

CHAPTER III.

PROPOSALS MADE BETWEEN MEETINGS.

ARTICLE 21.

Introduction of Proposals.

1. 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 Final Protocol and its Detailed Regulations.

2. The same right is accorded to the Administrations of the countries participating in the Agreements so far as these Agreements, their Detailed Regulations and their Final Protocols are concerned.

3. In order to be considered, every proposal introduced by an Administration in the interval between meetings must be supported by at least two other Administrations. A proposal lapses when the International Bureau does not receive, at the same time as the proposal, the necessary number of declarations of support.

ARTICLE 22.

Examination of Proposals.

1. Every proposal is subject to the following procedure: A period of two months is allowed to Administrations to examine the proposal and to communicate their observations, if any, to the International Bureau. Amendments are not admitted. The answers are collected by the International Bureau, and communicated to the Administrations, with an invitation to declare themselves for or against. Administrations which have not notified their vote within a period of two months are considered as abstaining. The periods quoted above are calculated from the date of the circulars from the International Bureau.

2. If the proposal concerns an Agreement, its Detailed Regulations or the Final Protocol of either, only the Administrations which have adhered to that Agreement may take part in the procedure indicated in § 1.

ARTICLE 23.

Conditions of approval.

1. In order to become binding, the proposals must obtain:

(a) a unanimous vote if they involve the addition of new provisions to, or the modification of, the provisions of Parts I and II, or of Articles 35 to 39, 57 to 63, 65 to 74 of the Convention, of any of the Articles of its Final Protocol and of articles 101, 105, 117, 152, 163 and 184 of its Detailed Regulations;

(b) a two-thirds vote if they involve a modification of the provisions other than those mentioned under (a);

(c) a simple majority if they affect the interpretation of the provisions of the Convention, of its Final Protocol and its Detailed Regulations, except in the case of disagreement to be submitted to arbitration as provided for by Article 12.

2. The conditions to be fulfilled for the approval of proposals concerning the Agreements are fixed by the Agreements themselves.

ARTICLE 24.

Notification of decisions.

1. Additions to and modifications of the Convention, the Agreements and the Final Protocols of these Acts are sanctioned by a diplomatic declaration, which