

Such States and Colonies as may retire from the "Union" at the close of the first term of seven years will forfeit their right of co-proprietorship in the common fund.

In case of liquidation, the common fund will be divided between the States and Colonies of the "Union," on the basis as fixed by Article IX.

ARTICLE IX.

In order to decide in an equitable way what part each of the contracting States shall pay, the latter are classified in proportion to the importance of their respective trade, into six categories, each of them in the proportion of a certain number of units, namely:—

	Units.
1st Class.—Countries whose trade regularly amounts to more than 4 milliards of francs..	55
2nd Class.—Countries whose trade regularly amounts to from 2 to 4 milliards of francs..	40
3rd Class.—Countries whose trade regularly amounts to from 500 millions to 2 milliards of francs..	25
4th Class.—Countries whose trade regularly amounts to from 100 to 500 millions of francs..	20
5th Class.—Countries whose trade regularly amounts to from 50 to 100 millions of francs..	15
6th Class.—Countries whose trade regularly amounts to less than 50 millions of francs..	5

ARTICLE X.

For those countries whose language will not be employed by the "Bureau International," the above figures will be subject respectively to a reduction of two-fifths. The reduced amounts will be therefore as follows:—

For the 1st Class..	to 33 units.
" 2nd "	to 24 "
" 3rd "	to 15 "
" 4th "	to 12 "
" 5th "	to 9 "
" 6th "	to 3 "

ARTICLE XI.

The total of the annual expense, divided by the sum of the units distributed among the different contracting States, as above laid down, will give the *unit of expense*. It will be sufficient to multiply this by the number of units assigned to each of the States to determine the amount of such State's contribution to the cost of the "Bureau International."

ARTICLE XII.

In order to enable the Institution to produce the "Bulletin International" with as much exactitude as possible, the Contracting Parties will send to it directly and promptly two copies:—

(a.) Of their Customs laws, and of their Customs Tariff, carefully corrected up to date.

(b.) Of all Regulations which may hereafter modify them.