

ARTICLE 6

If more countries than one should be in competition with each other for the right to hold an international exhibition in any period, such countries shall proceed to an exchange of views in order to determine which country shall obtain the right of so doing.

In the case of no agreement being arrived at, they shall refer the matter to the arbitration of the International Bureau, which shall take into account the considerations submitted on behalf of each country, and particularly any special reasons of an historic or sentimental character, the period which has elapsed since the last exhibition, and the number of displays already held by each of such countries.

ARTICLE 7

If any exhibition of the character defined in article 1 should be held in a non-contracting country, the contracting countries, before accepting any invitation to such exhibition, shall refer the matter to the International Bureau for their opinion.

The contracting countries shall not participate in any such exhibition unless it offers the same guarantees as those required under the provisions of the present convention, or at any rate sufficient guarantees. In the case of an exhibition held by a contracting country synchronizing with one organized by a non-contracting country, the other contracting countries shall, in the absence of exceptional circumstances, give preference to the former.

ARTICLE 8

Any country which proposes to hold an exhibition, to which the present convention applies, must, at least six months before the commencement of the intervals prescribed in article 5 for the issue of invitations, address to the International Bureau an application for the registration of the exhibition. Such application shall state the title of the exhibition and its duration, and shall be accompanied by the classification of exhibits, copies of the general regulations, the jury regulations, and all documents necessary to show the measures proposed to ensure the safety of persons and property, the protection of industrial property and copyright, and to satisfy the conditions prescribed below in Sections IV and V. The Bureau shall not register an exhibition unless such exhibition fulfils all the conditions required by the present convention.

No contracting country shall accept an invitation to participate in an exhibition to which the present convention applies unless the invitation states that registration has been accorded.

Always provided that, even if such an invitation is received, the contracting countries are entirely free to refrain from participation in an exhibition organized in conformity with the provisions of the present convention.

ARTICLE 9

In the event of a country not proceeding with a projected exhibition for which registration has been obtained, the International Bureau shall decide the date when such country shall be allowed again to compete with other countries for the holding of another exhibition.