

- (e) It shall approve its annual budget, control its expenditure and give such directions as it may consider desirable regarding its finances to the General Secretariat.

ARTICLE VII

- (a) The headquarters of the Council shall be in Brussels.
- (b) The Council, the Permanent Technical Committee and any committees established by the Council may meet elsewhere than at the headquarters of the Council, if the Council so decides.
- (c) The Council shall meet at least twice a year. Its first meeting shall take place later than three months after the entry into force of the present Convention.

ARTICLE VIII

- (a) Each Member of the Council shall have one vote except that a Member shall not have a vote on any question relating to the interpretation, application or amendment of any of any of the Conventions referred to in Article III (d) which is in force and which does not apply to that Member.
- (b) Except as provided in Article VI (b) the decisions of the Council shall be taken by a majority of two-thirds of the Members present and entitled to vote. The Council shall not take a decision on any matter unless more than half of the Members entitled to vote on that matter are present.

ARTICLE IX

- (a) The Council shall establish such relations with the United Nations, its principal organs, subsidiary bodies and specialised agencies, and any other intergovernmental organisations, as may best assure collaboration in the achievement of their respective tasks.
- (b) The Council may make arrangements necessary to facilitate consultation and co-operation with non-governmental organisations interested in matters within its competence.

ARTICLE X

- (a) The Permanent Technical Committee shall be composed of representatives of the Members of the Council. Each Member of the Council may nominate one delegate and one or more alternates to be its representatives on the Committee. Representatives shall be officials specialised in technical customs matters. They may be assisted by experts.
- (b) The Permanent Technical Committee shall meet not less than four times a year.