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**COMITÉ D'EXPERTS CONCERNANT LA STRUCTURE ADMINISTRATIVE
DE LA COOPÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DANS LE DOMAINE DE LA
PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE**

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NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT

(1) The present paper is an essay to reduce to writing the proposals made orally by Mr. Puget (France) in his personal capacity on March 23, 1965.

(2) These proposals dealt expressly only with some major changes in the Draft of the Working Party (AA/II/3 and 4). Since, however, several Delegations expressed the wish that there should be an indication, as precise as possible, of which provisions of the Draft would have to be changed and in what manner, it appeared to be necessary to try to assess the consequences of the proposals of Mr. Puget in the context of the Draft itself. This is done by means of marking up Articles 2 to 13 of the Draft (see Annex to the present document). (The rest of the Articles are less directly involved.)

(3) On the basis of the changes, the situation may be summarised as follows:

- (a) Each Union would have an Assembly which would consist of its Members and which would have exclusive jurisdiction over all matters concerning the Union: its policy, program, budget, and the promotion of the general aims of the Union.
- (b) The Members of all the Unions would have a joint body-- which would be called the Assembly of Assemblies or General Assembly--which, itself, or through the Coordination Committee, would deal with all matters requiring coordination.
- (c) The Coordination Committee would be a joint emanation of the Assemblies as it would consist of the Member Countries of the Executive Committees of the Paris and Berne Unions.

- (d) WIPO would have a "Conference" the sole function of which would be to hold general debates and formulate recommendations.
- (e) The Organization would have neither a General Conference nor an Executive Board because the Organization, as such, would neither have a program nor a budget, and because such common matters as the election of the Director-General would come under the jurisdiction of the General Assembly of all States Members of Unions or the Coordination Committee.
- (f) It is to be noted that not only the Assemblies but also the General Assembly and the Coordination Committee would consist only of Members of Unions: the General Assembly would contain all of them, and the Coordination Committee some of them.
- (g) Membership in the Organization would not be limited to Members of Unions. States not Members of the Unions ("Third" States), however, would be able to sit as Members only in one body, namely the "Conference" which is a mere "forum," and has no jurisdiction in the administration or development of the Unions. Third States would not be Members of the General Assembly of all Unions, the Assemblies of each Union, and the Coordination Committee.
- (h) Since Third States have no influence on activities, they would not be required to pay any contributions.
- (i) There would be no budget of the Organization as such. The cost of holding "Conferences" would be regarded as one of the common expenses of the Unions and would be included in their budgets.
- (j) All activities of the Organization and the Secretariat would be decided and supervised by the Members of the interested Unions (see the insertion in Article 2, paragraph 2).

ARTICLE 2: ESTABLISHMENT, OBJECTIVE AND FUNCTIONS

(1) The World Intellectual Property Organization (hereinafter called the Organization) is hereby established with the objective of promoting international cooperation in the field of protection for:

- (i) authors of literary and artistic works,
- (ii) inventors, particularly in the field of science, industry and agriculture,
- (iii) performing artists,
- (iv) industries and services which utilize or disseminate literary and artistic works, inventions, designs, trademarks and other commercial designations,

~~and thus enhancing the dissemination of intellectual creations among the various Nations without discrimination as to their economic or social structures and the degree of their industrialization, and fostering the production and distribution of goods throughout the world.~~

(2) To this end, the Organization, *THROUGH THE ASSEMBLIES OF THE VARIOUS UNIONS, EACH AS FAR AS IT IS CONCERNED:*

- (i) shall, in the field of intellectual property, encourage the maintenance, implementation and development of the existing international conventions, agreements and treaties, and the conclusion of new conventions, agreements or treaties where appropriate, and perform such duties as may be assigned thereby to the Organization and are consistent with its objectives;
- (ii) is entrusted with the administrative tasks of the Paris Union, the Special Agreements established in relation with that Union, and the Berne Union;

(Article 2 contd.)

