

ARTICLE 10

The Committee referred to in Article 9 hereof shall be composed of not more than twenty members comprising not more than eight honorary members of whom four shall represent Belgium and the others the Commonwealth countries, and not more than twelve official members, of whom six shall represent Belgium and the others the Commonwealth countries.

The Belgian members shall be appointed by the Commission on the recommendation of the Belgian Government which shall be requested and transmitted through the diplomatic channel.

The Belgian honorary members shall be chosen from persons who have won distinction in the Navy, Army or Air Force, in Letters, Art or Science.

The Belgian official members shall be chosen in virtue of the administrative functions exercised by them and shall be representatives from such Government Departments as may be agreed upon between the Belgian Government and the Commission. They shall cease to form part of the Committee from the day when they vacate their functions in the Departments. The Belgian Government undertakes to notify the Commission of all changes which may take place amongst the Belgian official members.

The Commission shall appoint the Secretary-General of the Committee.

ARTICLE 11

The Belgian Government agrees to treat the Commission on the same footing as the Belgian State for the purpose of the application of the laws relating to direct taxes and duties imposed for the benefit of the State, the provinces and the communes, and the laws relating to registration fees, court fees, mortgage fees, succession duties and stamp duties.

The Commission may import into or buy in Belgium, free of all duties (import duties, excise duties and taxes assimilated to stamp duties) the equipment, supplies and commodities necessary for its own needs or for the laying out, embellishment and maintenance of the military Cemeteries and Graves and for the construction and maintenance of commemorative monuments.

The Commission shall benefit from the same exemption in respect of all works and goods or services which it orders directly for the same purposes.

The Commission shall take the necessary steps to ensure that no commodities imported or bought duty free are disposed of in Belgium without the previous consent of the Belgian Government.

Motor vehicles imported temporarily by the Commission and intended for the use of the Commission or of its officials of foreign (non-Belgian) nationality shall benefit by temporary exemption from import duties and luxury tax.

The methods of applying the exemptions provided for in the present Article shall be settled by the competent authorities in agreement with the Commission.

The Belgian Government agrees that in any particular case under this Article a certificate signed on behalf of the Commission to the effect that the exemption is claimed for the purpose of the official exercise of the Commission's functions shall be accepted by the authorities concerned as sufficient evidence to that effect. The officials of the Commission having competence to sign such certificates shall be notified from time to time to the said Government by the Secretary-General of the Joint Committee.