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AMENDMENT OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE INTERUNION COORDINATION COMMITTEE

1. The Rules of Procedure of the Interunion Coordination Committee provide for the preparation of minutes of the Committee's meetings (see Articles 19, 25 and 27). At its last two sessions, the Committee decided not to apply this rule, first, because this decision permitted considerable economies to be made and, secondly, because the report drawn up and approved at the end of each session reflected, in sufficient detail, the points of view expressed by the different members of the Committee and it therefore seemed superfluous to write minutes. In this connection, it should be noted that the number of cases where organs of the United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations have given up the practice of writing minutes is increasing constantly and rapidly. The writing of minutes is, in fact, extremely costly, for it not only necessitates the hiring of minute-writers but also involves the work of translation and reproduction, the purchase of paper, and storage and dispatching costs.

2. It is therefore proposed that all reference to minutes be deleted in the Rules of Procedure, namely that:

- (i) the words "the minutes" in Article,
 - (ii) all of Article 25,
 - (iii) the words "and the minutes" in Article 27,
- be deleted.

3. The Interunion Coordination Committee is invited to make a decision on this proposal.