

ANNEX 7

COMPOSITION AND RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 1

1. The Contracting Parties shall be members of the Administrative Committee.

2. The Committee may decide that the competent administrations of States referred to in article 18 of the present Convention which are not Contracting Parties or representatives of international organizations may, for questions which interest them, attend the sessions of the Committee as observers.

ARTICLE 2

The Customs Co-operation Council shall provide the Committee with secretariat services.

ARTICLE 3

The Committee shall, at its first session each year, elect a chairman and a vice-chairman.

ARTICLE 4

The competent administrations of the Contracting Parties shall communicate to the Customs Co-operation Council proposed amendments to the present Convention and the reasons therefor, together with any requests for the inclusion of items on the agenda of the sessions of the Committee. The Customs Co-operation Council shall bring them to the attention of the competent administrations of the Contracting Parties and of the States referred to in article 18 of the present Convention which are not Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE 5

1. The Customs Co-operation Council shall convene the Committee at the request of the competent administrations of at least five Contracting Parties. It shall circulate the draft agenda to the competent administrations of the Contracting Parties and of the States referred to in article 18 of the present Convention which are not Contracting Parties at least six weeks before the Committee meets.

2. On the decision of the Committee, taken by virtue of the provisions of article 1, paragraph 2, of these rules, the Customs Co-operation Council shall invite the competent administrations of the States referred to in article 18 of the present Convention which are not Contracting Parties and the international organizations concerned to be represented by observers at the sessions of the Committee.