

- 4 b) any country, not listed in Annex 1, which becomes a Member of the United Nations and which accedes to the Convention in accordance with Article 46;
- 5 c) any sovereign country, not listed in Annex 1 and not a Member of the United Nations, which applies for Membership of the Union and which, after having secured approval of such application by two-thirds of the Members of the Union, accedes to the Convention in accordance with Article 46.
- 6 2. For the purpose of 5, if an application for Membership is made, by diplomatic channel and through the intermediary of the country of the seat of the Union, during the interval between two Plenipotentiary Conferences, the Secretary-General shall consult the Members of the Union; a Member shall be deemed to have abstained if it has not replied within four months after its opinion has been requested.

## ARTICLE 2

### Rights and Obligations of Members

- 7 1. Members of the Union shall have the rights and shall be subject to the obligations provided for in the Convention.
- 8 2. Rights of Members in respect of their participation in the conferences, meetings and consultations of the Union are:
- 9 a) all Members shall be entitled to participate in conferences of the Union, shall be eligible for election to the Administrative Council and shall have the right to nominate candidates for election to any of the permanent organs of the Union;
- 10 b) subject to the provisions of Nos. 117 and 179, each Member shall have one vote at all conferences of the Union, at all meetings of the International Consultative Committees and, if it is a Member of the Administrative Council, at all sessions of that Council;
- 11 c) subject to the provisions of Nos. 117 and 179, each Member shall also have one vote in all consultations carried out by correspondence.