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No. 774. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF AFGHANISTAN AND INDIA REGARDING RADIO-TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. SIGNED AT KABUL, ON 14 DECEMBER 1949

The Government of India and the Royal Government of Afghanistan being equally desirous of establishing and maintaining direct and regular radio-telegraphic communication between their respective countries wish to make a special agreement and for this purpose they have appointed the following as their plenipotentiaries:

The Government of India His Excellency W/CR RUP CHAND, Indian Ambassador Kabul.

The Royal Government of Afghanistan His Excellency GHULAM MOHAMMAD KHAN, Minister for Communication;

Who having examined each other's credentials and found them good and in due order, have agreed as follows.

Article 1

The exchange of radio-telegraphic messages, whether State or Private and messages in transit will be regularly established between the two countries. For this purpose the contracting parties agree to start radio-telegraphic stations at the following places as agreed:

The Government of India ATS 2 Bombay.

The Royal Government of Afghanistan Y.A.K. Kabul.

The timings at these places shall be as may be agreed upon from time to time between the technical experts of the contracting parties.

Article 2

Either contracting party will furnish to the other a list of the names of all radio-telegraphic stations which are suitable in its territory and open for transmission.

¹ Came into force on 14 March 1950, three months after its signature, in accordance with article 14.

Article 3

Radio-telegrams between the two countries will be exchanged in Arabic figures and Latin letters in all those languages which are allowed under the International telegraphic regulations.

Provided that the use of cypher figures will be allowed only for State radio-telegrams.

Article 4

The contracting parties agree for the present to accept only ordinary, urgent, press, meteorological, state code and commercial code telegrams.

Article 5

The rates for radio-telegrams between the two contracting parties, whether State or Private, are fixed as under:

A) The rate for transmission of ordinary radio-telegrams is:

Terminal Afghanistan.	30 cents of gold	} Total 75 cents of gold per word.
Terminal India.	30 cents of gold	
Special radio fee	15 cents of gold per word	

B) The rate for urgent radio-telegrams will be double this rate.

C) The rate for press and Meteorological radio-telegrams will be half this rate.

D) The rate for State Code and Commercial Code radio-telegrams will be $\frac{3}{5}$ th of this rate.

Article 6

The contracting parties agree that the special radio fee mentioned in Article 5 will be accounted for as follows —

$\frac{2}{3}$ rds will be credited to the transmitting station and $\frac{1}{3}$ rd to the receiving station. The terminal fees will be credited to either party as prescribed in Article 5.

Article 7

As regards radio telegrams in transit the rate to be charged by the two Governments will be in conformity with the tabular forms 'A' and 'B' published

by the Bureau of the International Telegraph Union. Any changes in the rates will be notified by the respective Governments to all members of the Union through the International Telegraph Union, Berne.

Article 8

The statement of account of radio-telegraphic messages exchanged between the two countries will be prepared regularly every three months. Either contracting party will send two copies of the account to the other party. The other party will retain one copy and return the other to the sender after verification and confirmation.

Article 9

In balancing the account the amount due to either contracting party will appear in international gold francs. These will be exchanged into dollars at the rate of 3.061 gold francs for one dollar and the dollar equivalent will be paid by the debtor to the creditor in such currency as the latter may desire and shall be paid one month after the receipt of the certified copy at the latest. All expenses incurred in connection with the payment will be borne by the debtor.

Article 10

The contracting parties agree that if at any time in the future they change their terminal and transit fees these changes will be applied in accordance with the provision contained in the International Telegraph Regulations.

Article 11

No charge will be made for service radio-telegrams exchanged between the stations of the contracting parties, between the official radio-telegraphic organisations.

Article 12

Matters which are not included in or not referred to in this agreement, will be governed by the Telegraph Regulations (Revision of Cairo, 1938) annexed to the International Tele-Communication Convention.

Article 13

This agreement shall be in force three years from the date provided in Article 14. Thereafter either party may terminate by giving notice at least six months prior to the date when it wishes to terminate the agreement.

Article 14

This agreement shall come into force three months after the date that it is signed. This agreement has been drawn up and signed in Foreign office Kabul on the 14th of December 1949 in two languages, English and Persian, both texts being of equal authenticity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the plenipotentiaries aforesaid have signed their names.

For the Royal Government
of Afghanistan

GHULAM MOHAMMAD

For the Government of India

RUP CHAND