

For the organisation of international exhibitions the world is divided into three zones, viz., the European Zone, the zone of the two Americas, and the rest of the world. Those countries whose territory extends over two zones may choose that in which they wish to be classified.

In the same country not more than one general exhibition of the first category may be held during any period of 15 years, and an interval of 10 years must elapse between two general exhibitions of either category.

No contracting country may participate in any general exhibition of the first category unless an interval of at least six years has elapsed since the last general exhibition of the first category in the same zone or at least two years in another zone. No contracting country shall participate in any general exhibition of the second category unless this is separated from the last general exhibition by an interval of two years in the same zone or by one year in any other zone. These intervals are extended respectively to four or two years when the exhibitions are of the same nature.

The intervals provided for in the preceding paragraph apply without distinction being made between exhibitions organised by contracting countries and non-contracting countries.

More than one special exhibition of the same kind may not be held at the same time on the territories of the contracting countries. An interval of five years is compulsory before they may be repeated in the same country. In exceptional cases the International Exhibitions Bureau may reduce this period to not less than three years if it considers such reduction is justified by the rapid development of any particular branch of production. The same reduction may be allowed in favour of exhibitions which by an already established custom take place in certain countries at intervals of less than five years.

At least three month's interval must elapse between two special exhibitions of a different kind held in the same country.

The intervals provided for in the present Article shall be reckoned from the date of opening of the exhibition.

ARTICLE 2

The following provision shall be added to those under Article 10 of the Convention of 22nd November, 1928 (1):—

“When the post of Director falls vacant, the Council of the International Exhibitions Bureau will elect by an absolute majority a director a national of a country adhering to the Convention. The director will be appointed for a period of years to be established by regulation. His remuneration will be fixed by the Council on the recommendation of the Budgetary Commission.”

ARTICLE 3

Any State may accede to the present Protocol by notification in writing through the diplomatic channel to the French Government. Such notification of accession shall be deposited in the archives of that Government.

Each new accession to the Convention of 22nd November, 1928, shall constitute accession to the present Protocol.

The French Government shall transmit immediately to all signatory and acceding Governments and to the President of the International Exhibitions Bureau a certified copy of the notification, showing the date on which it was received.