

(2) Where a member through illness or absence from the country in which the meeting is to be held is unable to attend a meeting, the Partner Government by whom that member was appointed shall have the right to nominate a person to act as alternate member in his place for the purposes of that meeting; and on such nomination being made the alternate member shall (except in regard to remuneration) be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions existing with reference to the other members, and whilst acting as an alternate member shall exercise and discharge all the functions, powers and duties of the member whom he represents.

7. The Board may at any time appoint a Committee or Committees of their own members for such purpose and on such conditions as the Board may decide, but the conclusions of any such Committee shall be subject to ratification by the Board.

8. (1) The Board shall appoint a chief executive officer who shall be called the Director-General.

(2) The Board shall appoint such other officers and staff as they may think necessary for the efficient transaction of their business, and shall fix such rates of remuneration, including that of the Director-General, as they shall think proper. Subject to the provisions of any contract between the Board and any officer, the Board may remove any officer (other than a member) however appointed.

(3) No member shall be appointed to any executive office of the Board.

POWER TO APPOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEES

9. The Board may appoint persons or Committees to advise them with regard to all or any matters connected with telecommunication services and the business operations and affairs of the Board. Committees shall have power to appoint Advisory Sub-Committees. Committees shall be appointed for such purposes and on such conditions as the Board may decide. The Board may from time to time make regulations with regard to the meetings and proceedings of any such Committees or Sub-Committees. The Board may pay the expenses of any such Committees or Sub-Committees, including the expenses of the members in attending them.

MEMBERS

10. (1) Members of the Board shall, subject to the provisions as to disqualification hereinafter contained, be entitled to remain in office for such period as may be fixed at the time of their appointment, which shall not exceed a period of five years.

(2) A retiring member shall be eligible for reappointment.

11. A member shall *ipso facto* cease to be a member –

(a) In the case of the Chairman, if his appointment be terminated at the joint request of the Partner Governments, or

(b) In the case of any other member, if his appointment be terminated by that one of the Partner Governments which appointed him, or

(c) If he becomes of unsound mind or bankrupt or compounds with his creditors, or

(d) If he sends in a written resignation of his office to the Board.