

SIXTH COMMITTEE: ORGANIZATION

TEXTS OF ARTICLES 96 (REVIEW OF THE CHARTER) AND 97 (WITHDRAWAL
AND TERMINATION) AS APPROVED ON SECOND READING

Article 96

Review of the Charter

1. The Conference shall carry out a general review of the provisions of this Charter at a special session to be convened in conjunction with the regular annual session nearest the end of the fifth year after its entry into force.
2. The Director-General shall invite each Member, at least one year in advance, to submit any amendment or observations which they may wish to propose and shall circulate them for consideration by the other Members.
3. Amendments resulting from such review shall become effective according to the procedure established in Article 95.

Article 97

Withdrawal and Termination

1. Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article 17, paragraph 4 of Article 90, or paragraph 2 of Article 95, any Member may withdraw from the Organization either on its own behalf or on behalf of a separate customs territory on behalf of which it has accepted this Charter in accordance with the provisions of Article 99 at any time after the expiration of three years from the day of the entry into force of this Charter, by written notice addressed to the Director-General. The Director-General shall immediately notify all other Members.
2. A withdrawal under paragraph 1 of this Article shall take effect upon the expiration of six months from the day on which written notice of such withdrawal is received by the Director-General.
3. This Charter may be terminated at any time by agreement of three-fourths of the Members.