

## Article 20

### Rules of Procedure of the Council; Administrative and Financial Regulations of the Union

The Council shall establish its rules of procedure and the administrative and financial regulations of the Union.

## Article 21

### Tasks of the Council

The tasks of the Council shall be to:

(a) study appropriate measures to safeguard the interests and to encourage the development of the Union;

(b) appoint the Secretary-General and, if it finds it necessary, a Vice Secretary-General and determine the terms of appointment of each;

(c) examine the annual report on the activities of the Union and lay down the programme for its future work;

(d) give to the Secretary-General, whose functions are set out in Article 23, all necessary directions for the accomplishment of the tasks of the Union;

(e) examine and approve the budget of the Union and fix the contribution of each member State of the Union in accordance with the provisions of Article 26;

(f) examine and approve the accounts presented by the Secretary-General;

(g) fix, in accordance with the provisions of Article 27, the date and place of the conferences referred to in that Article and take the measures necessary for their preparation; and

(h) in general, take all necessary decisions to ensure the efficient functioning of the Union.

## Article 22

### Majorities Required for Decisions of the Council

Any decision of the Council shall require a simple majority of the votes of the members present and voting, provided that any decision of the Council under Articles 4(4), 20, 21(e), 26(5)(b), 27(1), 28(3) or 32(3) shall require three-fourths of the votes of the members present and voting. Abstentions shall not be considered as votes.