

2. Each Congress settles the place of meeting of the next Congress. The Government of the country in which it is to take place is responsible, in consultation with the International Bureau, for convening the Congress, and also for notifying to all the Governments of the countries of the Union the decisions taken by the Congress.

#### ARTICLE 13

##### *Ratifications. Entry into Force and Duration of the Acts of Congresses*

The Acts of Congresses shall be ratified as soon as possible and the ratifications shall be communicated to the Government of the country in which the Congress was held, and by that Government to the Governments of the contracting countries.

If one or more of the contracting parties do not ratify one or other of the Acts signed by them, these Acts are not less binding on the States which have ratified them.

These Acts come into force simultaneously and have the same duration.

From the date fixed for the entry into force of the Acts adopted by a Congress, all the Acts of the preceding Congress are repealed.

#### ARTICLE 14

##### *Extraordinary Congresses*

When a request to that effect is made or approved by at least two-thirds of the contracting countries, an extraordinary Congress is held, after arrangement with the International Bureau.

The regulations laid down by Articles 12 and 13 apply equally to the delegations, to the deliberations and to the Acts of Extraordinary Congresses.

#### ARTICLE 15

##### *Standing Orders of Congresses*

Each Congress draws up the standing orders for its work and deliberations.

#### ARTICLE 16

##### *Conferences*

Conferences for the consideration of purely administrative questions may be held at the request of at least two thirds of the Administrations of the Union.

They are convened after arrangement with the International Bureau.

Conferences draw up their own standing orders.

#### ARTICLE 17

##### *Committees*

Committees charged by a Congress or a Conference with the examination of one or more particular questions are convened by the International Bureau after arrangement with the Administration of the country where these Committees are to sit.

### CHAPTER III

#### **Proposals Made Between Meetings**

#### ARTICLE 18

##### *Introduction of Proposals*

In the interval between meetings, any Administration has the right to address to the other Administrations, through the medium of the International Bureau, proposals concerning the Convention, its Detailed Regulations, and the Final Protocols of both.