

Quorum

Rule 50

1. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when representatives of at least one quarter of the States participating in the Conference are present. The presence of representatives of a majority of the States so participating shall be required for any decision to be taken.
2. A majority of the representatives on the General, Drafting or Credentials Committees or any sub-committee or working group shall constitute a quorum.

Officers, conduct of business and decision-taking

Rule 51

The rules contained in chapters II, V (except rule 17) and VI above shall be applicable, mutatis mutandis, to the proceedings of committees, sub-committees and working groups, except that:

- (a) The Chairmen of the General, Drafting and Credentials Committees and the chairman of any sub-committee or working group may exercise the right to vote;
- (b) Decisions of committees, sub-committees and working groups shall be taken by a majority of the representatives of States present and voting, except that the reconsideration of a proposal or an amendment shall require the majority established by rule 32.

VIII. LANGUAGES AND RECORDS

Languages of the Conference

Rule 52

Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish shall be the languages of the Conference.

Interpretation

Rule 53

1. Speeches made in a language of the Conference shall be interpreted into the other such languages.
2. A representative may speak in a language other than a language of the Conference if the delegation concerned provides for interpretation into one such language.