

9. The Commission meets in regular session, in principle once a year, on convocation by the Chairman.

10. The Commission may invite to participate at its meetings, without the right to vote, any representative of an international organisation or any other qualified person whom it wishes to take part in its work. Consultative Sub-Commissions may be set up for the study of special questions.

11. The functions of the Commission are as follows:

- (a) to maintain the closest contacts with the countries members of the Union with the view of improving the international postal service;
- (b) to examine technical questions of any kind concerning the international postal service, and to communicate the result of these examinations to the countries members of the Union;
- (c) to make useful contacts with the United Nations, its Councils and Commissions, as well as with specialised Agencies and other international Organisations, for the study and the preparation of reports to be submitted for the approval of the members of the Union. To send, as may be necessary, one of its members to represent the Union and to take part in its name at meetings of all these international organisations.
- (d) to formulate, if necessary, proposals which will be submitted for the approval of the contracting countries in accordance with the provisions of Articles 22 and 23 of the Convention.
- (e) within the framework of the Convention and its Detailed Regulations, to ensure the control of the activities of the International Bureau, of which it appoints, if necessary, and on the proposal of the Government of the Swiss Confederation, the Director and other superior personnel; to approve, on the proposal of the Director of the Bureau, the appointment of the other officials, and to authorise the employment of additional staff considered necessary; to prepare an annual report on the work of the Bureau, which it communicates to the members of the Union.

12. The Commission sends, for information, to the postal Administrations of all the countries of the Union an analytical review at the conclusion of each of its sessions.

13. The Commission makes a report to Congress on the whole of its activities and sends it to the contracting countries at least two months before the opening of the Congress.

ARTICLE 19.

Conferences.

1. Conferences for the consideration of purely administrative questions may be held at the request or with the assent of at least two-thirds of the Administrations of the Union. They are convened after arrangement with the International Bureau.

2. Each Conference draws up its own standing orders.

ARTICLE 20.

Commissions.

Commissions 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 Commissions are to sit.