

## ARTICLE VIII

1. Each Contracting State shall permit all news despatches of correspondents and information agencies of other Contracting States to enter its territory and reach information agencies operating therein on conditions which are not less favourable than those accorded to any correspondent or information agency of any other Contracting or non-Contracting State.

2. As regards the projection of newsreels or parts thereof, the Contracting State shall take measures to prevent monopolistic practices in any form, whether open or concealed, in order to avoid restrictions, exclusions or privileges of any kind.

### *International Right of Correction*

## ARTICLE IX

1. Recognizing that the professional responsibility of correspondents and information agencies requires them to report facts without discrimination and in their proper context and thereby to promote respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, to further international understanding and co-operation and to contribute to the maintenance of international peace and security,

Considering also that, as a matter of professional ethics, all correspondents and information agencies should, in the case of news despatches transmitted or published by them and which have been demonstrated to be false and distorted, follow the customary practice of transmitting through the same channels, or of publishing, corrections of such despatches,

The Contracting States agree that in cases where a Contracting State contends that a news despatch capable of injuring its relations with other States or its national prestige or dignity transmitted from one country to another by correspondents or information agencies of a Contracting or non-Contracting State and published or disseminated abroad is false or distorted, it may submit its version of the facts (hereinafter called "communique") to the Contracting States within whose territories such despatch has been published or disseminated. A copy of the communique shall be forwarded at the same time to the correspondent or information agency concerned to enable that correspondent or information agency to correct the news despatch in question.

2. A communique may be issued only with respect to news despatches and must be without comment or expression of opinion. It should not be longer than is necessary to correct the alleged inaccuracy or distortion and must be accompanied by a verbatim text of the despatch as published or disseminated, and by evidence that the despatch has been transmitted from abroad by a correspondent or an information agency.

## ARTICLE X

1. With the least possible delay and in any case not later than five calendar days from the date of receiving a communique transmitted in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, a Contracting State, whatever be its opinion concerning the facts in question, shall:

(a) Release the communique to the correspondents and information agencies operating in its territory through the channels customarily used for the release of news concerning international affairs for publication; and