

the meetings of the Executive Council and of the subjects to be discussed.

6. The Executive Council shall establish its own rules of procedure.

ARTICLE IX

Directorate

1. The Director General shall be the chief executive of the Organization and shall be responsible for the conduct of the general business of the Organization in accordance with the policies and decisions of the Review Conference and the Executive Council.

2. Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 1 of this Article, the Director General shall:

- (a) be responsible for the administration and the appointment of all staff of the Organization subject to the provisions of Article VIII, paragraph 2(b) of this Agreement;
- (b) prepare the annual report of the Organization;
- (c) prepare the annual budget of the Organization, which shall be submitted to the Executive Council for approval;
- (d) prepare the annual accounts of the Organization, which shall, after audit, be submitted to the Executive Council for approval;
- (e) report to the Executive Council from time to time on the activities of the Organization; and
- (f) represent the Organization in its dealings with third parties, and enter into such agreements and arrangements on behalf of the Organization as the Executive Council shall authorize.

ARTICLE X

Decisions

1. The Review Conference and the Executive Council shall make every effort to arrive at decisions by way of consensus.

2. In the absence of consensus, decisions shall be made by a simple majority of the member governments present and voting unless otherwise provided in this Agreement or in rules of procedure. Where a rule of procedure specifies a qualified majority for a decision, that rule may be amended only by a vote representing such a majority.

3. Each member government shall have one vote.

ARTICLE XI

National Implementing Agencies

Each member government shall designate, by notification to the Director General, the ministry, department or agency of such member government which shall be responsible for dealing with the Organization on matters arising under this Agreement.