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Summary

Following the discussion which took place during the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole, the Director of BIRPI proposes new texts for Rule 5(1)(b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Conferences of Representatives of the Paris and Berne Unions and a new rule for the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committees of the Paris and Berne Unions.

Election of Associate Members of the Executive Committees

1. The discussion which took place on September 21, 1970, during the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole showed that the text proposed for Rule 5(1)(b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Conferences of Representatives of the Paris and Berne Unions required clarification. The Director of BIRPI therefore proposes a new text which follows the spirit of a proposal made by the delegation of the Netherlands:

"5(1)(b) However, if the number of States represented at the session is less than sixteen, the Conference of Representatives of the Paris /Berne/ Union shall elect, from among its members, to the Executive Committee of the Paris /Berne/ Union in the capacity of associate members the number of States equal to one-fourth of all its members, whether represented at the session or not, provided that the number of States so elected shall not exceed four."

Role of Associate Members of the Executive Committees and of the Coordination Committee

2. Following a proposal made by the delegation of Sweden, it appears to be advisable to repeat, in the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committees, the statement concerning the role of associate members of the Executive Committees and of the Coordination Committee. The Director of BIRPI therefore proposes to insert in the said Rules of Procedure a new Rule 4 which, except in its heading, is the same as Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conferences of Representatives of the Paris and Berne Unions:

"Rule 4: Associate Members

(1) Associate members of the Executive Committee of the Paris /Berne/ Union shall take part in the debates of that body in an advisory capacity, and shall express opinions on matters within its competence.

(2) Associate members of the Executive Committee of the Paris /Berne/ Union shall be members of the Coordination Committee in the same capacity. They shall take part in the debates of that body in an advisory capacity, and shall express opinions on matters within its competence. In particular, they shall advise the Swiss Government, acting as supervisory authority, on administrative and financial questions and other matters of common interest, particularly in the cases provided for in the Staff Regulations and Financial Regulations."

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Rules 4 and 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committees of the Paris and Berne Unions would become Rules 5 and 6 respectively.

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