

(2) The opening and closing dates of an exposition shall be fixed at the time of its registration and may not be changed except in case of *force majeure* and with the consent of the International Expositions Bureau (hereinafter called the Bureau) referred to in Section V of this Convention. Nevertheless, the total duration of the exposition shall not exceed six months.

ARTICLE 5

(1) The frequency of the expositions to which this Convention applies shall be regulated as follows:

- (a) In the same State, a minimum interval of 20 years must elapse between two universal expositions; a minimum interval of five years must elapse between a universal exposition and a specialized exposition;
- (b) In different States, a minimum interval of 10 years must elapse between two universal expositions;
- (c) In the same State, a minimum of 10 years must elapse between specialized expositions of the same kind; a minimum interval of five years must elapse between two specialized expositions of a different kind;
- (d) In different States, a minimum interval of five years must elapse between two specialized expositions of the same kind; a minimum interval of two years must elapse between two specialized expositions of a different kind.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) above, the Bureau may, in exceptional circumstances and under the conditions set forth in Article 28(3)(f), shorten the aforementioned intervals for the benefit of specialized expositions, on the one hand, and to a minimum of seven years for the benefit of universal expositions held in different States, on the other hand.

(3) The intervals that must elapse between registered expositions shall run from the opening date of the expositions.

SECTION III

Registration

ARTICLE 6

(1) The Government of a Contracting Party in whose territory it is proposed to hold an exposition (hereinafter called the inviting Government) must send the Bureau an application for its registration, stating the legislative, regulatory, or financial measures that it plans to take in connection with the exposition. The Government of a non-Contracting State desiring to obtain registration of an exposition may also apply to the Bureau, provided that it undertakes to comply, for the exposition, with the provisions of Sections I, II, III and IV of this Convention and the regulations issued for their implementation.

(2) Application for registration must be made by the Government responsible for the international relations of the place where the proposed exposition is to be held (hereinafter called the inviting Government), even if that Government is not the organizer of the exposition.