

(3) The Bureau shall establish in its mandatory regulations the maximum time limit for setting the date of an exposition and the minimum time limit for filing an application for registration; it shall stipulate the documents that must accompany an application. It may also fix by mandatory regulations the amount of the contributions required to cover the cost of examining the application.

(4) Registration shall be granted only if the exposition meets the conditions laid down in this Convention and the regulations issued by the Bureau.

ARTICLE 7

(1) When two or more States are competing for registration of an exposition and do not succeed in agreeing among themselves, they shall refer the matter to the General Assembly of the Bureau, which shall decide taking into account the considerations submitted and particularly special reasons of a historic or moral nature, the period that has elapsed since the last exposition, and the number of events already held by the competing States.

(2) Except in exceptional circumstances, the Bureau shall give preference to an exposition to be held in the territory of a Contracting Party.

ARTICLE 8

Except as provided for in Article 4(2), a State that has obtained registration of an exposition shall forfeit the rights inherent in such registration if it changes the date by which it stated it would abide. If it intends to organize the exposition at another date, it must file a new application and, if applicable, comply with the procedure established in Article 7, which any competition entails.

ARTICLE 9

(1) The Contracting Parties shall withhold their participation and sponsorship, as well as any subsidies, from any exposition that has not been registered.

(2) The Contracting Parties are entirely free not to participate in a registered exposition.

(3) Each Contracting Party will take whatever measures appear to be most appropriate under its own laws to proceed against the promoters of fictitious expositions or expositions to which participants may be fraudulently attracted by misleading promises, announcements or advertising.

SECTION IV

Obligations of Organizers of Registered Expositions and of Participating States

ARTICLE 10

(1) The inviting Government shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this Convention and the regulations issued for its implementation.