Article I: Name
This section shall be known as the section on International Communication of the International Studies Association.

Article II: Affiliation
The Section is a part of the ISA and, as such subscribes to ISA’s purposes and supports its activities.

Article III: Purposes
The International Communication Section will provide a formal structure for researchers working on topics relating to communications and related technologies, culture, media, information and knowledge within International Studies. It also encourages participation from those bringing such approaches to bear in other fields of International Studies.

Article IV: Relationships
The section will cooperate fully with any existing organization that has similar goals, both within and outside ISA in order to promote the study of International Communication.

Article V: Membership
Any member of the ISA who shares the purposes of this section may become a member upon payment of dues. Members are entitled to attend annual meetings, nominate candidates for administrative responsibilities in the section, vote, sponsor amendments to this charter, and receive publications and services produced by the section.
Article VI: Officers

1. The Officers of the Section will be a Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the Executive Committee.

2. The Executive Committee will consist of the Chair, Vice Chair, immediate-past Chair, incoming Vice Chair plus four other members. The Chair, Vice Chair, and incoming Vice Chair will serve one-year terms; other officers, two year terms with two elected each year. Officers may not serve consecutive terms.

3. Where Section members other than elected members of the Executive Committee perform functions on behalf of the Section, the Chair, with the approval of the Executive Committee, may invite them to attend meetings of the Executive Committee.

4. The chair will preside at the annual business meeting, coordinate Section activities, with the approval of the Executive Committee appoint members to executive positions required by the section including the chair of the nominating committee, convene the Executive Committee as needed, and serve as the Section's spokesperson. The Vice Chair will arrange panels and roundtables for the annual meeting. The Executive Committee will set the level of dues for section membership.

5. The Vice Chair will be the incoming Chair for the section.

Article VII: Nominations and Elections

1. A Nominating Committee of three members will be constituted each year. It will be chaired by a designated member of the Executive Committee who will, in turn, select two other members. The Committee will seek nominations and conduct elections.

2. The names of one or more nominees for each vacant position will be made known to the Section membership three months before the annual meeting.

3. Additional nominations sponsored by at least ten members and received by the chair of the Nominating Committee at least two months before the annual meeting will also appear on the ballot.

4. A ballot will be published one month before the annual business meeting; elections will take place at the annual meeting.
Article VIII: Charter Amendments

1. Amendments to the Section Charter may be proposed by the Executive Committee or by a petition of at least ten members.

2. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the President not later than two months before the annual meeting, and shall be discussed and voted on at the annual meeting.

3. Approved amendments shall be submitted to ISA officers.

Article IX. Entry into Force

1. This Charter will enter into force after approval by a majority of the section members voting on it.

2. Subject to approval of the Charter the Section Chair will convene the Executive as a nominating Committee and conduct elections in accordance with Article VII. Two members of the executive will be elected for one year and two members for a normal term of two years.