

ARTICLE 32

The annual budget of the Bureau shall be fixed by the General Assembly as provided in Article 28(3). It shall take into account the financial reserves of the Bureau and receipts of all kinds as well as the debit and credit balances shown in previous years. The expenditures of the Bureau shall be covered by those sources and by the contributions of the Contracting Parties in accordance with the number of shares assigned to each of them pursuant to the decisions of the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 33

(1) Any Contracting Party may propose a draft amendment to this Convention. The text of the aforesaid draft and the reasons for it shall be addressed to the Secretary General who shall communicate them, as soon as possible, to the other Contracting Parties.

(2) The proposed draft amendment shall be included on the agenda of the regular session or a special session of the General Assembly that shall be held at least three months after the date of its transmittal by the Secretary General.

(3) Any draft amendment adopted by the General Assembly under the conditions prescribed in the preceding paragraph and in Article 28 shall be submitted by the Government of the French Republic to all the Contracting Parties for acceptance. It shall enter into force for all the Contracting Parties on the date on which four-fifths of them have notified the Government of the French Republic of their acceptance. However, notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, no draft amendment to this paragraph, to Article 16 relating to the customs regime, or to the Annex provided for in that Article, shall enter into force until the date on which all the Contracting Parties have notified the Government of the French Republic of their acceptance.

(4) Any Contracting Party that wishes to express a reservation regarding its acceptance of an amendment shall inform the Bureau of the terms of the proposed reservation. The General Assembly shall rule on the admissibility of such reservation. The General Assembly must allow reservations designed to safeguard established positions in the field of expositions and reject these that would result in the creation of privileged positions. If the reservation is accepted, the Party that presented it shall be listed among those counted as having agreed to the amendment for purposes of calculating the aforementioned four-fifths majority. If the reservation is rejected, the Party that presented it shall choose between refusing the amendment or accepting it without reservation.

(5) Once an amendment enters into force under the conditions set forth in the third paragraph of this Article, any Contracting Party that refused to accept it may, if it deems appropriate, invoke the provisions of Article 37 below.

ARTICLE 34

(1) Any dispute between two or more Contracting Parties with respect to the implementation or interpretation of this Convention that cannot be settled by the authorities vested with decision-making powers under this Convention shall be the subject of negotiations between the parties to the dispute.