

Article 5

Technical assistance for developing countries

Developed country Contracting Parties shall furnish to developing countries that so request, technical assistance on mutually agreed terms in respect of, inter alia, training of personnel, transposing their existing nomenclatures to the Harmonized System and advice on keeping their systems so transposed up-to-date with amendments to the Harmonized System or on applying the provisions of this Convention.

Article 6

Harmonized System Committee

1. There shall be established under this Convention a Committee to be known as the Harmonized System Committee, composed of representatives from each of the Contracting Parties.
2. It shall normally meet at least twice each year.
3. Its meetings shall be convened by the Secretary General and, unless the Contracting Parties otherwise decide, shall be held at the Headquarters of the Council.
4. In the Harmonized System Committee each Contracting Party shall have the right to one vote; nevertheless, for the purposes of this Convention and without prejudice to any future Convention, where a Customs or Economic Union as well as one or more of its Member States are Contracting Parties such Contracting Parties shall together exercise only one vote. Similarly, where all the Member States of a Customs or Economic Union which is eligible to become a Contracting Party under the provisions of Article 11 (b) become Contracting Parties, they shall together exercise only one vote.
5. The Harmonized System Committee shall elect its own Chairman and one or more Vice-Chairmen.
6. It shall draw up its own Rules of Procedure by decision taken by not less than two-thirds of the votes attributed to its members. The Rules of Procedure so drawn up shall be approved by the Council.
7. It shall invite such intergovernmental or other international organizations as it may consider appropriate to participate as observers in its work.
8. It shall set up Sub-Committees or Working Parties as needed, having regard, in particular, to the provisions of paragraph 1 (a) of Article 7, and it shall determine the membership, voting rights and Rules of Procedure for such Sub-Committees or Working Parties.

Article 7

Functions of the Committee

1. The Harmonized System Committee, having regard to the provisions of Article 8, shall have the following functions:
 - (a) to propose such amendments to this Convention as may be considered desirable, having regard, in particular, to the needs of users and to changes in technology or in patterns of international trade;
 - (b) to prepare Explanatory Notes, Classification Opinions or other advice as guides to the interpretation of the Harmonized System;
 - (c) to prepare recommendations to secure uniformity in the interpretation and application of the Harmonized System;