

(5) Special Exhibitions of the same nature may not be held at the same time on the territories of several contracting countries. A compulsory five-year period shall elapse before such exhibitions may take place again in the same country. However, the International Exhibitions Bureau may shorten this period as an exception to a minimum of three years if it is satisfied that this is warranted by rapid development in a given branch of production. The same reduced period may be allowed in the case of exhibitions traditionally held in certain countries at intervals shorter than five years.

(6) Special Exhibitions of a different nature may not be held in a single country at an interval shorter than three months.

(7) Intervals laid down in this Article are to be calculated as from the date of actual opening of the exhibition.

ARTICLE II

(1) This Protocol will be open for signature by the Governments of the Parties to the Convention, in Paris, from January 1st, 1966 to December 31, 1966 inclusive. The said Governments can become Parties to the present Protocol:

- (a) by signing it without any reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval;
- (b) by notifying the depositary Government, after signature, of the completion of their respective constitutional processes;
- (c) by acceding to the Protocol after December 31, 1966.

(2) Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession instruments shall be deposited with the archives of the Government of the French Republic.

ARTICLE III

This Protocol shall enter into force on the date when twenty Governments have become Parties thereto under the conditions laid down in Article II.

ARTICLE IV

(1) As from June 30, 1966, even though this Protocol should not yet be in force, any Government having signed it or having acceded thereto may notify the International Exhibitions Bureau that it will not take part in any General Exhibition the registering of which should have been made impossible by the coming into force of this Protocol.

(2) The Bureau shall inform all governments that are parties to the Convention of every notification made in accordance with paragraph 1 above and shall, upon request, make available to any government, whether or not a party to the Convention, or to any other requesting authority, a list of all countries that have made such notification.

ARTICLE V

When this Protocol has entered into force, any further accession to the Convention shall entail obligatory adherence to the present Protocol.