

ARTICLE 18

1. In the performance of their duties, the Director, the Deputy Director and the staff shall neither seek nor receive instructions from any Government or from any authority external to the Committee. They shall refrain from any action which might reflect on their position as international officials.
2. Each Member Government undertakes to respect the exclusively international character of the responsibilities of the Director, the Deputy Director and the staff and not to seek to influence them in the discharge of their responsibilities.

3. Efficiency, competence and integrity shall be the necessary considerations in the recruitment and employment of the staff which, except in special circumstances, shall be recruited among the nationals of countries whose Governments are Members of the Committee, taking into account, as far as possible, their geographical distribution.

ARTICLE 19

The Director shall be present, or be represented by the Deputy Director or another official designated by him, at all sessions of the Council, the Executive Committee and any Sub-Committees. He or his representative may participate in the discussions but shall have no vote.

ARTICLE 20

At the regular session of the Council next following the end of each financial year, the Director shall make to the Council, through the Executive Committee, a report on the work of the Committee, giving a full account of its activities during that year.

CHAPTER VII—HEADQUARTERS

ARTICLE 21

1. The Committee shall have its Headquarters in Geneva. The Council may, by a two-thirds majority vote, change its location.

2. The meetings of the Council and the Executive Committee shall be held at Headquarters, unless two-thirds of the Members of the Council or the Executive Committee respectively have agreed to meet elsewhere.

CHAPTER VIII—FINANCE

ARTICLE 22

The Director shall submit to the Council, through the Executive Committee, an annual budget covering the administrative and operational requirements and the anticipated resources of the Committee, such supplementary estimates as may be required and the annual or special accounting statements of the Committee.

ARTICLE 23

1. The requirements of the Committee shall be financed:
 - (a) as to the administrative part of the budget, by cash contributions from Member Governments;
 - (b) as to the operational part of the budget, by contributions in cash or services from Member Governments, other Governments, organizations or individuals.