

4. The Council shall meet at least once a year. It shall be convened at the request of the President or at the request of at least one third of the Member States. Meetings of the Council shall be held at the headquarters of the Centre unless the Council decides otherwise in exceptional cases.

5. The President and Vice-President may call on the assistance of the Director in the performance of their duties.

6. The Council may set up advisory committees and shall determine the composition and duties thereof.

Article 5

1. The presence of the representatives of the majority of Member States entitled to vote shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at meetings of the Council.

2. Each Member State shall have one vote in the Council. A Member State shall lose its right to vote in the Council if the amount of its unpaid contributions exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it, under Article 13, for the current financial year and for the preceding financial year. The Council, acting in accordance with Article 6 (3) (m), may nevertheless authorise the Member State to vote.

3. Between meetings of the Council, the Council may dispose of any matter which is urgent by means of a postal vote. In such cases, the majority of the Member States entitled to vote shall constitute the quorum.

4. In determining unanimity and the various majorities provided for in this Convention, only votes cast for or against a decision and, in cases where the Council acts in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 6 (2), the financial contributions of the Member States taking part in the vote, shall be taken into account.

Article 6

1. The Council, acting unanimously, shall:

(a) fix the ceiling of expenditure for implementing the programme of the activities of the Centre over the five years following the entry into force of this Convention;

(b) decide on the admission of new members, in accordance with Article 23, and lay down the conditions for such admissions in accordance with Article 13 (3);

(c) decide, in accordance with Article 20, on the withdrawal of membership from a State, that State not participating in the vote on this matter;

(d) decide on the dissolution of the Centre, in accordance with Article 21 (1) and (2);

(e) authorise the Director to negotiate co-operation agreements with States; it may authorise him to conclude such agreements;

(f) conclude, with one or more of the Member States, in accordance with Article 22 of the Protocol on Privileges and Immunities provided for in Article 16, any additional agreements for the purpose of implementing that Protocol.

2. The Council, acting by a majority of two-thirds of the Member States, and provided that the sum of the contributions from these States represents at least two-thirds of the total contributions to the budget of the Centre, shall:

(a) adopt the Financial Regulations of the Centre;

(b) adopt, in accordance with Article 12 (3), the annual budget and the table of the staff requirements of the Centre annexed thereto and, if necessary, supplementary or rectifying budgets, and approve the overall estimate of expenditure and revenue for the next three financial years; if the Council has not yet adopted the budget, it shall authorise the Director to incur expenditure and make payments, within a given month, exceeding the limit provided for in the first subparagraph of Article 12 (5);

(c) acting on a proposal from the Director, take decisions concerning any immovable property and equipment whose acquisition or renting by the Centre involves considerable expenditure;

(d) decide on the measures to be taken in the event of denunciation of this Convention within the meaning of Article 19;

(e) decide that the Centre shall not be dissolved in the event of denunciation of this Convention within the meaning of Article 21 (1), the denouncing Member States not taking part in the vote on this matter;

(f) determine, in accordance with Article 21 (3), the conditions for winding up the Centre in the event of its dissolution.

3. The Council, acting by a majority of two-thirds: