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INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAW

FINAL EXAM (2 Hours)

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DIRECTIONS: This exam is for two hours and is OPEN book. Write the answers to the essay and short answer questions in the bluebooks provided. Remember to put your exam number on each bluebook and on each page of the exam.

I suggest that you spend your time as follows:

Essay I:	30 minutes
Essay II:	30 minutes
Essay III:	20 minutes
Essay IV:	20 minutes
Short Answers:	20 minutes

There are no questions permitted after the distribution of the exam. If you think something is missing or mistaken, plainly state a corrective assumption and proceed with your answer.

ESSAY I.

1. You are the legal counsel of Telecom Italy, which is entirely owned by the government. The President calls you to her office. Telecom Italy is planning to merge its phone and telecommunications services with France Telecom. France Telecom is a semi-public company whose shares trade on the stock market, but the government still owns 65 percent of the company. In its home country, France Telecom is a major supplier of Internet access and the third leading provider of cable television service. Prepare a legal opinion addressing the key steps that will need to be taken to get the merger approved.

ESSAY II.

2. Garth Nader, your law school roommate, has been elected as the President of Fonostan, a country of 15 million people in Asia that is classified as a least-developed country by the United Nations. Nader has asked you to recommend a new reform plan for the Fonostan phone system, which is presently an entirely state-owned monopoly under the Ministry of Posts and Telegraph. Prepare a legal opinion for Nader, discussing the key features, advantages and disadvantages of your proposed regulatory system, including the structure and function of the regulatory body.

ESSAY III.

3. The Minister of Telecommunications of Pluto, a country in Latin America, is angry and has come to consult you. He has just received a formal notice from the Federal Communications Commission informing him that accounting rates on all phone traffic between your countries will be reduced by 20 percent effective immediately. Pluto is a member of the ITU and the World Trade Organization (WTO) and its phone service is provided by a government-owned monopoly. Please prepare an opinion advising the Minister as to the options can Pluto take at the national and international level to contest this action

ESSAY IV.

You are a lawyer with the ITU. The Secretary-General has received a letter from Kurdistan seeking to become a Member State of the ITU and to obtain a Country Code for its phone system. Prepare a legal opinion for the Secretary-General, advising him as to how he should respond to the request.

SHORT ANSWERS

Describe and briefly explain (two or three sentences) the following terms:

1. Settlement Rates
2. Non-Geostationary satellite systems
3. Interconnection
4. Allotment of Radiofrequency Spectrum
5. Value Added Networks (VANs)
6. Universal Service Obligation
7. ITU Radio Regulations