(iii) may assume the administration of other intellectual property conventions, agreements and treaties, in agreement with the competent organs of such conventions, agreements or treaties;

(iv) shall assemble information concerning intellectual property, promote and carry out studies in this field, and disseminate the information assembled and the results of the studies;

(v) shall maintain services facilitating the international protection of intellectual property and, where appropriate, provide for registration in the field of intellectual property and the publication of the data concerning the registrations;

(vi) shall promote the adoption of measures calculated to simplify the protection of intellectual property throughout the world and to harmonize national legislations;

(vii) shall advise countries requesting technical assistance in the field of intellectual property;

(viii) generally, shall take all necessary action to attain the objective of the Organization.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Organization shall be open to any State which is:

- (i) a party to the Paris Convention or the Berne Convention,* or
- (ii) a party to any other convention, agreement or treaty the administration of which is entrusted to the Organization,* or
- (iii) a member of the United Nations or any of its Specialized Agencies, or
- (iv) a State invited by the General Conference to become a member of the Organization.

* The Experts of some of the Governments asked that items (i) and (ii) be omitted as superfluous.

ARTICLE 4: HEADQUARTERS

The Headquarters of the Organization shall be at Geneva. It may be transferred to another location pursuant to a decision of the General Conference. ~~CONFERENCE~~ ASSEMBLY.

ARTICLE 5: GENERAL CONFERENCE

(1)(a) The General ^{Assembly} ~~Conference~~ shall consist of the States Members of the Organization. ^{UNIONS.}

(b) The Government of each Member State shall be represented by one delegate who may be assisted by alternate delegates and by advisors

(2) ~~Subject to the powers reserved to the General Assemblies and Executive Committees of the various Unions, the General Conference shall:~~

~~(i) determine the program of the Organization as such;~~

~~(ii) adopt the triennial budget of the Organization as such;~~

~~(iii) approve the final accounts;~~

~~(iv) elect the members of the Executive Board;~~

(v) appoint the Director General;

(vi) review and approve ^{THE} reports and activities of the ~~Executive Board and the Director General~~ and ^{COORDINATION COMMITTEE;} instruct them in regard to matters concerning which action, study, investigation or report is desired;

~~(vii) establish such committees as may be considered necessary for the work of the Organization;~~

(viii) determine the languages which, in addition to English and French, shall be the working languages of the various organs of the Organization; ^{SECRETARIAT;}

(ix) confirm the arrangements made by the Director General for the administration of the conventions, agreements and treaties referred to in Article 2(2)(iii);

(x) approve any agreement concluded with the United Nations under Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter of the United Nations;

(xi) exercise such other functions as are provided for in this Convention;

~~(xii) take any other appropriate action designed to further the objective of the Organization.~~

(Article 5 contd.)

(3) Each Member State shall have one vote in the General Conference, **ASSEMBLY.**

(4) The General Conference shall meet once in every third calendar year in ordinary session upon convocation by the Director General. It shall meet in extraordinary session, upon convocation of the Director General, at the request of the ~~Executive Board~~ **COORDINATION COMMITTEE** or at the request of one-fourth of the Member States. Meetings shall be held at the headquarters of the Organization.

(5) The General ~~Conference~~ **ASSEMBLY** shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

(6) The General ~~Conference~~ **ASSEMBLY** shall, at each ordinary session, elect a chairman and other officers as provided for by its rules of procedure. It shall, at each session, appoint the necessary working committees.

(7) The General ~~Conference~~ **ASSEMBLY** may admit, as observers, representatives of States not members of the Organization, and representatives of international organizations, to such of its meetings or meetings of its working committees as it sees fit.

(8) STATES MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION
BUT NOT MEMBERS OF ANY OF THE UNIONS SHALL
BE INVITED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS
OBSERVERS.

ARTICLE 5BIS: CONFERENCE

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(1)(a) The Conference shall consist of the States Members of the Organization.

(b) The Government of each Member State shall be represented by one delegate who may be assisted by alternate delegates and advisors.

(2) The Conference shall discuss matters of general interest in the field of intellectual property.

(3) The Conference may adopt recommendations addressed to Governments, to the General Assembly of the Organization, the Assembly of any particular Union, or to the Director General.

