

- f) to make recommendations to Governments or international Organisations, and in particular, to propose measures for the improvement and unification of laws and regulations;
- g) to keep in touch with the interested national and international bodies with a view to carrying out its programme of activities;
- h) to organise International Congresses;
- i) and, in general, to take all steps aimed at promoting the principle and uses of refrigeration.

## SECTION II

### MEMBERS

#### ARTICLE III

##### *Member Countries, admission to membership*

The Institute is comprised of the following Member Countries which enjoy the rights and which are subject to the obligations laid down by this Agreement:

- a) the Contracting Parties;
- b) the Territories the Contracting Parties notify at the time of signature of the present Agreement and which appear in the appended list;
- c) Countries which are not parties to the present Agreement if such Countries accede to this Agreement and if their admission is accepted by the Executive Committee;
- d) Territories not included in the appended list, if notified to the Institute by the Contracting Party responsible for their international relations and if their admission is accepted by the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### *Categories of Member Countries*

1. In order to enable Member Countries to participate in the Institute according to the extent of their economic activity and the interest which they have in the problems of refrigeration, provision has been made for six categories of Member Countries. These categories are mainly characterised by the amount of the financial contribution, by the number of votes and by the number of publications received free of charge.
2. Each Member Country decides the category in which it wishes to be placed.

#### ARTICLE V

##### *Withdrawal, change of category*

Each Member Country has the right to withdraw from the Institute or to be placed in a lower category by giving notice of at least one year. Transfer into a higher category may be made at any time on payment of the appropriate supplementary contribution.

#### ARTICLE VI

*Transfer of rights and obligations to a competent association or organisation*

Member Countries may, upon their own responsibility transfer all or some of their rights and obligations in respect of the Institute to a competent association or organisation.