

ARTICLE XXVII

Non-payment of contributions

Member Countries which are more than two years in arrears with the payment of their financial contribution forfeit the privileges of membership and in particular the rights of vote until such time as their payments are regularised.

SECTION V

MISCELLANEOUS CLAUSES

ARTICLE XXVIII

Relationships with other International Organisations

The Institute shall establish with specialised Agencies of the United Nations Organisation and with other international bodies such relationships as may assure collaboration in the achievement of their respective aims.

ARTICLE XXIX

Legal capacity, privileges and immunities

The Institute enjoys in the territory of each of its Member Countries such legal capacity and status as may be necessary for the exercise of its functions and the fulfilment of its aims as defined in separate agreements made with the interested Member Countries.

ARTICLE XXX

Official Languages

The official languages of the Institute are French and English.

ARTICLE XXXI

Amendments to the Agreement

1. Amendments to the present Agreement which do not affect the fundamental aims of the Institute and which do not increase the obligations of Member Countries become effective upon the approval by the General Conference.

2. Other amendments shall, when they have been approved by the General Conference, be submitted to Member Countries for ratification. They shall become effective upon ratification by two-thirds of the Member Countries (other than those excluded by the provisions of Article XXVII above) for Member Countries which have then ratified, and for a Member Country which ratifies subsequently upon the date of its ratification.

3. In all cases proposed amendments must be submitted to the Governments of Member Countries by the Director at least six months before they are examined by the General Conference.