(4) Each Member State shall have one vote in the Conference.

(5) The Conference shall meet from time to time as decided by the General Assembly [or the Coordination Committee].

(6) The Conference shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

(7) The Conference shall at each session elect a chairman and other officers as provided for by its rules of procedure. It shall, at each session, appoint the necessary working committees.

(8) The Conference may admit, as observers, representatives of States not Members of the Organization, and representatives of international organizations, to such of its meetings or meetings of its working committees as it sees fit.

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ARTICLE 6: GENERAL ASSEMBLIES OF THE UNIONS

(1)(a) Each Union shall have a ~~General~~ Assembly consisting of the States Members of the Union.

(b) The Government of each Member State shall be represented by one delegate who may be assisted by alternate delegates and by advisors.

(2) The ~~General~~ Assembly of each Union shall:

(i) ^{BIS} determine the program, and adopt the triennial budget, of the Union, ~~in all matters exclusively concerning the operations and the administration of the Union;~~

(ii) elect the members of the Executive Committee of the Union where the Union has such a Committee;

(iii) review and approve reports and activities of its Executive Committee, if any, and shall give instructions to such Committee;

(iv) review and approve reports and activities of the Director General concerning the Union and give instructions to him in such matters;

(v) establish such committees as may be considered necessary for the work of the Union;

(vi) take any other appropriate action designed to further the objectives of the Union.

(3) Each Member State of the Union shall have one vote in the ~~General~~ Assembly of the Union.

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(Article 6 contd.)

(1) The ~~General~~ Assemblies of the Unions shall meet in ordinary session upon convocation by the Director General during the same period and at the same place as the General ~~Conference of the~~ ^{ASSEMBLY,} Organization. The ~~General-Assembly~~ of each Union shall meet in extraordinary session, upon convocation of the Director General, at the request of its Executive Committee, or at the request of one fourth of the Member States of the Union.

(2) Each ~~General~~ Assembly shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

(3) Each ~~General-Assembly~~ shall, at each ordinary session, elect a Chairman and other officers as provided for by its rules of procedure. It shall, at each session, appoint the necessary working groups.

(4) Each ~~General~~ Assembly may admit, as observers, representatives of States not members of the Union, and representatives of international organizations, to such of its meetings or meetings of its working groups as it sees fit.

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BUT NOT MEMBERS OF THE UNION SHALL BE
INVITED TO THE ASSEMBLY AS OBSERVERS.

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ARTICLE 7: VOTING IN THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) to (4) of this Article and paragraph (2) of Article 19, the General ^{ASSEMBLY, THE} Conference and the ~~General~~ Assemblies shall make their decisions by a simple majority of the votes cast.

(2) The following shall require at least two-thirds of the votes cast:

(i) invitations addressed to a State to become a member of the Organization (Article 3 (iv));

(ii) decisions concerning the transfer of the headquarters of the Organization (Article 4);

(iii) adoption of the budgets to the extent that they change the financial obligations of Member States (Article ~~5(2)(ii)~~ and 6(2)(i ^{Bis}));

(3) The confirmation of arrangements concerning the administration of conventions, agreements and treaties referred to in Article 2(2)(iii) shall require at least three-fourths of the votes cast (Article 5(2)(ix)).

(4) The approval of an agreement with the United Nations under Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter of the United Nations shall require at least nine-tenths of the votes cast (Article 5(2)(x)).

(5) In counting the votes, abstentions shall not be considered as votes.

ARTICLE 8: EXECUTIVE BOARD

= TO BE OMITTED =

NOTE THAT THE FUNCTIONS PROVIDED FOR IN ART. 8 (6) (v) and (vi) ARE NOW PROVIDED FOR AS FUNCTIONS OF THE COORDINATION COMMITTEE (ART. 11 (3) (iv) & (v)).

ARTICLE 9: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF THE PARIS UNION AND THE BERNE UNION

(1) The Paris Union and the Berne Union shall each have an Executive Committee. Each of these Committees shall be governed by the following provisions.

