

Decisions shall be valid only if the number of those present and represented is at least three-quarters of the number of persons appointed as members of the Committee and if they are supported by a minimum of four-fifths of the votes cast. The number of votes cast shall be at least four-fifths of the number of those present and represented at the session.

Abstentions, blank and null votes shall not be considered as votes cast.

Between sessions, and in certain special cases, the Committee may deliberate by correspondence.

Resolutions adopted in this way shall be valid only if all members of the Committee have been called upon to give their opinions and if the resolutions have been approved unanimously by all those voting, on condition that the number of votes cast be at least two-thirds of the number of appointed members.

Abstentions and blank votes or null votes shall not be considered as votes cast. Failure to reply within the time-limit specified by the President shall be considered as an abstention.

#### ARTICLE XVIII

The Committee shall entrust the special studies, experimental research and laboratory work to the competent services of the Member States, after having first obtained their formal agreement. If such tasks entail certain expenditure, the agreement shall specify what proportion of such expenditure shall be borne by the Organization.

The Director of the Bureau shall co-ordinate and assemble such work.

The Committee may entrust certain tasks, permanently or temporarily, to working groups or to technical or legal experts, acting in accordance with the terms and conditions it has laid down. Should such tasks entail payment of any remuneration or compensation, the amounts shall be determined by the Committee.

The Director of the Bureau shall provide the secretariat for such working groups or groups of experts.

#### **International Bureau of Legal Metrology**

#### ARTICLE XIX

The operation of the Conference and of the Committee shall be ensured by the International Bureau of Legal Metrology, under the direction and control of the Committee.

The Bureau shall be responsible for preparing Conference and Committee meetings, for establishing liaison between the various members of those bodies, and for maintaining relations with the Member States or with the Corresponding Members and their services concerned.