

5. The President and the Vice-Presidents of the Technical Board are elected every four years by the General Conference at its ordinary session on a basis of proposals made by the retiring Technical Board. The members of the Technical Board cannot be elected to the same office for more than two consecutive terms.

6. During the intervals between sessions of the General Conference, the Executive Committee elects members in succession to those who have resigned or are prevented from serving; the term of new members so elected expiring with that of the other members.

7. The Technical Board meets normally once a year. Additional meetings may be held when called by its President or at the request of one-third of its members.

8. Resolutions are passed by a simple majority of members present, the President having the casting vote in case of a tie.

9. The Director is ex-officio Secretary of the Technical Board.

10. If necessary, the Technical Board draws up its own rules of procedure within the framework of the present Agreement and of the General Regulations.

#### ARTICLE XVIII

##### *Functions, composition and procedure of Commissions*

1. The number of the Commissions and their functions are laid down by the General Regulations.

2. Each Commission has a President, one or more Vice-Presidents and one or more Secretaries.

3. The President and the Vice-Presidents are elected by the General Conference at its ordinary session. They cannot hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms.

4. When neither the President nor one of the Vice-Presidents of a Commission belongs to the Country in which the next International Congress is due to take place an additional Vice-President may be appointed by the Executive Committee on proposal of the delegate of that country; his duties end when the Congress has completed its work.

5. Bearing in mind recommendations forwarded by Member Countries the other Members of the Commission are appointed by the Technical Board on the basis of proposals made by the Presidents of Commissions. This Board can delegate to its President the power of appointment during the intervals between its sessions.

6. Secretaries of Commissions are appointed by the Technical Board on the basis of proposals made by the Presidents of Commissions.

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7. Any member of a Commission who, during two consecutive years has neither attended meetings nor taken part by correspondence in the work of the Commission, is deemed to have resigned.