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**CO-OPTING OF AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER
TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1. Article 7(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of Representatives provides that "in addition to the seat of Switzerland occupied by it ex officio as Supervisory Authority, the number of members of the Executive Committee shall correspond to one-fourth of the States Members of the Paris Union." The same provision also states that "in establishing the number of seats to be filled, remainders after division by four shall be disregarded."

2. When the Executive Committee was elected in October, 1964, there were 16 seats to be filled and 16 States were elected to occupy them (see Document CEP/I/2, paragraph 1).

3. At the present time, there are 70 States Members of the Paris Union. Consequently, the number of seats to be filled would be 17.

4. If the Executive Committee adopts paragraph (3) of Article 2 of the Rules of Procedure as proposed in the Annex to Document CEP/I/3, it will have to co-opt a 17th member and it may wish to choose one of the 6 States

which became Members of the Paris Union after the date of the closure of the First Ordinary Session of the Conference of Representatives on October 2, 1964: Kenya, Mauritania, Southern Rhodesia, Uganda, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Zambia.

5. In view of the importance of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in the field of industrial property, it is proposed that the Executive Committee co-opt this State as 17th member.

6. The Executive Committee is invited to make a decision on this question.