

to respect the international character of the responsibilities of the Director and the other officials of the Centre. In the performance of their duties, the Director and the other officials shall neither seek nor accept instructions from any Government or authority outside the Centre.

#### *Article 11*

The programme of activities of the Centre shall be adopted by the Council acting on a proposal from the Director in accordance with Article 6 (3) (i).

The programme shall cover, in principle, a four-year period and shall be adapted and supplemented each year for an additional period of one year. It shall fix the ceiling of expenditure for the duration of the programme and shall contain, in addition, an estimate of the expenditure arising out of its implementation in respect of each year and each major category.

The ceiling of expenditure may only be amended in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 6 (3) (i).

#### *Article 12*

1. The budget of the Centre shall be drawn up for each financial year before the beginning of that year, under the conditions laid down in the Financial Regulations.

The expenditure of the Centre shall be met from the financial contributions of the Member States and any other revenue of the Centre.

The revenue and expenditure shown in the budget shall be in balance. The budget shall be drawn up in the currency of the State in which the headquarters of the Centre are located.

2. All expenditure and revenue of the Centre shall be the subject of detailed estimates to be drawn up for each financial year and shall be shown in the budget.

Commitment appropriations relating to a period extending beyond the financial year may be authorised under the conditions laid down in the Financial Regulations.

In addition, an overall estimate of expenditure and revenue in each major category for the next three financial years shall be drawn up.

3. The Council, acting in accordance with

Article 6 (2) (b), shall adopt the budget for each financial year and the table of the posts of the Centre annexed thereto and any supplementary or rectifying budgets and approve the overall estimate of expenditure and revenue for the next three financial years.

4. The adoption of the budget by the Council shall:

(a) oblige each Member State to make available to the Centre the financial contributions determined in the budget;

(b) authorise the Director to enter into commitments and make payments within the limits of the appropriations authorised for these purposes.

5. If the budget has not been adopted by the Council by the beginning of a financial year, the Director may, each month enter into commitments and make payments in each chapter up to one twelfth of the appropriations in the budget of the preceding financial year, provided that he shall not have at his disposal appropriations in excess of one-twelfth of those provided for in the draft budget.

Member States shall pay each month, on a provisional basis and in accordance with the scale provided for in Article 13, the amounts necessary for the application of the first subparagraph.

6. The budget shall be implemented under the conditions laid down in the Financial Regulations.

#### *Article 13*

1. Each Member State shall pay an annual contribution to the Centre, in convertible currency, based on the scale which shall be adopted every three years by the Council acting in accordance with Article 6 (3) (h). This scale shall be based on the average gross national product of each Member State over the last three calendar years for which there are statistics.

2. The Council, acting in accordance with Article 6 (3) (h), may decide to reduce temporarily the contribution of a Member State because of special circumstances in that State. Special circumstances shall in particular be considered to exist where a Member State has a per capita gross national product lower than an amount which shall be determined by the Council acting in accordance with the procedure laid down on Article 6 (3).