

The Director's management of the budget must be submitted to the Committee which shall examine it at each of its sessions.

Upon the expiration of the financial period, the Committee shall submit the balance sheet of its management to the Conference.

The Conference shall decide what is to be done with any budget surplus. The amount of such surplus may either permit a corresponding reduction in the dues of the Member States or may be added to the reserve funds.

#### ARTICLE XXVI

The Organization's expenses shall be covered:

(1) By annual contributions of the Member States.

The total contributions for a given financial period shall be determined according to the amount of credits granted by the Conference, taking into account an evaluation of the receipts referred to in paragraphs 2 to 5 below.

To determine the respective shares of the Member States, the latter are divided into four categories, according to the total population of the home country and territories represented.

Class 1: population of 10 million inhabitants or less;

Class 2: population between 10 million exclusive and 40 million inclusive;

Class 3: population between 40 million exclusive and 100 million inclusive;

Class 4: population of over 100 million.

The population figures are rounded off to the lower million.

When the use of measuring instruments in any State is clearly below the average, the State may apply to be put in a lower category than that assigned to it according to its population.

Depending on the class, contributions are proportional to 1, 2, 4, and 8.

The share of a Member State shall be equally distributed over all the years of a financial period in order to determine its annual contribution.

With a view to establishing a margin of safety from the very beginning in order to compensate for any fluctuations in receipts, the Member States agree to make advances on their future annual dues. The exact amount and duration of such advances shall be determined by the Conference.

If, upon the expiration of the financial period, the Conference has not met or has been unable to hold a valid debate, the annual contributions shall be renewed at the same rates until a valid session can be held.