

- (e) To approve the budget by a majority of two thirds of the Member Governments represented at the Conference;
- (f) To adopt, by a two thirds majority of the Member Governments, amendments to the General Regulations and Financial Regulations;
- (g) To adopt, by the majority prescribed in the preceding paragraph, any other particular regulations that may prove to be necessary, notably on the status of the directors and staff of the Bureau.

#### ARTICLE VI

1. The Conference shall be composed of representatives of the Member Governments. It shall meet in ordinary session every five years. An extraordinary session of the Conference may be held at the request of a Member Government or of the Bureau, subject to approval by the majority of the Member Governments.

2. The Conference shall be convened by the Bureau on at least six months notice. A provisional agenda shall be submitted with the notice.

3. The Conference shall elect its President and Vice-President.

4. Each Member Government shall have one vote. However, for the voting on the questions referred to in Article V (b), each Member Government shall have a number of votes determined by a scale established in relation to the tonnage of its fleets.

5. Conference decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of the Member Governments represented at the Conference, except where this Convention provides otherwise. When voting for or against is evenly divided, the President of the Conference shall be empowered to make a decision. In the case of resolutions to be inserted in the Repertory of Technical Resolutions, the majority shall in any event include the affirmative votes of not less than one third of the Member Governments.

6. Between sessions of the Conference the Bureau may consult the Member Governments by correspondence on questions concerning the technical functioning of the Organisation. The voting procedure shall conform to that provided for in paragraph 5 of this Article, the majority being calculated in this case on the basis of the total membership of the Organisation.

7. The Conference shall constitute its own Committees, including the Finance Committee referred to in Article VII.

#### ARTICLE VII

1. The supervision of the financial administration of the Organisation shall be exercised by a Finance Committee on which each Member Government may be represented by one delegate.

2. The Committee shall meet during sessions of the Conference. It may meet in extraordinary session.

#### ARTICLE VIII

For the fulfilment of the objects defined in Article II it shall be the responsibility of the Bureau, in particular:

- (a) To bring about a close and permanent association between national hydrographic offices;