

## RULE 15

## Voting

1. *Definition of a majority*

(1) A majority shall consist of one more than half the delegations present and voting.

(2) In computing a majority, delegations abstaining shall not be taken into account.

(3) In case of a tie, a proposal or amendment shall be considered rejected.

(4) For the purpose of these Rules of Procedure, a "delegation present and voting" shall be a delegation voting for or against a proposal.

(5) The delegations present which do not participate in a particular vote or which expressly declare their unwillingness to participate therein shall not be considered absent for the purposes of determining the quorum, nor as abstaining for the purposes of paragraph 3 of this Rule.

2. *Special majority*

In cases where Members of the Union are to be admitted, the majority described in Article 1 of the Convention shall apply.

3. *Abstentions of more than fifty per cent.*

When the number of abstentions exceeds half the number of votes cast (for, against, abstentions), consideration of the matter under discussion shall be postponed to a later meeting, at which time abstentions shall not be taken into account.

4. *Voting procedures*

(1) The following voting procedures shall be adopted except in the case provided for in paragraph 5 of this Rule :

a) by a show of hands, as a general rule ;

b) by roll call, if the above-mentioned procedure shows no clear majority or if so requested by a delegation.

(2) Votes by roll call shall be taken in the alphabetical order of the French names of the Members represented.