

CHAPTER IV QUORUM AND VOTING

ARTICLE 9

Quorum

A majority of the delegations of the Conference must be in attendance, represented by one or more of their Delegates, in order to have a quorum at the plenary sessions of the conference.

A majority of the Delegations must be in attendance, represented by some of their delegates in order to have a quorum at committee meetings.

ARTICLE 10

Voting

(A) Voting shall be on the basis of only one vote for each State having the following qualifications:—

- I. a permanent population;
- II. a defined territory;
- III. government;
- IV. capacity to enter into relations with other States.

Countries or territories not possessing these qualifications may have voice but no vote in the conferences, but agreements resulting from the conferences shall be opened for their adherence through the medium of their respective home governments.

(B) The vote of each delegation shall, in plenary sessions and committee meetings, be cast by the delegation chairman or other member acting in his behalf.

(C) The vote may be taken by delegates rising in their seats, or in any other agreed manner. But at the request of any delegation, or by decision of the chairman, the vote must take place by "calling the roll" in the alphabetical order of the names of their respective states as expressed in the Spanish language.

(D) Propositions and amendments will be adopted only when they obtain a majority of the votes cast. In case of a tie vote, they will be considered rejected.

CHAPTER V

PROCEDURE

ARTICLE 11

Plenary Sessions

(A) The inaugural session of the conference shall be held at the time and place designated by the organizing government, and the further sessions on such days as the Conference may determine.

(B) Upon the convening of a plenary session, the minutes of the preceding meeting, except in the case of the inaugural plenary session, will be read and submitted for approval, unless by unanimous consent the assembly of the delegations agrees to omit this reading.

(C) The minutes of the Plenary Sessions will be drafted by the staff of the General Secretariat, only the opinions and propositions with their fundamentals, in a brief form, will appear in the minutes, together with a brief statement of the debates.

Any Delegate may, however, request the insertion "in extenso" in the minutes of any declaration he has expressed; but in this case, he shall furnish the Secretariat with the corresponding text immediately after the closing of the Plenary Session.