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2 In this Recommendation, the expression “Administration” is used for conciseness to indicate both a telecommunication administration and a recognized operating agency.

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1 It is in the interest of Administrations to know of telephone subscribers coming from a country where they have not settled their telephone accounts, and also to render each other assistance in the recovery of amounts due from such debtors.

2 In view of the differences in the law in different countries, it would be very difficult to regulate this assistance.

3 It is therefore recommended that when a telephone subscriber has left the country in which he was a subscriber without settling his telephone account, and has taken up residence in another country which is known, the Administration of the country of origin should advise the Administration in the other country and ask this latter, on a reciprocal basis, to take such steps or make such arrangements as it thinks fit to obtain payment of the accounts outstanding.

4 The minimum amount of unpaid telephone bills, for the recovery of which the assistance of another Administration is requested, should be 100 gold francs or 32.67 SDR. Any such request for assistance should be made within two years from the date on which the unpaid telephone bill was submitted.

One Administration may appeal to another in special cases even when the amount owed is less than 100 gold francs or 32.67 SDR; for example, if a punishable offence is involved and it is considered necessary for reasons of principle to recover the debt.