

## ARTICLE 7

*Duties of Committees*

§ 1.° The Committee on Initiatives shall coordinate the business of the Conference, and shall create the committees which it shall deem required, rule upon questions of policy as related to the conference, resolve matters referred to it by other committees or the secretariat, decide on the basis of two-thirds of the votes cast in its meetings regarding the suitability for consideration by the conference of new matters presented by the delegations, and advise the permanent president particularly with respect to matters not covered by these internal regulations.

§ 2.° The Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials submitted by members of delegations, ascertain that they are in good and proper form and report without delay to the conference.

§ 3.° The Drafting Committee shall be entrusted with the final coordination and drafting of the conference agreements and resolutions, without altering their sense, and seeking to avoid unnecessary repetition.

§ 4.° The duties of such other committees as may be established shall be determined by the scope of the items of the agenda assigned to them by the Committee on Initiatives.

## ARTICLE 8

*Official languages*

The authorized languages of the discussions and documents of the conference shall be those provided for in Article 13 of the Convention.

## ARTICLE 9

*Quorum*

A majority of the delegations of the Conference having voting powers and being in attendance, shall constitute a quorum at the plenary sessions of the conference.

## ARTICLE 10

*Voting*

Voting shall take place in accordance with the provisions of Article 12 of the Convention, and in accordance with the following rules:

a) The vote of each delegation shall, in plenary sessions and committee meetings, be cast by the delegation chairman or other member acting in his behalf.

b) The delegates may vote by rising in their seats, or in any other agreed manner. But at the request of any delegation, or by decision of the chairman, the vote must take place by calling the roll in the alphabetical order of the names of their respective states as expressed in the Spanish language.

c) Propositions and amendments will be adopted only when they obtain a majority of the votes cast. In case of a tie vote, they will be considered not adopted.

## ARTICLE 11

*Plenary sessions*

§ 1.° The inaugural session of the conference shall be held at the time and place designated by the organizing government, and the further sessions on such days as the Conference may determine.