



INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION

**ITU-T**

TELECOMMUNICATION  
STANDARDIZATION SECTOR  
OF ITU

**Q.26**

**GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON TELEPHONE  
SWITCHING AND SIGNALLING**

**INTERNATIONAL SEMI-AUTOMATIC AND  
AUTOMATIC WORKING**

---

**DIRECT ACCESS TO THE INTERNATIONAL  
NETWORK FROM THE NATIONAL NETWORK**

**ITU-T Recommendation Q.26**

(Extract from the *Blue Book*)

---

## NOTES

1 ITU-T Recommendation Q.26 was published in Fascicle VI.1 of the *Blue Book*. This file is an extract from the *Blue Book*. While the presentation and layout of the text might be slightly different from the *Blue Book* version, the contents of the file are identical to the *Blue Book* version and copyright conditions remain unchanged (see below).

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

## **Recommendation Q.26**

### **DIRECT ACCESS TO THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK FROM THE NATIONAL NETWORK**

The choice of the method of access to an outgoing international exchange from the national network is a purely national matter. Nevertheless, if an international connection is set up by automatic switching from an exchange other than the international exchange which is the outgoing point of the international circuit used, arrangements should be made in the national network to transmit over the international circuit at least the signals required to ensure the satisfactory setting-up, control and clearing-down of the international connection.

In addition, where a group of national circuits used in the above manner carries both semi-automatic and automatic traffic, means should be provided for distinguishing between these two classes of traffic for the purposes of international accounting [1].

#### **Reference**

- [1] CCITT Recommendation *Basic technical problems concerning the measurement and recording of call durations*, Vol. II, Rec. E.260, § 2.