

2. In the case of a special conference of a regional character, the procedure described in Chapter 6 shall be applicable only to the Members of the region concerned. If the conference is to be convened on the initiative of the Members of the region, it will suffice for the Secretary-General to receive concordant requests from a quarter of the total number of Members in that Region.

## CHAPTER 8

### **Provisions common to all Conferences Change in the Time or Place of a Conference**

1. The provisions of Chapters 6 and 7 above shall apply, by analogy, when a change in the time or place of a conference is requested by Members of the Union or is proposed by the Administrative Council. However, such changes shall only be made if a majority of the Members concerned have pronounced in favour.

2. Where the issue arises, the Secretary-General shall indicate, in the communication referred to in Chapter 6 paragraph 2 the probable financial consequences of a change in the time or place, as, for example, when there has been an outlay of expenditure in preparing for the Conference at the place initially chosen.

## CHAPTER 9

### **Rules of Procedure of Conferences**

#### RULE 1

##### **Inauguration of the Conference**

The conference shall be opened by a person appointed by the inviting government. When there is no inviting government, it shall be opened by the Chairman of the Administrative Council or in his absence by the Secretary-General.

#### RULE 2

##### **Order of Seating**

At meetings of the Plenary Assembly, delegations shall be seated in the alphabetical order of the French names of the countries represented.