

## ARTICLE 4

The notification and the information prescribed by Articles 1 and 2 shall be followed by subsequent communications furnished regularly to the Office International d'Hygiène Publique, so as to keep the Governments informed of the course of the epidemic.

These communications shall be as frequent and complete as possible, and as regards the number of cases and deaths shall be made at least once a week; they shall indicate, in particular, the precautions taken to prevent the spread of the disease, and shall set out with precision the measures adopted in the case of outgoing vessels to prevent exportation of the disease, and especially the measures taken with regard to rodents or insects.

## ARTICLE 5

Governments undertake to reply to any request for information which may be made to them by the Office International d'Hygiène Publique in regard to the epidemic diseases mentioned in the Convention, which occur in their territory, and in regard to circumstances likely to affect the transmission of these diseases from one country to another.

## ARTICLE 6

Since rats\* are the principal agents by which bubonic plague is spread, Governments undertake to make use of all means in their power to diminish this danger and to keep themselves regularly informed of the condition of the rats in their ports, as regards plague infection, by frequent and systematic examinations; in particular, to carry out systematically the bacteriological examination of rats in every plague-infected area, during a period of six months at least from the finding of the last plague-infected rat. The methods and the results of these examinations shall be communicated in ordinary circumstances at regular intervals, and in the case of plague every month, to the Office International d'Hygiène Publique in order that Governments may be kept regularly informed by that Office of the condition of ports in regard to plague amongst rats.

On the first discovery of rat plague on land, in a port free from infection during the previous six months, the communications shall be sent by the most rapid method.

## ARTICLE 7

In order to facilitate the fulfilment of its duties under this Convention, and having regard to the benefits derived from the information furnished by the epidemiological intelligence service of the League of Nations, including its Eastern Bureau at Singapore and other analogous bureaux, as well as by the Pan-American Sanitary Bureau, the Office International d'Hygiène Publique is empowered to make necessary arrangements with the Health Committee of the League of Nations, as well as with the Pan-American Sanitary Bureau and other similar organizations.

It remains understood that the relations established under the above-mentioned arrangements will not involve any derogation from the provisions of the Convention of Rome of the 9th December, 1907, and will not have the result of substituting any other sanitary body for the Office International d'Hygiène Publique.

\* The provisions of this Convention regarding rats are applicable to the case of other rodents, and in general to other animals known to be the means of spreading plague.