall be open always.

*E. Urgent Private Calls.*

§ 1. Urgent private calls are not admitted.

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<sup>1</sup> Vol. LVII, page 201, of this Series.

*F. Lightning Calls.*

§ 1. Lightning calls are not admitted.

*G. Government Calls.*

§ 2. Urgent State Calls are not admitted.

*H. Subscription Calls.*

§ 1. Subscription calls at fixed hours are authorised during the periods of light traffic and are subject to one half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the unit charge.

§ 3. Subscription calls may be admitted by the offices concerned for more than six minutes, where traffic conditions on the circuits to be used permit.

*K. Tariffs, Collection of Charges.*

§ 3. For the fixing of terminal charges :

The territory of Belgium comprises one zone.

The territory of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is divided into 3 zones as follows :

The first zone comprises the following counties :

Bedford, Berkshire, Buckingham, Cambridge, Dorset, Essex, Gloucester, Hampshire, Hertford, Huntingdon, Kent, Leicester, Lincoln, London, Middlesex, Norfolk, Northampton, Nottingham, Oxford, Rutland, Somerset, Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex, Warwick, Wiltshire and Worcester.

The second zone comprises the following counties :

Anglesey, Brecknock, Carnarvon, Cardigan, Carmarthen, Chester, Cornwall, Cumberland, Denbigh, Derby, Devon, Durham, Flint, Glamorgan, Hereford, Lancaster, Merioneth, Montgomery, Monmouth, Northumberland, Pembroke, Radnor, Salop, Stafford, Westmorland and York.

The third zone comprises Scotland and Northern Ireland.

*Terminal Charges.*

The charges accruing to each terminal Administration per unit call are fixed in the unit defined in Article 24 (Ch. VIII) of the International Telegraph Convention (Revision of Paris, 1925) as follows :

*Belgium.*

4 francs 50 centimes for each unit call originating in or destined for any place in Belgium.

*Great Britain and Northern Ireland.*

4 francs 50 centimes for each call originating in or destined for the first zone.

7 francs for each call originating in or destined for the second zone.

9 francs for each call originating in or destined for the third zone.

These charges comprise the quota of each of the two Administrations accruing from the transit of submarine cables.

*Total of the unit charge in the relations between the different zones.*

The total of the unit charge for each relation is indicated by the following tables :

## Relations between

Great Britain and Northern Ireland (1st zone) and Belgium	9 francs
Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2nd zone) and Belgium	11.50 francs
Great Britain and Northern Ireland (3rd zone) and Belgium	13.50 francs

§ 6. The hours of light traffic are as follows :

From 19 h. to 8 h. (legal time of country of origin). So far as subscription calls are concerned, the country of origin is that in which the subscription has been paid.

During the period of light traffic the charge applicable to an ordinary private call is fixed at three-fifths ( $\frac{3}{5}$ ) of the unit charge.

*L. Method of application of charge.*

§ 8. (2) A special charge in the case of non-reply from subscribers shall not be levied.

*N. Avis d'appel and Préavis.*

§ 1. (4) Avis d'appel and préavis are not admitted.

*Article 5.*

The present agreement which supersedes all previous agreements relating to the Anglo-Belgian telephone service, will take effect at the date which shall be fixed by the Contracting Administrations as soon as it becomes definitive in accordance with the special legislation of the States interested.

It shall remain in force for one year after notice of termination is given by either of the Administrations.

Done in duplicate, at London, this fourth day of April, 1927.

W. MITCHELL-THOMSON,  
*The Postmaster General of Great Britain  
and Northern Ireland.*