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The International Bureau shall at all times hold itself at the service of countries of the Union, in order to supply them with any special information they may need on questions relating to the international system of industrial property. The Director of the International Bureau will furnish an annual report on its working, which shall be communicated to all the countries of the Union.

The expenses of the International Bureau shall be borne by the contracting countries in common. Until fresh sanction is given, they must not exceed the sum of 120,000 Swiss francs per annum. This sum may be increased, in case of necessity, by a unanimous decision of one of the conferences referred to in Article 14.

To determine the quota which each country should contribute to this common total of expenses, the contracting countries and those which may afterwards join the Union are divided into six classes, each contributing in the proportion of a certain number of units, namely:—

1st class	25	units.
2nd “	20	“
3rd “	15	“
4th “	10	“
5th “	5	“
6th “	3	“

These co-efficients are multiplied by the number of countries in each class, and the sum of the products thus obtained gives the number of units by which the total expenses has to be divided. The quotient gives the amount of the unit of expense.

Each of the contracting countries will designate at the time of its accession the class in which it wishes to be placed.

The Government of the Swiss Confederation superintends the expenses of the International Bureau, advances the necessary funds and renders an annual account, which will be communicated to all the other Administrations.

ARTICLE 14

The present Convention shall be submitted to periodical revisions with a view to the introduction of amendments calculated to improve the system of the Union.

For this purpose, Conferences shall be held, successively in one of the contracting countries, among the delegates of the said countries.

The Administration of the country in which the Conference is to be held will make preparations for the work of that Conference, with the assistance of the International Bureau.

The Director of the International Bureau will be present at the meetings of the Conferences, and will take part in the discussions, but without the right of voting.

ARTICLE 15

It is understood that the contracting countries respectively reserve to themselves the right to make separately, as between themselves, special agreements for the protection of industrial property, in so far as such agreements do not contravene the stipulations of the present Convention.