

(Translation)

**PROTOCOL MODIFYING THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
RELATING TO EXHIBITIONS OF 22nd NOVEMBER, 1928**

Paris, 10th May, 1948

The undersigned, plenipotentiaries of the Governments hereinafter named, having met in conference at Paris on 10th May, 1948, have, by common consent and subject to ratification, agreed on the following provisions:—

**ARTICLE 1**

Articles 2, 3 and 4 of the Convention of 22nd November, 1928,\* are abrogated and replaced by the following articles:—

*Article 2.*—Any exhibition which includes the products of more than one branch of human activity or which is organised with a view to demonstrating the progress achieved in the whole of a given sphere of activity (such as hygiene, applied arts, modern comfort, colonial development, &c.) shall be deemed to be a general exhibition.

Any exhibition which is concerned only with one applied science (electricity, optics, chemistry, &c.), one industry (textile, founding, graphic arts, &c.), or one elementary necessity (heating, food, transport, &c.) shall be deemed to be a special exhibition, *which may not include national pavilions.*

The International Bureau provided for in Article 10 shall draw up a classification of exhibitions to serve as a guide to the trades and products which may, in accordance with the preceding paragraph, figure in a special exhibition. The list may be revised annually.

*Article 3.—Duration of Exhibitions.*—The duration of international exhibitions shall not exceed six months. This period is fixed from the time when the registration of the exhibition takes place, and it may therefore not be prolonged by the Bureau except in cases of *force majeure* resulting from events which occur in the course of preparation for the exhibition, such as fires, floods, social disorders, which have the effect of making it impossible either for the exhibition to open on the date officially fixed or to function normally in the time assigned to its duration. Consideration of a request for prolongation, presented by the country organising the exhibition, is left to the Bureau.

Any prolongation granted will correspond with the length of time during which the exhibition has not functioned. This prolongation will begin from the date indicated by the organising country and may in no case be more than six months later than the closing date of the said exhibition.

*Article 4.—Frequency of Exhibitions.*—The frequency of international exhibitions to which the present Convention applies shall be governed by the following principles:—

All general exhibitions fall into one of the two following categories:—

*First category:* Those in which the countries invited to participate are obliged to construct national pavilions.

*Second category:* Those in which such countries are not so obliged.

\* Canada Treaty Series 1934, No. 7.