

- (c) to prepare draft Conventions and amendments to Conventions and to recommend their adoption by interested Governments;
- (d) to make recommendations to ensure the uniform interpretation and application of the Conventions concluded as a result of its work as well as those concerning the Nomenclature for the Classification of Goods in Customs Tariffs and the Valuation of Goods for Customs Purposes prepared by the European Customs Union Study Group and, to this end, to perform such functions as may be expressly assigned to it in those Conventions in accordance with the provisions thereof;
- (e) to make recommendations, in a conciliatory capacity, for the settlement of disputes concerning the interpretation or application of the Conventions referred to in paragraph (d) above in accordance with the provisions of those Conventions; the parties in dispute may agree in advance to accept the recommendations of the Council as binding;
- (f) to ensure the circulation of information regarding customs regulations and procedures;
- (g) on its own initiative or on request, to furnish to interested Governments information or advice on customs matters within the general purposes of the present Convention and to make recommendations thereon;
- (h) to co-operate with other inter-governmental organisations as regards matters within its competence.

ARTICLE IV

The Members of the Council shall supply to the Council any information and documentation requested by it which is necessary for the execution of its functions provided that no Member shall be required to divulge confidential information, the disclosure of which would impede the enforcement of its laws, or which would otherwise be contrary to the public interest or prejudice the legitimate commercial interests of any enterprise, public or private.

ARTICLE V

The Council shall be assisted by a Permanent Technical Committee and a General Secretariat.

ARTICLE VI

- (a) The Council shall elect annually, from among the delegates of Members Chairman and not less than two Vice-Chairmen.
- (b) It shall establish its own Rules of Procedure by a majority of not less than two-thirds of its Members.
- (c) It shall establish a Nomenclature Committee as provided in the Convention on Nomenclature for the Classification of Goods in Customs Tariffs and a Valuation Committee as provided in the Convention on the Valuation of Goods for Customs Purposes. It shall also establish such other committees as may be desirable for the purposes of the Conventions referred to in Article III (d) or for any other purpose within its competence.
- (d) It shall determine the tasks to be assigned to the Permanent Technical Committee and the powers to be delegated to it.