

PART IX

Technical Commissions

ARTICLE 19

- (a) Commissions consisting of technical experts may be established by the Congress to study and make recommendations to the Congress and the Executive Committee on any subject within the purposes of the Organization.
- (b) Members of the Organization have the right to be represented on the Technical Commissions.
- (c) Each Technical Commission shall elect its President and Vice-President.
- (d) Presidents of Technical Commissions may participate without vote in the meetings of the Congress and of the Executive Committee.

PART X

The Secretariat

ARTICLE 20

The permanent Secretariat of the Organization shall be composed of a Secretary General and such technical and clerical staff as may be required for the work of the Organization.

ARTICLE 21

- (a) The Secretary General shall be appointed by the Congress on such terms as the Congress may approve.
- (b) The staff of the Secretariat shall be appointed by the Secretary General with the approval of the Executive Committee in accordance with regulations established by the Congress.

ARTICLE 22

- (a) The Secretary General is responsible to the President of the Organization for the technical and administrative work of the Secretariat.
- (b) In the performance of their duties, the Secretary General and the staff shall not seek or receive instructions from any authority external to the Organization. They shall refrain from any action which might reflect on their position as international officers. Each Member of the Organization on its part shall respect the exclusively international character of the responsibilities of the Secretary General and the Staff and not seek to influence them in the discharge of their responsibilities to the Organization.

PART XI

Finances

ARTICLE 23

- (a) The Congress shall determine the maximum expenditures which may be incurred by the Organization on the basis of estimates submitted by the Secretary General and recommended by the Executive Committee.