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REVISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SIGNALS
AND PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL RADIOTELEPHONE CODE

The Sub-Committee on the International Code of Signals at its recent meeting considered proposals put forward by Member Governments for the revision of the Code and for the proposed International Radiotelephone Code.

The Sub-Committee reached certain decisions on the basic features of the Code and on the relation of the proposed Radiotelephone Code to the Code of Signals. The decisions of the Sub-Committee are contained in the Summary Report of its first session (CS I/2), which is circulated herewith to all Member Governments.

As regards the phonetic spelling tables, the Sub-Committee proposed a new figure spelling table, which appears in paragraph 2(b) of Part II of its report, and recommended that this table, as well as the ICAO figure spelling table, be tested so that concrete views as to a suitable figure spelling table might be established.

Furthermore, the Sub-Committee felt it desirable to have the assistance of Member Governments as regards those significations which might warrant inclusion in the revised International Code of Signals and requested the IMCO Secretariat to invite Member Governments to put forward proposals on such significations. These proposals should indicate the significations appearing in the present Code which it is thought should be retained and any new significations which it is

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considered should be included in the revised version. The allocation of signal letters to these significations will be undertaken by the Sub-Committee.

In preparing their proposals, Member Governments should take into consideration:

- (a) the limitations to which attention is drawn in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part I of the report and which will affect the total number of signals;
- (b) the fact that the medical section is to be dealt with by WHO; and
- (c) the decisions referred to in paragraph 4(a) of Part I of the report.

Member Governments are therefore invited:

- (a) to carry out the tests recommended in paragraph 2(c) of Part II of document CS I/2 and to report their findings to the Secretariat; and
- (b) to submit to the Secretariat proposals as to which significations already in use should be retained and as regards any new ones which it is considered should be included in the revised Code concerning (i) the section of one-letter signals and (ii) the general section.

In view of the fact that the next meeting of the Sub-Committee is tentatively scheduled for next December, the Acting Secretary-General would be grateful if he could have the proposals and comments of Member Governments by 30 September 1962.

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