Member Governments by the Bureau at least two months before the Conference.

(b) Committees shall be designated to study the reports. The committees' conclusions shall be submitted to the appropriate plenary session of of the Conference.

ARTICLE 9

(a) Twelve months before the opening of the Conference, the Bureau shall invite representatives of Member Governments to submit the proposals that they wish to discuss at the Conference. At least eight months before the Conference these proposals, as well as those submitted by the Bureau, shall be circulated to all Member Governments.

(b) Proposals submitted after that date shall be accepted only if they are signed by representatives of at least three Member Governments.

(c) Proposals may also be submitted during the Conference. They must be signed by three delegations and submitted to the President of the Conference; they may not be discussed less than twenty-four hours after being officially announced.

ARTICLE 10

(a) Unless the ordinary International Hydrographic Conference has specifically decided otherwise, the foregoing rules of procedure shall apply to extraordinary sessions.

(b) Government delegates to extraordinary sessions shall be chosen as far as possible in the light of the questions submitted for consideration.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 11

(a) Between conferences, the Finance Committee may meet in extraordinary session on the request of three Governments or of the Directing Committee. The Directing Committee may also consult the Finance Committee by correspondence.

(b) Dates of meetings of the Finance Committee shall be fixed by its Chairman in arrangement with the Directing Committee.

(c) The Chairman of the Finance Committee shall be elected for five years by the Conference.

ARTICLE 12

During its ordinary session, the Committee shall:

examine and approve the administrative accounts for the preceding financial period,

examine the budget for the coming financial period and submit it to the Conference.

ARTICLE 13

The Committee shall take decisions by a majority of two thirds of the Members present. Each delegate shall have one vote.

ARTICLE 14

The accounts shall be audited annually by an external auditor designated by the Committee.