(2)(a) The Executive Committee shall consist of members elected by the ~~General~~ Assembly from among the States Members of the Union. (X)

(b) The Government of each Member State shall be represented by one delegate who may be assisted by alternate delegates and by advisors.

(3) The number of the States Members of the Executive Committee shall correspond to one-fourth of the number of the States Members of the Union. In establishing the number of seats to be filled, remainders after division by four shall be disregarded.

(4) In electing the members of the Executive Committee, the ~~General~~ Assembly shall have regard to a balanced geographical distribution.

(5) Each member of the Executive Committee shall serve from the close of the session of the ~~General~~ Assembly which elected it to the close of the next ordinary session of the ~~General~~ Assembly. However, members may be re-elected, but not more than two thirds of them. At each election, and until the limit of two thirds may have been attained, the names of the States Members of the Executive Committee shall be called in alphabetical order and the ~~General~~ Assembly shall vote on each separately whether to re-elect it or not. It shall be decided by lot drawn before each election whether the names of the States shall be called on the basis of the English or the French alphabetical list of their names; furthermore, the letter of the alphabet with which the calling for possible re-election will start shall be drawn by lot.

(X) FURTHERMORE, THE MEMBER STATE ON WHOSE TERRITORY THE ORGANIZATION HAS ITS HEADQUARTERS SHALL, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 13(8), HAVE AN EX OFFICIO SEAT. [CF DOCUMENT AA/II/4, PAR. (6)]

Article 9 contd.)

(6) The Executive Committee shall:

- (i) prepare the agenda of the ~~General~~ Assembly;
- (ii) submit proposals to the ~~General~~ Assembly respecting the draft program and triennial budget of the Union prepared by the Director General;
- (iii) approve, within the limits of the program and the triennial budget, the specific yearly budgets and programs prepared by the Director General;
- (iv) submit, with appropriate comments, to the ~~General~~ Assembly the periodical reports of the Director General and the yearly audit reports on the accounts;
- (v) in accordance with the decisions of the ~~General~~ Assembly and having regard to circumstances arising between two ordinary sessions of that Assembly, take all necessary measures to ensure the execution of the program of the Union by the Director General;
- (vi) perform such other functions as are provided for in this Convention.

(7) The Executive Committee shall meet at least once every year upon convocation by the Director General.

(8) Each member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote. Decisions shall be made by simple majority. More than half of the votes cast by the members present and voting shall constitute a simple majority. Abstentions shall not be considered as votes.

(9) The Executive Committee shall establish its own rules of procedure subject to the provisions of this Convention and the decisions of the ~~General~~ Assembly.

(10) The Executive Committee shall elect a chairman and other officers, and appoint the necessary working groups as provided in its rules of procedure.

ARTICLE 10: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF OTHER UNIONS

The General Assembly of any Union other than the Paris and Berne Unions may also establish an Executive Committee of its own.

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ARTICLE 11: COORDINATION COMMITTEE

(1)(a) There shall be a Coordination Committee comprising the States Members of ~~the Executive Board of the Organization~~, of the Executive Committee of the Paris Union, and of the Executive Committee of the Berne Union.

(b) The Government of each State Member of the Coordination Committee shall be represented by one or two delegates who may be assisted by alternate delegates and by advisors.

(2) If the other Unions administered by the Organization wish to be represented as such in the Coordination Committee, their representatives must be appointed from among the representatives of States Members of the Coordination Committee.

~~(3) The nature of the functions of the Coordination Committee is purely advisory. In particular, it shall give advice to the other organs of the Organization and the Unions on administrative, financial and other matters of common interest to the Organization and the Unions or certain of them.~~

(4) The Coordination Committee shall meet at least once every year upon invitation by the Director General.

(5) Each State Member of the Coordination Committee shall have one vote.

* The Experts of some of the Governments doubted the necessity of establishing a Coordination Committee. They expressed the view that the functions referred to in paragraph (3) could be better carried out by the Executive Board.

NB: The following text replaces paragraph (3) of Article 11.

