

10. The Government of the Swiss Confederation superintends the expenses of the International Bureau, advances the necessary funds and renders an annual account, which will be communicated to all the other Administrations.

ARTICLE 14

1. The present Convention shall be submitted to periodical revisions with a view to the introduction of amendments calculated to improve the system of the Union.

2. For this purpose, Conferences shall be held successively in one of the countries of the Union, among the delegates of the said countries.

3. The Administration of the country in which the Conference is to be held will make preparations for the work of that Conference with the assistance of the International Bureau.

4. The Director of the International Bureau will be present at the meetings of the Conferences, and will take part in the discussions, but without the right of voting.

ARTICLE 15

It is understood that the countries of the Union respectively reserve to themselves the right to make separately, as between themselves, special agreements for the protection of industrial property, in so far as such agreements do not contravene the stipulations of the present Convention.

ARTICLE 16

1. Countries which are not parties to the present Convention shall be allowed to accede to it upon their request.

2. This accession shall be notified through diplomatic channels to the Government of the Swiss Confederation, and by the latter to all the other countries.

3. It shall entail, as a matter of right, accession to all the clauses, and admission to all the advantages stipulated in the present Convention, and shall take effect one month after the dispatch of the notification by the Government of the Swiss Confederation to the other countries of the Union, unless a subsequent date has been indicated in the notice of accession.

ARTICLE 16 bis

1. Any country of the Union may at any time notify in writing to the Government of the Swiss Confederation that the present Convention shall apply to all or any of its Colonies, Protectorates, Territories under Mandate or any other Territories subject to its authority, or any Territories under suzerainty, and the Convention shall apply to all the Territories named in such notification one month after the despatch of the communication made by the Government of the Swiss Confederation to the other countries of the Union, provided that a later date has not been indicated in such notification. Failing such notification, the Convention shall not apply to any such Territories.

2. Any country of the Union may, at any time, notify in writing to the Government of the Swiss Confederation that the present Convention shall cease to apply to all or any of the Territories which have been made the subject of a notification under the preceding paragraph, and the Convention shall cease to apply in the Territories named in such notification twelve months after the receipt of the notification addressed to the Government of the Swiss Confederation.

3. All notifications given to the Government of the Swiss Confederation in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of the present Article shall be communicated by that Government to all the countries of the Union.