

(3) No proposal for modification shall be regarded as an amendment if the Assembly considers it to be incompatible with the original proposal.

11. *Voting on amendments*

(1) When an amendment is submitted to a proposal, a vote shall first be taken on the amendment.

(2) When two or more amendments are submitted to a proposal, the amendment furthest from the original text shall be put to the vote first; of the remainder, that furthest from the proposal shall then be put to the vote and the same procedure shall be followed until all the amendments submitted have been considered.

(3) If one or more amendments are adopted, the proposal thus amended shall then be put to the vote.

(4) If no amendment is adopted, the original proposal shall be put to the vote.

RULE 16

Committees and Subcommittees **Rules for Debates and Voting Procedures**

1. The chairmen of all committees and subcommittees shall have powers similar to those conferred by Rule 4 on the Chairman of the Conference.

2. The provisions set forth in Rule 13 for the conduct of debates in the Plenary Assembly shall also apply to the discussions of committees and subcommittees, except in the matter of the quorum.

3. The provisions set forth in Rule 15 shall also apply to votes taken in committees and subcommittees, except as regards paragraph 2.

RULE 17

Reservations

1. As a general rule, any delegation whose views are not shared by the remaining delegations shall endeavour, as far as possible, to conform to the opinion of the majority.

2. However, if any decision appears to a delegation to be of such a nature as to prevent its government from ratifying the