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NETHERLANDS
and
BURUNDI and RWANDA

**Agreement concerning telegraph and telephone circuits
between Bujumbura and Kigali (with annex). Signed
at The Hague on 13 April 1970**

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[TRADUCTION — TRANSLATION]

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI AND THE RWANDESE REPUBLIC CONCERNING TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CIRCUITS BETWEEN BUJUMBURA AND KIGALI

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and
The Governments of the Republic of Burundi and the Rwandese Republic,

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

Recognizing the importance for Burundi and Rwanda of the improvement of their telecommunication facilities,

Have agreed as follows :

Article I

1. The Contracting Parties undertake to collaborate in the establishment and operation of telegraph and telephone services between Bujumbura and Kigali.

2. To this end the Netherlands Government shall provide, c.i.f. Bujumbura and Kigali, the necessary telecommunications equipment for a very-high-frequency connexion consisting of telephone and telegraph lines between Bujumbura and Kigali. Moreover, the Netherlands Government shall provide instructors to train local personnel, as well as training fellowships in the Netherlands for Rwandese and Burundi nationals.

3. The Governments of Burundi and Rwanda shall, for their part, provide the buildings in which the equipment is to be installed, the normal utilities, roads leading to the buildings and funds to pay the operating costs and shall see to the maintenance of the installations.

4. The Contracting Parties undertake to fulfil the 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 the Contracting Parties.

¹ Came into force provisionally on 13 April 1970, the date of signature, and definitively on 15 May 1971, the date on which the Contracting Parties had notified one another that the constitutional procedures required in their respective countries had been completed, in accordance with article VII (1) and (3).

Article II

The experts sent by the Netherlands Government and the personnel made available by the States concerned shall be granted such facilities for crossing the frontiers of the States 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 provisions of this Agreement and the laws of the Contracting Parties.

Article III

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

2. The Netherlands experts shall be exempted from all taxes levied in Burundi and Rwanda in respect of any payment they may receive from their Government for carrying out their duties under this Agreement.

Article IV

The facilities referred to in article II and the privileges and exemptions referred to in article III shall also apply to employees of any Netherlands firm which may be entrusted by the Netherlands Government with the execution of parts of the project.

Article V

The Governments of Burundi and Rwanda shall be responsible for dealing with any claims which may be brought by third parties against the Netherlands Government and its experts. They shall hold the Netherlands Government and its experts harmless in respect of any claim or liability resulting from operations under this Agreement, except where such claim or liability arises from the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of the experts concerned.

Article VI

Burundi and Rwanda shall bear the cost of clearance, storage and transport (including insurance) within their respective territories and import duties and any other taxes in respect of the equipment and other goods made available by the Netherlands Government and required in connexion with the project.

Article VII

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which the Contracting Parties will have notified one another that the constitutional procedures required for the entry into force of the Agreement in their respective countries have been completed.

2. This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of three years from the date of its entry into force.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 of this article, this Agreement shall provisionally be applied as from the date of signature.

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

DONE at The Hague on 13 April 1970, in triplicate, in the French language.

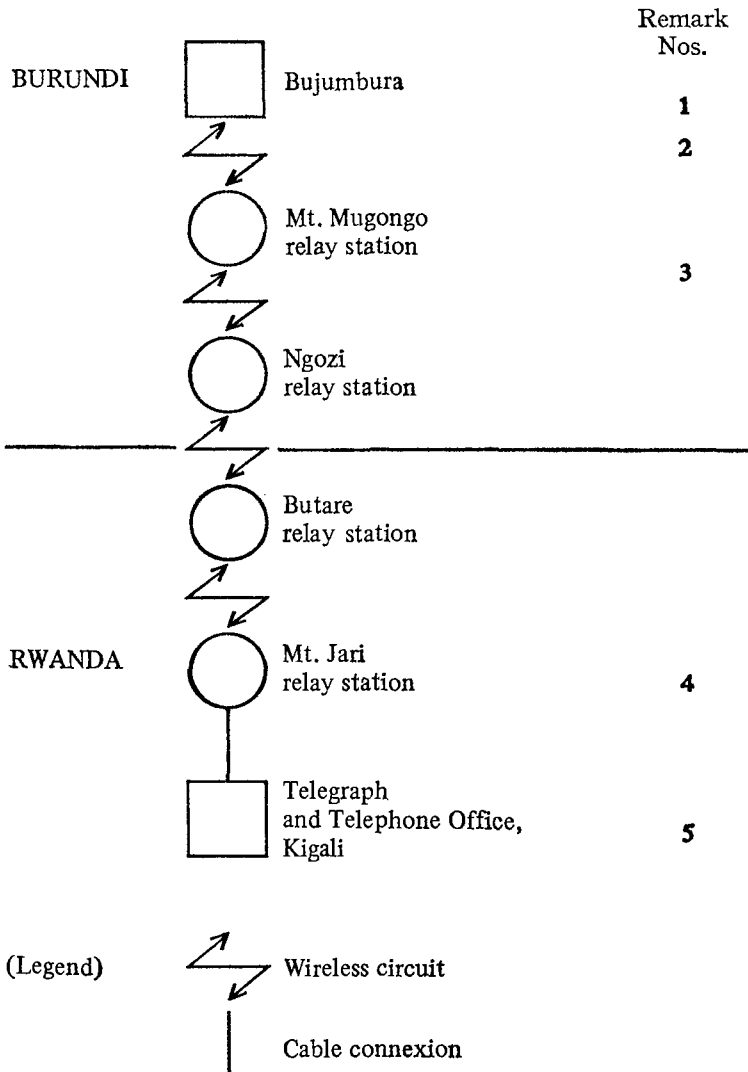
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NZEYIMANA

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GENERAL DIAGRAM OF TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CIRCUITS
BETWEEN BUJUMBURA AND KIGALI



REMARKS CONCERNING THE GENERAL DIAGRAM OF TELEGRAPH
AND TELEPHONE CIRCUITS

1. The equipment to be installed can be linked up to the equipment already existing and equipment scheduled to be installed in the near future.
2. The wireless circuit will be expanded to handle international communications.
3. The capacity of the existing wireless circuit will be adapted to the needs of the international circuits.
4. The cable connexion is part of the Kigali-Kampala project.
5. See 1 above.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CIRCUIT

The circuit to be installed between Kigali and Bujumbura will have an initial capacity of 12 telephone lines, two of which can be used to carry 12 telegraph lines each.

Service will start with the number of telephone and telegraph lines agreed upon between the administrations concerned.

The material necessary for the establishment of the following will be supplied under the project :

Five telephone lines between Bujumbura and Kigali;

Five telephone lines between Bujumbura and Kampala (or another terminal point to be agreed upon between the administrations concerned);

Four telegraph lines between Bujumbura and Kigali;

Four telegraph lines between Bujumbura and Kampala (or another terminal point to be agreed upon between the administrations);

Three telex circuits between Bujumbura and Kigali;

Three telex circuits between Bujumbura and Kampala (or another terminal point to be agreed upon between the administrations).

The telephone lines between Kigali and Bujumbura are equipped for manual operation. Those between Bujumbura and Kampala are semi-automatic as regards calls to Kampala; calls from Kampala to Bujumbura can be handled only manually.

Service staff at Kigali do not have access to the through lines connecting Bujumbura with East Africa.

The Netherlands contribution to the project is estimated at 1,150,000 guilders.
