

3. The Secretary-General shall assemble and coordinate the proposals received, and shall communicate them, at least three months before the opening of the conference, to all Members and Associate Members.

CHAPTER 4

Special provisions for Conferences meeting at the Seat of the Union

1. When a conference is to be held without an inviting government, the Secretary-General shall take the necessary steps to convene it at the seat of the Union, after agreement with the Government of the Swiss Confederation.

2. In such cases, the Secretary-General shall himself perform the tasks of organization normally incumbent upon the inviting government.

CHAPTER 5

Credentials for Conferences

1. (1) Delegations sent by Members of the Union to take part in a conference must be duly accredited to exercise their right to vote and must be furnished with the necessary powers for the signing of the Final Acts.

(2) Delegations sent by Associate Members of the Union to take part in the conference must be duly accredited to participate therein in accordance with Article 1, paragraph 6 of the Convention.

2. For plenipotentiary conferences :

(1) *a*) delegations shall be accredited by instruments signed by the Head of State or by the Head of the Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs ;

b) however, they may be provisionally accredited by the Head of the diplomatic mission accredited to the government of the country in which the conference is held.

(2) In order to sign the Final Acts of the conference, delegations must be furnished with full powers signed by the authorities mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) *a*) above.