

SECOND SCHEDULE

CONSTITUTION

1. There shall be established a body to be known as the Commonwealth Telecommunications Board.

2. (1) The Board shall consist, in the first instance, of nine members appointed as follows :—

(a) As to one (who shall be the Chairman of the Board), jointly by the Partner Governments ;

(b) As to one, by each of the Partner Governments separately ;

(c) As to one, by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to represent Commonwealth territories not directly represented by other members.

(2) New members of the Board may be appointed as and when agreed by the Partner Governments.

3. The Commonwealth Telecommunications Board shall be a body corporate by that name with perpetual succession, and a common seal and with power to purchase, take, hold and dispose of lands and other property.

FUNCTIONS

4. The functions of the Board shall be—

(1) To make recommendations to the Partner Governments and to National Bodies on the following matters relating to their external telecommunications systems :—

(a) The formulation and execution of the joint telecommunication policy of the Partner Governments, including the fixing of rates (terminal, transit and parcoures proportions) ;

(b) Co-ordination of the development of the cable and wireless systems of the British Commonwealth and Empire ;

(c) Extensions to and alterations of the telecommunication systems of the British Commonwealth and Empire ;

(d) The provision and, where appropriate, the apportionment among National Bodies, of capital expenditure on projects ;

(e) Co-ordination with the appropriate authorities on telecommunication matters affecting the defence of the British Commonwealth and Empire or any part thereof ;

(f) Co-ordination of research in telecommunication matters conducted by National Bodies ;

(g) The exchange of personnel between the Board and National Bodies ;

(h) Any other telecommunication matter which may be referred to the Board by any of the Partner Governments or by any National Body ;

(2) At the request of the Partner Governments or National Bodies to conduct negotiations with foreign telecommunication interests on their behalf ;

(3) To promote and conduct research in telecommunication matters ;

(4) To purchase or otherwise acquire and turn to account in any manner that may be thought fit any Letters Patent or patent rights or any interest in any Letters Patent or patent rights, *brevets d'invention*, licenses, concessions, and the like conferring an exclusive or non-conclusive or limited right to use any secret or other information as to any invention in relation to any device or machine serving or calculated to serve any useful purpose in connection with any of the functions of the Board or with the business of any National Body ;