

GENERAL REGULATIONS

SECTION I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 Title, theme and category of the Exhibition

On November 22, 2012, at the conclusion of the voting procedure, the Member States of the Bureau International des Expositions (hereinafter '**BIE**') selected Astana, Kazakhstan as the official host of the International Recognised Exhibition EXPO 2017.

Therefore, an International Recognised Exhibition shall be held in Astana, Kazakhstan (hereinafter referred to as the '**Organising State**').

The title of the Exhibition shall be EXPO 2017 International Recognised Exhibition, and the abbreviated title shall be Astana EXPO 2017 (hereinafter the '**Exhibition**' or '**EXPO 2017**').

The theme of the Exhibition will be '**Future Energy**'. This theme, Future Energy, addresses global energy-related challenges and problems that have a direct impact on basic aspects of life on the planet. Among them are global warming and climate change, development, energy security and resource shortage, access to water, protection of biodiversity and promotion of world equity.

The purpose of the theme is to fuel a debate on the available solutions for Future Energy, through the examination of new methods for its production, use and management, and the offer of proposals for the most appropriate and viable ways of achieving more sustainable development.

In this sense, some of the main tasks in the energy sector of the future must be (i) to define sustainable energy supply models; (ii) to improve energy efficiency; (iii) to increase the share of clean and renewable energy; (iv) to establish and maintain the requisite energy distribution networks to meet demand; and (v) to foster universal access to sustainable energy.

Article 2 The site

The Exhibition Site shall be located in the City of Astana. The total Exhibition site shall be 174 hectares, out of which 25 hectares will be used for Exhibition pavilions and the remaining area of 149 hectares for other Exhibition facilities.

The Exhibition area is located in the south of Astana city at the intersection of Kabanbay Batyr Avenue in the west, Hussein Bin Talal Avenue

in the north, Orynbor Street in the east and Turar Ryskulov Street in the south.

Article 3 Duration of the Exhibition

The Exhibition shall open on June 10, 2017 and shall be definitively closed on September 10, 2017.

In the event of one or more visiting days being organised before the official opening date, for special categories of guests such as press representatives, the dates for these shall be fixed with the agreement of the Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners.

SECTION II – GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES IN THE ORGANISING STATE

Article 4 The State Commission

The State Commission for the Preparation and Holding of the Exhibition was set up by a Decree of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, dated 26 November 2012. The Chairman of the State Commission is the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The main task of the State Commission shall be to develop proposals relating to the organisation and holding of the Exhibition.

Article 5 The Commissioner of the Exhibition

By virtue of the Decree of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Commissioner of the Exhibition has been appointed.

The Commissioner of the Exhibition shall represent the Government of Kazakhstan in all matters related to the organisation and holding of the Exhibition. He shall be responsible for ensuring that the commitments taken vis-à-vis the BIE and the Participants of the Exhibition (hereinafter the '**Participants**') are duly honoured.

The Commissioner shall ensure that the General and Special Regulations are carried out.

He shall exercise disciplinary powers over the Exhibition, and, in this capacity, he is authorised to suspend or stop any activity, and to effect at any time the withdrawal of items of whatever origin which are incompatible with the proper standing of the Exhibition and which are likely to be a risk or liability. If the Organiser(as defined in Article 8 of the present General

Regulations) or a Commissioner of National Section should contest the decision of the Commissioner of the Exhibition, the provisions referred to in Article 10 of these General Regulations, which the parties have promised to respect, shall be applied. In this case, this remedy has the effect of putting the decision in abeyance, except where a matter of security is in question.

The Commissioner of the Exhibition may delegate, under his own responsibility, the exercise of his powers to his staff.

He may not carry out any function or mission on the Organiser's behalf, unless these functions, in law and in fact, are entirely disinterested and non-commercial in nature.

Article 6 Relationship between the Commissioner of the Exhibition and the BIE

The Commissioner of the Exhibition shall communicate to the BIE, and as soon as he receives such information, the decisions made by the invited Governments regarding their participation, and in particular the documents wherein such Governments notify the Commissioner of the Exhibition of their acceptance, the nomination of Commissioners of National Sections, the spaces selected by participating countries, and, as soon as they have been signed, the Participation Contracts.

He shall submit to the BIE, within the periods specified in Article 34 hereunder, the texts of the Special Regulations. He shall keep the BIE fully informed, chiefly by reporting at each of its sessions, on all developments and progress relating to the preparation of the Exhibition.

He shall ensure that the use of the BIE flag complies with the regulations laid down by the BIE. He shall welcome the delegates sent by the BIE on official missions to the Exhibition.

He shall ensure that the Organiser indicates by all suitable means, and particularly by mentioning it on all documents, that the Exhibition has been recognised by the BIE.

He shall communicate to the BIE, in due time and for the information of the Participants, the legislative, statutory or other texts adopted by the Organising State and local public authorities, in order to facilitate the participation of foreign States and ensure the success of the Exhibition.

The Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan will procure that the Organiser will pay the BIE €3,500,000 (hereinafter the “**Royalty on Gate Money**”). The Organiser, upon informing the Commissioner of the Exhibition, shall agree with the BIE on the methods and procedures for providing the Royalty on Gate Money, in accordance with BIE regulations.

Article 7 The College of Commissioners / Steering Committee

At the earliest possible opportunity, the Commissioner of the Exhibition shall convene a meeting of Commissioners of National Sections representing the participating countries to nominate a Chairperson and a Steering Committee to represent them, to consider matters of mutual interest, and to exercise the powers laid down in Article 10 hereunder.