(3) The Coordination Committee shall:

- (i) give advice to the General Assembly and the organs of the various Unions on administrative, financial and other matters of common interest to the Unions or certain of them [cf. old Article 11(3)];
- (ii) prepare the agenda of the General Assembly [cf. old Article 8(6)(i)];
- (iii) prepare the agenda of the Conference;
- (iv) when the term of office of the Director General is about to expire, or, when there is a vacancy in the post of the Director General, nominate a candidate for appointment to such position by the General Assembly [cf. old Article 8(6)(v)];
- (v) if the post of the Director General becomes vacant between two sessions of the General Assembly, appoint an Acting Director General whose term of office shall last until the new Director General assumes office [cf. old Article 8(6)(vi)];
- (vi) perform such other functions as are provided for in this Convention [cf. old Article 8(6)(viii)].

(Article 11 contd.)

(6)(a) The Coordination Committee shall express its opinions by simple majority. More than half of the votes cast by the members present and voting shall constitute a simple majority. Abstentions shall not be considered as votes.

(b) Even if a simple majority is obtained, any member of the Coordination Committee may, immediately after the vote, request that the votes already expressed be the object of a special recount in the following manner:

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- ~~three~~ separate lists shall be drawn up indicating, respectively, the names of the States members ~~of the Executive Board~~, of the Executive Committee of the Paris Union, and of the Executive Committee of the Berne Union,
- the vote of each State shall be inscribed opposite its name in each list in which it appears.

Should this special recount indicate that simple majority has not been obtained in each of these lists, the proposal for an expression of opinion shall not be considered as carried.

(7) Subject to the provisions of this Convention, the Coordination Committee shall establish its own rules of procedure.

(8) Any State Member of the Organization, which is not a Member of the Coordination Committee, may be represented at the meetings of the Committee by observers, having the right to take part in the debates but without the right to vote.

ARTICLE 12: SECRETARIAT

(1) The Secretariat shall comprise a Director General, two or more Deputy Directors General, and other staff members as required.

(2) The Director General shall be appointed under such conditions as the General ~~Conference~~ ^{ASSEMBLY} may approve and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(3) The Director General shall be the chief administrative officer of the Organization and shall represent the Organization in all cases.

(4) The Director General shall prepare and communicate to Member States, the ~~Executive Board~~, the Executive Committees, and the Coordination Committee, the draft budgets and programs which concern them, and periodical reports on the activities ~~and finances~~ of the ^{VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS} Organization and the various Unions.

(5) The Director General, or a staff member designated by him, shall participate, without the right to vote, in all meetings of the ^{ASSEMBLY,} General Conference, the ~~General Assemblies,~~ the ~~Executive Board~~, the Executive Committees, the Coordination Committee, and any other committee or working group. He, or a staff member designated by him, shall be ex officio Secretary of all these bodies.

(6) The Director General shall appoint the staff necessary for the efficient performance of the tasks of the ^{SECRETARIAT} Organization. He shall appoint the Deputy Directors General with the approval of the ~~Executive Board~~ ^{COORDINATION COMMITTEE}. The conditions of employment shall be fixed by the staff regulations to be approved by the ~~Executive Board~~ ^{COORDINATION COMMITTEE} on the proposal of the Director General. The paramount consideration in the employment of the staff and in the determination of the conditions of service shall be the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence, and integrity. Due regard shall be paid to the importance of recruiting the staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible.

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(7) The nature of the responsibilities of the Director General and of the staff shall be exclusively international. In the discharge of their duties they shall not seek or receive instructions from any government or from any authority external to the Organization. They shall refrain from any action which might prejudice their position as international officials. Each Member State undertakes to respect the exclusively international character of the responsibilities of the Director General and the staff, and not to seek to influence them in the discharge of their duties.

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ARTICLE 13: FINANCES

(1)(a) There shall be ~~a budget of the Organization, and~~ separate budgets of the Unions.

~~(b) In the budget of the Organization, there shall appear the proper expenses of the Organization itself and its share in the common expenses.~~

(c) In the budget of each Union there shall appear the proper expenses of the Union itself and its share in the common expenses.

