

located. Such candidatures must be approved by the General Assembly by a majority of two-thirds of the Full Members present and voting provided that said majority is a majority of the Full Members of the Organization.

5. There may be a Committee of Affiliate Members which shall establish its own rules and submit them to the General Assembly for approval. The Committee may be represented at meetings of the Organization. It may request the inclusion of questions in the agenda of those meetings. It may also make recommendations to the meetings.

6. Affiliate Members may participate in the activities of the Organization individually or grouped in the Committee of Affiliate Members.

### Organs

#### Article 8

1. The organs of the Organization are:

- (a) The General Assembly, hereinafter referred to as the Assembly.
- (b) The Executive Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council.
- (c) The Secretariat.

2. Meetings of the Assembly and the Council shall be held at the headquarters of the Organization unless the respective organs decide otherwise.

### General Assembly

#### Article 9

1. The Assembly is the supreme organ of the Organization and shall be composed of delegates representing Full Members.

2. At each session of the Assembly each Full and Associate Member shall be represented by not more than five delegates, one of whom shall be designated by the Member as Chief Delegate.

3. The Committee of Affiliate Members may designate up to three observers and each Affiliate Member may designate one observer, who may participate in the work of the Assembly.

#### Article 10

The Assembly shall meet in ordinary session every two years and, as well, in extraordinary session when circumstances require. Extraordinary sessions may be convened at the request of the Council or of a majority of Full Members of the Organization.

#### Article 11

The Assembly shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

#### Article 12

The Assembly may consider any question and make recommendations on any matter within the competence of the Organization. Its functions, other than those which have been conferred on it elsewhere in the present Statutes, shall be:

- (g) to elect its President and Vice-Presidents;
- (b) to elect the members of the Council;
- (c) to appoint the Secretary-General on the recommendation of the Council;
- (d) to approve the Financial Regulations of the Organization;
- (e) to lay down general guidelines for the administration of the Organization;

- (f) to approve the staff regulations applicable to the personnel of the Secretariat;
- (g) to elect the auditors on the recommendation of the Council;
- (h) to approve the general programme of work of the Organization;
- (i) to supervise the financial policies of the Organization and to review and approve the budget;
- (j) to establish any technical or regional body which may become necessary;
- (k) to consider and approve reports on the activities of the Organization and of its organs and to take all necessary steps to give effect to the measures which arise from them;
- (l) to approve or to delegate the power to approve the conclusion of agreements With governments and international organizations;
- (m) to approve or to delegate the power to approve the conclusion of agreements with private organizations or private entities;
- (n) to prepare and recommend international agreements on any question that falls within the competence of the Organization;
- (o) to decide, in accordance with the present Statutes, on applications for membership.

#### Article 13

1. The Assembly shall elect its President and Vice-Presidents at the beginning of each session.

2. The President shall preside over the Assembly and shall carry out the duties which are entrusted to him.

3. The President shall be responsible to the Assembly while it is in session.

4. The President shall represent the Organization for the duration, of his term of office on all occasions on which such representation is necessary.

### Executive Council

#### Article 14

1. The Council shall consist of Full Members elected by the Assembly at the ratio of one member for every five Full Members, in accordance with the rules of procedure laid down by the Assembly, with a view to achieving fair and equitable geographical distribution.

2. One Associate Member selected by the Associate Members of the Organization may participate in the work of the Council without the right to vote.

3. A representative of the Committee of Affiliate Members may participate in the work of the Council without the right to vote.

#### Article 15

The term of elected members shall be four years except that the terms of one-half of the members of the first Council, as determined by lot, shall be two years. Election for one-half of the membership of the Council shall be held every two years.

#### Article 16

The Council shall meet at least twice a year.

#### Article 17

The Council shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairmen from among its elected members to serve for a term of one year.