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ARTICLE 26

Proposal of the Office of the Union

On the basis of the discussions of the Committee the Office proposes the following new text for Article 26:

"Article 26

Finances

"(1) The expenses of the Union shall be met from:

- (a) annual contributions of member States of the Union;
- (b) payments received for services rendered; and
- (c) miscellaneous receipts.

"(2) (a) For the purpose of determining the amount of their annual contributions, the member States of the Union shall be divided into the following classes:

Class A	15	units
Class B	10	units
Class C	7.5	units
Class I	5	units
Class I bis	4.5	units
Class II	4	units
Class II bis	3.5	units
Class III	3	units
Class III bis	2.5	units
Class IV	2	units
Class IV bis	1.5	units
Class V	1	unit
Class V bis	3/5	unit
Class V ter	1/5	unit

(b) Each member State of the Union shall contribute in proportion to the number of units of the class to which it belongs.

"(3) For each budgetary period, the value of the unit of contribution shall be obtained by dividing the total expenditure to be met from the contributions of member States of the Union by the total number of units.

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"(4) (a) Each State shall indicate, on joining the Union, the class in which it wishes to be placed. Any member State of the Union may, however, subsequently declare that it wishes to be placed in another class.

(b) Such declaration must be addressed to the Secretary-General of the Union at least six months before the end of the financial year preceding that in which the change of class is to take effect.

"(5) A member State of the Union which is in arrears in the payment of its contributions may not exercise its right to vote in the Council if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years, but it shall not be relieved of its obligations under this Convention, nor shall it be deprived of any other rights thereunder. However, the Council may allow such State to continue to exercise its right to vote if, and as long as, the Council is satisfied that the delay in payment is due to exceptional and unavoidable circumstances."

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