

ARTICLE 13

1. The International Office established at Berne under the name "Bureau international pour la Protection de la Propriété industrielle" is placed under the high authority of the Government of the Swiss Confederation, which regulates its organization and supervises its working.

2. The official language of the International Bureau is French.

3. The International Bureau centralizes information of every kind relating to the protection of industrial property and collates and publishes it. It studies matters of general utility which interest the Union, and edits, with the help of documents supplied to it by the various Administrations, a periodical journal in French, dealing with questions concerning the object of the Union.

4. The numbers of this journal, as well as all the documents published by the International Bureau, are circulated among the Administrations of the countries of the Union in the proportion of the number of contributing units as mentioned below. Such further copies as may be desired, either by the said Administrations, or by societies or private persons, shall be paid for separately.

5. 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.

6. The ordinary expenses of the International Bureau shall be borne by the countries of the Union 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.

7. Ordinary expenses do not include expenses relating to diplomatic or administrative conferences, or those caused by special work or publications effected in conformity with the decisions of a conference. These expenses, the annual total of which may not exceed 20,000 Swiss francs, shall be shared by the countries of the Union in proportion to the contribution which they make towards the working of the International Bureau in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 8 below.

8. To determine the quota which each country should contribute to this common total of expenses, the countries of the Union 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:

	Units		Units
1st class.....	25	4th class.....	10
2nd class.....	20	5th class.....	5
3rd class.....	15	6th class.....	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 expense has to be divided. The quotient gives the amount of the unit of expense.

9. Each of the countries of the Union will designate at the time of its accession the class in which it wishes to be placed. Nevertheless, each country of the Union may declare subsequently that it desires to be placed in another class.