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ELECTION OF INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEENote by Executive Secretary

Under Item 35(b) of the Agenda for the Thirteenth Session, the contracting parties will be invited to elect an Interseasonal Committee in accordance with the decisions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES when adopting the Report of the Working Party on Organization.

The voting should be based, as in past years, upon the criteria set out in paragraph 12 on page 200 of BISD, Volume II. Other considerations concerning the composition of the Committee will be found in paragraph 45 on page 245 of the Third Supplement, which reads in part:

"... contracting parties nominated for membership should agree to provide adequate representation, and it should be a condition of acceptance of membership that those contracting parties would undertake to send as representatives persons appropriately qualified ... Acceptance of membership in the Committee implies acceptance of the responsibilities involved in such membership... Contracting parties ... before accepting nomination ... should consider whether it would be possible for them to make the necessary arrangements to ensure adequate representation."

Under the procedures followed at recent sessions, the question of the election of the Interseasonal Committee will be discussed at a meeting of the Heads of delegations, and subsequently the election will be held at a plenary meeting.

At the Twelfth Session the Heads of delegations recommended (prior to the decision to have a Committee of the Whole) that a Committee should be elected on the basis of the geographical grouping set out below. (In view of recent or anticipated decisions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, Cambodia and Switzerland have been included.)

<u>Groups of contracting parties</u>	<u>Countries included in the Groups</u>	<u>Number of Members</u>
North America	Canada, United States	2
United Kingdom	United Kingdom	1
Northern and Western Europe	Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Belgium, Luxemburg, Netherlands, France	3
Central and Southern Europe	Austria, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Greece, Turkey	3
Latin America	Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Nicaragua, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Uruguay	3
Asia	Burma, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, Indonesia, Cambodia, Malaya, Japan	3
Africa and Australasia	Ghana, Rhodesia and Nyasaland, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand.	2
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