(d) Expenses not attributable exclusively to the Organization ~~and expenses connected with the preparation and holding of sessions of the~~ to any given Union alone shall be considered as common expenses.

Common expenses shall be assessed among ~~the Organization and the vari-~~ous Unions in proportion to the interest each of them has in such expenses.

(2) ~~The budget of the Organization and the~~ budgets of the Unions shall be established with due regard to the requirements of coordination.

(3) ~~The budget of the Organization and the~~ budgets of the Unions shall be financed from the following sources:

(i) contributions of the Member States towards the budgets of ~~the Organization,~~ the Paris Union, the Berne Union, and such other Unions which are financed by contributions;

(ii) fees charged for services performed by the Secretariat;

(iii) sale of, or royalties on, the publications of the Secretariat;

(iv) gifts, bequests and subventions;

(v) rents, interests, and other similar miscellaneous income.

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(Article 13 contd.)

(4)(a) For the purpose of establishing its contributions towards the budgets referred to in paragraph (3)(i), each Member State shall belong to a class, and shall pay its annual contributions on the basis of a fixed number of units as follows:

Class I	25
Class II	20
Class III	15
Class IV	10
Class V	5
Class VI	3
(Class VII	1)*

(b) Each State shall, concurrently with taking action as provided in Article 20, paragraph (1), indicate the class to which it wishes to belong with due regard to the size of its national economy. The class indicated shall apply to all the contributions of the State. If a State fails to indicate a class, the ~~Executive Board~~ ^{COORDINATION COMMITTEE} shall assign one to it. Any State may change class. If the change is to a lower class, the State must announce it to an ordinary session of the General ^{ASSEMBLY} Conference. Any change shall take effect at the beginning of the calendar year following the session.

(c) The amount of the yearly contribution of any given State shall be calculated separately for each budget referred to in paragraph (3)(i) and in the following manner: the units applicable to each State according to the class to which it belongs shall be added together; the amount of the total yearly contributions inscribed in the budget shall be divided by the sum resulting from the said addition; the quotient of this division shall be multiplied, for the given State, by the number of the units applicable to it. The product of this multiplication shall be the amount of the yearly contribution of the given State.

(d) The contributions of the Member States shall be due on the first of January of each year.

* As to the question of adding Class VII, see the Explanatory Statement (document AA/II/2, par. 55)

Article 13 contd.)

(c) A Member State which is in arrears in the payment of any of its financial contributions shall have no vote in any organs of the Organization and of the Unions if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General ~~Conference~~ ^{ASSEMBLY} may, nevertheless, permit such State to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of such State.

(5)(a) The amount of the fees charged for international registration shall be fixed by the Director General with the consent of the General Assembly of the Union establishing the registration service. The fees of each registration service shall be fixed at a level at least sufficient to cover the expenses of the Secretariat caused by the maintenance of such service.

(b) The amount of other fees charged for services shall be established by the Director General who shall report on them to the competent organs.

(6) The Organization, with the approval of the ~~Executive Board~~ ^{COORDINATION COMMITTEE}, may receive gifts, bequests and subventions, directly from governments, public or private institutions, associations or private persons.

(7) The Organization shall have a working capital fund as provided in the Financial Regulations.

~~(8) Reserved. (See Introductory Report, document AA/II/2, par. 59).~~

~~(9) Reserved. (See Introductory Report, document AA/II/2, par. 59).~~

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"(8)(a) If the working capital fund is insufficient, the Member State on the territory of which the Organization has its Headquarters shall grant advances. The amount of these advances and the conditions in which they are granted shall be the subject of agreement, in each case, between the Member State in question and the Organization. As long as it remains under the obligation to grant advances, this Member State shall have an ex-officio seat on the Executive Committees of the Unions of which such State is a Member, and on the Coordination Committee.

(b) The Member State in question and the Organization shall have the possibility of denouncing the obligation to grant advances, by means of a notification in writing. This denunciation shall take effect three years after the end of the year in which it was notified." [Cf. document AA/II/4, paragraph (2).]