

- (ii) That not more than seven and not less than two Members of the Executive Committee, comprising the President and Vice-Presidents of the Organization, the Presidents of Regional Associations and the twelve elected Directors shall come from one region, this region being determined in the case of each Member in accordance with the General Regulations.

Article 14

Functions

The Executive Committee is the executive body of the Organization and is responsible to Congress for the co-ordination of the programmes of the Organization and for the utilization of its budgetary resources in accordance with the decisions of Congress.

In addition to functions set out in other Articles of the Convention, the primary functions of the Executive Committee shall be:

- (a) To implement the decisions taken by the Members of the Organization either in Congress or by means of correspondence and to conduct the activities of the Organization in accordance with the intention of such decisions;
- (b) To examine the programme and budget estimates for the following financial period prepared by the Secretary-General and to present its observations and its recommendations thereon to Congress;
- (c) To consider and, where necessary, take action on behalf of the Organization on resolutions and recommendations of Regional Associations and Technical Commissions in accordance with the procedures laid down in the Regulations;
- (d) To provide technical information, counsel, and assistance in the field of meteorology;
- (e) To study and make recommendations on any matter affecting international meteorology and the operation of Meteorological Services;
- (f) To prepare the agenda for the Congress and to give guidance to the Regional Associations and Technical Commissions in the preparation of their agenda;
- (g) To report on its activities to each session of Congress
- (h) To administer the finances of the Organization in accordance with the provisions of PART XI of the Convention;

The Executive Committee may also perform such other functions as may be conferred on it by the Congress or by Members collectively.

Article 15

Sessions

- (a) The Executive Committee shall normally hold a session at least once a year, at a place and on a date to be determined by the President of the Organization, after consultation with other members of the Committee.
- (b) An extraordinary session of the Executive Committee shall be convened according to the procedures contained in the Regulations, after receipt by the Secretary-General of requests from a majority of the members of the Executive Committee. Such a session may also be convened by agreement between the President and the two Vice-Presidents of the Organization.

Article 16

Voting

- (a) Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be by two-thirds majority of the votes cast for and against. Each member of the Executive Committee shall have only one vote, notwithstanding that he may be a member in more than one capacity.

- ft>) Between sessions, the Executive Committee may vote by correspondence. Such votes shall be conducted in accordance with Articles 16 (a) and 17 of the Convention.

Article 17

Quorum

The presence of two-thirds of the members shall be required to constitute the quorum for meetings of the Executive Committee.

PART VIII

Regional Associations

Article 18

- (a) Regional Associations shall be composed of the Members of the Organization, the networks of which lie in or extend into the Region.
- (b) Members of the Organization shall be entitled to attend the meetings of Regional Associations to which they do not belong, take part in the discussions, present their views upon questions affecting their own Meteorological Service, but shall not have the right to vote.
- (c) Regional Associations shall meet as often as necessary. The time and place of the meeting shall be determined by the Presidents of the Regional Associations in agreement with the President of the Organization.
- (d) The functions of the Regional Associations shall be:
 - (i) To promote the execution of the resolutions of Congress and the Executive Committee in their respective regions;
 - (ii) To consider matters brought to their attention by the Executive Committee;
 - (iii) To discuss matters of general meteorological interest and to coordinate meteorological and associated activities in their respective regions;
 - (iv) To make recommendations to Congress and the Executive Committee on matters within the purposes of the Organization;
 - (v) To perform such other functions as may be conferred on them by the Congress.
- (e) Each Regional Association shall elect its President and Vice-President.

PART IX

Technical Commissions

Article 19

- (a) Commissions consisting of technical experts may be established by the Congress to study and make recommendations to the Congress and the Executive Committee on any subject within the purposes of the Organization.
- ft>) Members of the Organization have the right to be represented on the Technical Commissions.
- (c) Each Technical Commission shall elect its President and Vice-President.
- (d) Presidents of Technical Commissions may participate without vote in the meetings of the Congress and of the Executive Committee.

PART X

The Secretariat

Article 20

The permanent Secretariat of the Organization shall be composed of a Secretary-General and such technical and clerical staff as may be required for the work of the Organization.