

5. The verification and comparison of geodetical instruments.
6. The comparison of Standards and scales of precision, the verification of which may be demanded either by the respective Governments, or by scientific societies, or even by artists and by men of science.

ARTICLE 7

The *personnel* of the Bureau shall consist of a director, two assistants, and the requisite number of subordinate officers.

From and after the period of the comparisons of the new Standards, and their distribution amongst the several countries, the *personnel* of the Bureau shall be reduced in the proportion deemed proper.

The appointments of the *personnel* of the Bureau shall be notified by the International Committee to the Governments of the High Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE 8

The international prototypes of the metre and kilogram, as well as their primary copies (*témoins*), shall remain deposited in the Bureau; access to this place of deposit shall be reserved exclusively to the International Committee.

ARTICLE 9

All the expenses of the establishment and fitting up of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures, as well as the annual expenses of its maintenance and those of the Committee, shall be defrayed by contributions from the contracting countries, to be charged according to a scale based on their actual population.

ARTICLE 10

The sums representing the proportion to be contributed by each contracting State shall be paid at the beginning of each year, through the office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of France, to the *Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations* at Paris, from whence they shall be drawn as may be required by orders of the director of the Bureau.

ARTICLE 11

The Governments which shall make use of the power reserved to every State to take part in the present Convention, shall be held chargeable with a contribution, the amount of which shall be fixed by the Committee upon the basis established by Article 9, and shall be appropriated to the amelioration of the scientific material of the Bureau.

ARTICLE 12

The High Contracting Parties reserve to themselves the power of applying to the present Convention by common agreement all such modifications as may be found by experience useful.

ARTICLE 13

At the expiration of a term of twelve years, any one of the High Contracting Parties may withdraw from the present Convention.

The Government that shall make use of this power of causing its provisions to cease so far as it is concerned, shall be bound to give notice of its intention one year beforehand, and shall, by such act, renounce all its rights of common property in the International Metric Prototypes, and in the Bureau.