

CANADA

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DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES EXTÉRIEURES The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, makes public today the text of the "Modalities according to which the Government of Quebec is admitted as a participating government to the institutions, activities and programs of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation". The arrangements were arrived at between the federal government and the government of Quebec on October 1.

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Prior consultations will be held between the two governments with a view to ensuring that at least one expert or official of the Government of Quebec will serve on the Programs Committee, subject to Agency acceptance of proposed candidates. The same will apply to the other Committees and Commissions of the Agency. There will also be consultation on nominations for the Advisory Council.

Secretariat

Article 4

The two governments will consult on the candidates to be put forward for the elective offices of the Secretariat.

Article 5

Prior consultations will be held, when necessary, between the two governments with a view to maintaining on the Secretariat staff an expert of the Government of Quebec, subject to Agency acceptance of candidates.

Group of experts in administrative and financial management

Article 6

The two governments agree that an expert of the Government of Quebec will occupy one of the two positions allocated to Canada in the group of experts in administrative and financial management or on the permanent committee which will replace it.

General Conference

Article 7

The group of Ministers and officials of the Government of Quebec will be as large as circumstances require. Their number will be determined through consultation between the two governments, taking into account the importance of the role and interests of the Government of Quebec with regard to the questions under discussion.

Article 8

The two governments agree on the presence of the Quebec Government Minister at the meetings and activities of the ministerial commission.

Article 9

Quebec's presence will be identified in accordance with the modalities agreed upon at the founding Conference of the Agency. The modalities agreed upon at that time regarding the delegation list to be submitted to the General Conferences will also be followed.

Article 10

When a document involving an obligation under international law is to be signed, the signature of Canada will be affixed in the place reserved for it, according to the following formula:

Conferences and meetings

Article 11

Participation of the Government of Quebec in the official conferences and meetings of the Agency will be assured by a group of Ministers or officials, within the Canadian delegation, this group being formed by the Government of Quebec. They will participate in the debates and express the point of view of the Government of Quebec on any matter coming under its constitutional jurisdiction.

Article 12

In each case there will be prior consultation on the points of view to be expressed. In particular, there will be a meeting before departure with a view to co-ordinating Canadian participation.

Article 13

Canada's vote will be expressed in the manner foreseen for the founding Conference of the Agency.

Article 14

The Secretariat will send simultaneously and direct to the Government of Quebec copies of convocations to official conferences and meetings of the Agency that are sent to the Canadian Government.

PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Development and definition of the programs

Article 15

The Government of Quebec will participate in the development and definition of programs in the Agency's institutions.

Participation in the activities and programs and implementation of programs

Article 16

The Government of Quebec will participate in the activities and programs of the Agency, as well as in the implementation of programs in co-operation with the Secretariat, in accordance with modalities agreed upon in each case with the Government of Canada. The two governments will keep each other informed, in particular through copies of correspondence with the Secretariat arising out of the implementation of programs.

Finances

Article 17

The Government of Quebec will participate in a proportion of 50 per cent of Canada's contribution to the operating expenses of the Secretariat of the Agency. It may also assume a portion of the contribution to the costs of Agency programs.

Article 18

INFORMATION

Article 19

The Government of Canada will inform the Secretariat that the two governments have agreed upon modalities, by forwarding to the Secretariat a copy of the text published by the two governments. It will inform the Secretariat of any of these modalities which call for co-operation by the Secretariat.