

4. (1) In conferences and at the meetings of the permanent organs of the Union, the debates shall be conducted with the aid of an efficient system of reciprocal translation from and into English, French and Spanish.

(2) Other languages may also be used in the debates provided that the delegations using them make arrangements themselves for oral translation into any one of the languages mentioned in the preceding sub-paragraph. Similarly, delegates may, if they wish, arrange for speeches to be translated orally into their own languages from one of the languages mentioned in the preceding sub-paragraph.

5. Each Member and Associate Member shall share the expenses attributable to the use of the authorized languages, with respect to one of these languages only. For oral languages and working documents of conferences and meetings of organs of the Union, the Administrative Council shall lay down rules by which the Secretary General shall calculate the share of each Member and Associate Member in accordance with the number of units which it has chosen in accordance with paragraph 5 of Article 14; for other documents, the Secretary General shall calculate this share in accordance with the cost price of the copies purchased.

CHAPTER II

APPLICATION OF THE CONVENTION AND REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 16

Ratification of the Convention

1. This Convention shall be ratified by each of the signatory Governments. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited, in as short a time as possible, with the Secretary General by diplomatic channel through the intermediary of the Government of the country of the seat of the Union. The Secretary General shall notify the Members and Associate Members of each deposit of ratification.

2. After the entry into force of this Convention in accordance with Article 49, each instrument of ratification shall become effective on the date of its deposit with the General Secretariat.

3. If one or more of the signatory Governments do not ratify the Convention, it shall not thereby be less valid for the Governments which have ratified it.

ARTICLE 17

Accession to the Convention

1. The Government of a country, not a signatory of this Convention, may accede thereto at any time subject to the provisions of Article 1.

2. The instrument of accession shall be deposited with the Secretary General by diplomatic channel through the intermediary of the Government of the country of the seat of the Union. Unless otherwise specified therein, it shall become effective upon the date of its deposit. The Secretary General shall notify the Members and Associate Members of each accession when it is received and shall forward to each of them a certified copy of the act of accession.