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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS AND THE REPUBLICS OF UGANDA AND RWANDA CONCERNING TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE SERVICE BETWEEN KAMPALA AND KIGALI

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, on the one hand, and
The Governments of the Republic of Uganda and of the Republic of Rwanda, on the other hand,

Desirous of strengthening the ties of friendship between their nations and of promoting the good relations between their countries generally,

Recognizing the importance for Uganda and Rwanda of an amelioration of their telecommunication facilities,

Wishing to provide for a link with the East African telecommunication circuit,

Have agreed as follows :

Article I

1. The Contracting Parties shall collaborate in the establishment and operation of telephone and telegraph services between Kampala and Kigali.

2. The Netherlands Government shall provide* to this end the telecommunication equipment for a number of telegraph and telephone channels between Kampala and Kigali. Moreover the Netherlands Government shall provide instructors for the training of the local personnel where necessary.

3. The Governments of Uganda and Rwanda shall contribute by making available buildings in which the equipment will be installed, and by providing for the normal utilities, for roads for the buildings, for maintenance of the installations and for funds for the payment of running costs.

4. The Contracting Parties undertake to fulfil their obligations referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article as specified in the Annex to this Agreement and in an administrative agreement (Plan of Operations) to be concluded between the competent authorities of Contracting Parties.

¹ Came into force provisionally on 27 October 1967, the date of signature, and definitely on 12 June 1969, the date on which the Governments of Uganda and Rwanda had notified the Netherlands Government in writing that it had been approved in accordance with the respective constitutional procedures in their countries, and the procedures constitutionally required in the Netherlands had been complied with, in accordance with article VII.

* Should read "... provide c.i.f. Kampala and Kigali to this end" (information given by the Government of the Netherlands).

Article II

The experts sent by the Netherlands Government as well as the personnel made available by the States concerned shall be granted such facilities in respect of inter-state crossing together with all their equipment and personal effects as may be required for the proper performance of their duties under this Agreement.

The experts shall observe the Laws of Uganda and Rwanda in so far as these laws are in conformity with the provisions of this Agreement.

Article III

1. The experts sent by the Netherlands Government shall be given first arrival privileges for the importation of personal effects, professional equipment and household goods free from taxation.

2. The experts shall be exempted from all taxes levied in Uganda and Rwanda on any payment they may receive* in regard of the fulfilment of their functions under this Agreement.

Article IV

The facilities referred to in Article II as well as the privileges and exemptions referred to in Article III shall be equally applicable on behalf of employees of a Netherlands firm which may be entrusted by the Netherlands Government with the execution of parts of the project.

Article V

The Governments of Uganda and Rwanda shall be responsible for dealing with any claims which may be brought by third parties against the Netherlands Government and its experts, and shall hold the Netherlands Government and its experts harmless in any case of claims or liabilities resulting from operations under this Agreement, except where it is agreed between those Governments and the Netherlands Government that such claims or liabilities arise from gross negligence or wilful misconduct of the expert concerned.

Article VI

The cost of clearance, storage and transport, including insurance, import and export duties and any other taxes in respect of the equipment and other goods made available by the Netherlands Government and required in connection with the project, shall be borne by the Government of the country in which these goods will be installed or used.

* Should read "... receive from their Government ..." (information provided by the Government of the Netherlands).

Article VII

1. This Agreement shall come into force on the day on which the Governments of Uganda and Rwanda will have notified the Netherlands Government in writing that it has been approved in accordance with the respective constitutional procedures in their countries, and the procedures constitutionally required in the Netherlands have been complied with. The Netherlands Government will notify the Governments of Uganda and Rwanda of the entry into force of this Agreement.

2. This agreement shall be valid for a period of 3 years.

3. Notwithstanding the contents of paragraph 1 of this Article this Agreement shall provisionally be applied as from the date of signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorized thereto, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE at Addis Ababa, the 27 October 1967 in 3 originals in the English and French languages, being both texts equally authentic.

For the Government
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands :

W. VAN PALLANDT

For the Government
of the Republic of Uganda :

Shaban K. NKUTU

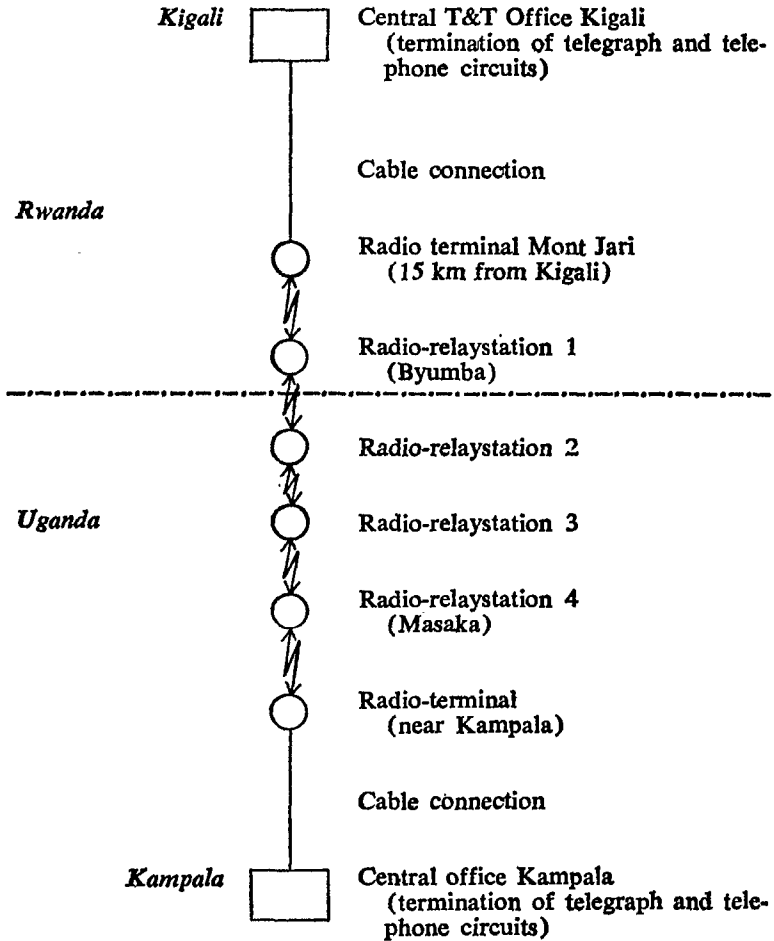
For the Government
of the Republic of Rwanda :

A. NGABONZIMA

ANNEX

TENTATIVE PROJECT-PRESENTATION TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CIRCUITS
BETWEEN KIGALI AND KAMPALA

Simplified circuit diagram



Circuit description

The circuit provided between Kigali and Kampala will have an initial capacity of 12 telephone channels one of which will be subdivided in 12 telegraph channels.

The service will open with as many manually operated telephone circuits as is agreed between Rwanda and Uganda; the same holds for the number of telegraph- and telex-channels.

An ultimate capacity of 24 channels on the radiocircuits can be reached without unreasonable high investments.

It is up to Uganda and Rwanda to decide on the eventual number of channels.

Operator dialling equipment on the telephone circuits may be supplied from the beginning.

The total cost of the project is estimated roughly at US \$424,500.-
(maintenance and running costs not included)

The Netherlands contribution roughly being equivalent to US \$355,000.-

The Ugandese contribution roughly being equivalent to US \$ 35,500.-

The Rwandese contribution roughly being equivalent to US \$ 34,000.-
(direct costs only, not including the costs of the use of the E.A.-radio circuit Masaka-Kampala).
