

- c. To serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas, information, and experience related to the improvement of agriculture and rural life;
- d. To decide on the admission of Member States, in accordance with Article 5, subparagraph (b);
- e. To elect the Member States that will compose the Executive Committee, in accordance with the principles of partial rotation and equitable geographic distribution;
- f. To elect the Director General and set his remuneration; to remove him by the vote of two thirds of the Member States, whenever the proper functioning of the Institute so demands;
- g. To consider the reports of the Executive Committee and of the Director General;
- h. To encourage cooperation between the Institute and other organizations, agencies, and entities that pursue analogous purposes; and
- i. To adopt its rules of procedures and the agenda for its meetings, and also the rules of procedure of the Executive Committee and the regulations of the General Directorate.

*Article 9.* The Board shall meet regularly every two years during the period determined by its rules of procedure and at a place selected in accordance with the principle of rotation. At each regular session the date and place of the next regular session shall be determined, in accordance with the rules of procedure. If no site is offered or the regular session cannot be held at the place chosen, the session shall be held at the headquarters of the Institute. However, if one of the Member States should make a timely offer of a site in its territory, the Executive Committee, whether in session, or acting through consultation of its members by correspondence, may agree, by the vote of a majority of its members, that the session be held at that place.

*Article 10.* In special circumstances, and at the request of one or more Member States, or of the Executive Committee, the Board may hold special sessions, for the convocation of which approval by the affirmative vote of two thirds of the Member States shall be required. In case the Board is not in session, the Director General shall consult the Member States by correspondence, concerning the request and shall convoke the Board if not less than two thirds of them are in agreement.

*Article 11.* The presence of the representatives of a majority of the Member States shall constitute a quorum. Each Member State is entitled to one vote.

*Article 12.* Decisions of the Board shall be taken by the vote of a majority of the representatives present, except as provided in Article 19, in which case the vote of a majority of the Member States is required, and also as provided in Articles 5 (b); 8 (b) and (f); 10; and 35, in which cases the vote of two thirds of the Members States is required.