

ARTICLE XI

Composition and procedure of the General Conference

1. The General Conference is composed of representatives designated by the Member Countries or by competent association or organization acting in place of the Member Countries.

2. The number of representatives from each Member Country is fixed at:

6	for category 1	
5	—	2
4	—	3
3	—	4
2	—	5
1	—	6

3. Representatives who are prevented from attending a meeting are entitled to appoint as proxy one of their colleagues at the General Conference.

4. An ordinary session of the General Conference is held once every four years. It may, if it so decides or the Executive Committee requests, meet in extraordinary session.

5. Resolutions of the General Conference are passed by a two-thirds majority of the total number of representatives or substitute representatives present. However, for the election of its President, for the election of the President and the Vice-Presidents of the Executive Committee and for the election of the Members of the Technical Board a simple majority of representatives of their proxies is sufficient, the President having the casting vote in the case of a tie.

6. The Director is ex-officio Secretary of the General Conference.

ARTICLE XII

President of the General Conference

1. An ordinary session of the General Conference opens with the election of its President.

2. The same President cannot be elected for more than two terms in succession.

3. If the President is prevented from presiding over a meeting, his place is taken by the President or by a Vice-President of the Executive Committee.

4. The President of the General Conference is invited to meetings of the Executive Committee, of the Technical Board and of the Management Committee and attends such meetings in an advisory capacity.

Executive Committee

ARTICLE XIII

Powers of the Executive Committee

The executive powers of the Institute are entrusted to an Executive Committee:

a) it is the duty of the Executive Committee to enforce the instructions issued by the General Conference;