

CHAPTER V

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 13. The Executive Committee (hereinafter the Committee) shall be composed of twelve Member States elected in accordance with Article 8, subparagraph (e), for a two-year term. The Government of each elected State shall designate one representative, preferably connected with agricultural and rural development; it may also designate alternate representatives and advisers.

The Board shall determine, in its rules of procedure, the manner of designating the Member States whose representatives shall make up the Committee. A Member State that has concluded its term may not resume membership on the Committee before a period of two years has elapsed.

Article 14. The Committee shall have the following functions:

- a. To perform the functions that may be assigned to it by the Board;
- b. To examine the proposed biennial program-budget that the Director General submits to the Board and to make such observations and recommendations as it deems appropriate;
- c. To authorize the use of resources of the Working Capital Fund for special purposes;
- d. To act as the preparatory committee of the Board;
- e. To study and formulate comments and recommendations to the Board and to the General Directorate on matters of interest to the Institute;
- f. To recommend to the Board draft rules of procedure to govern its meetings and those of the Committee, as well as the draft regulations of the General Directorate; and
- g. To watch over the observance of the standards of the General Directorate.

Article 15. The Committee shall hold one regular meeting each year, at the headquarters of the Institute or at the place agreed upon at the preceding meeting. It may hold special meetings at the initiative of any Member State or at the request of the Director General, provided the proposal is approved by a majority of the Board, if it is in session, or by two thirds of the Committee, whose members may be consulted by correspondence.

Article 16. The Institute shall defray the travel expenses of one representative of each State that is a member of the Committee to participate in its regular meetings.

Article 17. The presence of the representatives of a majority of the States Members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Committee shall take its decisions by the vote of a majority of its members, except as provided in Article 15. Each member is entitled to one vote.