

11.° Serve as depository of an authentic text of Inter-American multilateral agreements relating to telecommunications.

12.° Submit an annual report of its work which shall be communicated to all contracting Governments.

13.° Study and submit for the consideration of the plenipotentiary or administrative conferences recommendations and modifications of internal regulations for the Office of Inter-American Telecommunications, (O. I. T.), (Article 8).

14.° Perform such other duties as may pertain to it or be assigned to it by the conferences.

#### ARTICLE 6

##### *Maintenance of the Office of Inter-American Telecommunications (O. I. T.)*

§ 1. 1) The general expenses of the administration of the Office of Inter-American Telecommunications, (O. I. T.), will be defrayed by the Governments which are parties to this Convention in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6 of this Article.

2) The Pan American Union shall have the general supervision over the administration and the finances of the Office of Inter-American Telecommunications, (O. I. T.), and of the budget authorized by the governments.

§ 2. 1) The aforementioned general expenses will be regulated by a budget previously adopted in each administrative or plenipotentiary conference and will be in effect until the following conference.

2) The Director of the Office of Inter-American Telecommunications, (O. I. T.), will prepare the budget proposal and will submit it, sufficiently in advance of the administrative or plenipotentiary conference, for the study of the respective governments through the Pan American Union. The Pan American Union shall accompany it with such comments as it may care to make and the conference shall take this proposal as a basis for the determination of the annual budget in question.

3) The Director shall present annually sufficiently in advance to the Pan American Union a statement of the modifications which he considers necessary in the budget for the following year, and which experience shall have shown to be desirable. The Pan American Union shall obtain the approval of the governments for these modifications.

§ 3. The Director may address the Pan American Union requesting funds which are necessary to cover expenses unforeseen in the budget, and the Pan American Union shall request the participating governments to pay their respective amounts in accordance with the quotas fixed in § 6 of this article.

§ 4. The expenses of the Office of Inter-American Telecommunications, (O. I. T.), caused by the work of the conferences will not be included in the expenses of the Office of Inter-American Telecommunications, (O. I. T.), referred to in §§ 2 and 3 above and must be borne by all governments participating in the conference in accordance with the quotas established in § 6 of this article.

§ 5. The accounts of the Office of Inter-American Telecommunications, (O. I. T.), shall be submitted annually by the Director to the Pan American Union for its audit, and will be submitted by the Union, with its comments, to the succeeding plenipotentiary or administrative telecommunications conference for approval.

§ 6. 1) In order to defray the expenses mentioned in the aforementioned §§ 2, 3 and 4, each of the American Governments agrees to contribute in proportion to a certain number of units corresponding to the category which it accepts as provided herein.