

- (8)(a) Each State member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote.
- (b) One-half of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.
- (c) Decisions shall be made by a simple majority of the votes cast.
- (d) Abstentions shall not be considered as votes.
- (e) A delegate may represent, and vote in the name of, one State only.
- (9) Contracting States not members of the Executive Committee shall be admitted to its meetings as observers, as well as any intergovernmental organization appointed as International Searching or Preliminary Examining Authority.
- (10) The Executive Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

Article 55

International Bureau

- (1) Administrative tasks concerning the Union shall be performed by the International Bureau.
- (2) The International Bureau shall provide the secretariat of the various organs of the Union.
- (3) The Director General shall be the chief executive of the Union and shall represent the Union.
- (4) The International Bureau shall publish a Gazette and other publications provided for by the Regulations or required by the Assembly.
- (5) The Regulations shall specify the services that national Offices shall perform in order to assist the International Bureau and the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities in carrying out their tasks under this Treaty.
- (6) The Director General and any staff member designated by him shall participate, without the right to vote, in all meetings of the Assembly, the Executive Committee and any other committee or working