The Steering Committee shall be formed by Commissioners of BIE Member States. When the number of States officially participating doubles after the elections, the elections shall be considered no longer valid, and new elections shall be held.

Should the Chairperson of the Steering Committee be prevented for any reason from fulfilling his responsibilities, he/she shall delegate his/her powers to another member of the Steering Committee.

Article 8 Organiser of the Exhibition

To administer the organisation and holding of the Exhibition, Astana EXPO-2017 National Company Joint Stock Company (hereinafter the “**Organiser**”) was set up by a Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan, dated 15 January 2013 No. 11. The Organiser shall be responsible for preparing and undertaking the legal, statutory, financial and other measures necessary to ensure the success and prestige of the Exhibition.

The Commissioner of the Exhibition shall communicate to the BIE, for the information of the Participants and the formal records of the BIE, the organisational structure, responsibilities and authority of the Organiser, as well as the basic terms of the guarantees, benefits or constraints introduced by the Republic of Kazakhstan in connection with the organisation and holding of the Exhibition.

SECTION III – OFFICIAL PARTICIPANTS

Article 9 Rights and obligations

a) The Government of any nation participating in the Exhibition shall be represented by a Commissioner of National Section (hereinafter “National Section” or “Section”) accredited by the Republic of Kazakhstan. Any participating international organisation may also appoint a Commissioner of Section.

The Participation Contract shall be signed by the Commissioner of Section and the Organiser, with the counter signature of the Commissioner of the Exhibition.

The Commissioner of Section is solely responsible for the organisation and operation of his/her National Section, which includes all the exhibitors and the managers of the commercial activities referred to in Chapter III of Section IV hereunder, but not the concessionaires referred to in Section V.

The Commissioner of Section shall guarantee that the members of his/her national section will abide by the regulations issued by the Organiser and approved by the BIE.

In order to enable the Commissioner of Section to carry out his/her responsibilities, he/she shall be entitled to the advantages listed in Special Regulation No. 12, referred to in Article 34 herein.

b) The personnel of the foreign National Sections shall benefit from the accommodation facilities listed in Special Regulation No. 6, referred to in Article 34 herein.

All Official Participants (hereinafter the “Official Participants”) shall abide by the same rules as regards both their rights and obligations, except as specifically identified below.

More favourable financial terms will be offered by the Organiser to some Official Participants within the categories hereinafter specified: countries that are participating officially and that fall into the LDC (Least Developed Countries), MSAC (United Nations List of Most Seriously Affected Countries), SIDS (Small Island Developing Countries) or LLDC (Landlocked Developing Countries) categories defined by the United Nations, and officially participating international organisations may be granted assistance.

The content of the financial conditions may refer to:

- The rates for general services as described in Article 15 below.
- The royalties on commercial activities as described in Article 20 below.
- Other necessary elements for the participation of those countries.

These terms should be explicitly included in the Participation Contract submitted to the BIE for these States or international organisations.

c) The Organiser shall ensure that Official Participants are offered greater benefits than non-Official Participants as described in Article 3 of the Special Regulation No. 2.

Article 10 Settlement of disputes

Any disputes between an Official Participant and, either another Official Participant, or the Organiser, will be settled in the following manner:

1. If the dispute concerns the interpretation of the present General Regulations, the Special Regulations or the Participation Contract, considered in the light of the Convention of 22 November 1928 on International Exhibitions, as amended (hereinafter the '**Convention**') or the compulsory rules of the BIE, the Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners will act as the arbitrator after having, if the case arises, sought the opinion of the President of the BIE who will make a recommendation, with the assistance of the Vice-Chairperson(s) concerned and the Secretary General. The Commissioner of the Exhibition or the Organiser may also seek the above-mentioned opinion. The decision of the Steering Committee is immediately applicable and without recourse. During its next session the General Assembly of the BIE will make known whether it approves the interpretation of the Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners. Where it does so approve the interpretation, this will then constitute a precedent applicable to similar future cases; otherwise, it will indicate the interpretation which should have been given.

2. If the dispute concerns the origin of products exhibited, the Steering Committee will inform the College, according to paragraph 3 of Article 19 of the Convention.

3. If the case must be resolved by the Commissioner of the Exhibition according to the provisions of these General Regulations, any party may request that the advice of the Steering Committee be sought beforehand.

4. For any other dispute each party can request arbitration:

- in the first instance, from the Commissioner of the Exhibition alone;
- in the second instance, from the said Commissioner who will make a decision after consultation with the Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners;

- in the third instance, from the Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners.

The decision will be made at the level demanded by the party that chooses the highest level.

5. The above-mentioned decisions must be made within ten days. Otherwise, the dispute - if it comes under points 1, 3 or 4 above - will be brought before the College of Commissioners, which will decide within five days.

Otherwise, the request of the party that raised the dispute will be considered unjustified.

SECTION IV – GENERAL CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

CHAPTER I – ADMISSION

Article 11 Admission of items and exhibition materials

Only those items and exhibition materials contributing to the illustration of the theme described in Article 1 above, and included in the appended list, shall be admitted to the Exhibition.

The origin of these products shall be governed by the provisions of Article 19 of the Convention.

The procedure for verification of conformity with the theme is described in the Special Regulation No.1, referred to in Article 34 herein.

Article 12 Admission of exhibitors

The exhibitors in national sections shall be selected by the Commissioner of Section and come under his/her sole authority.

Exhibitors who do not come under any section, such as non-governmental organisations or corporations, shall deal directly with the Organiser, who shall inform the Government of the State of origin of the exhibitor concerned of their intention as soon as contact is established with such exhibitors.

Article 13 Exhibition Pavilions

The modes of Exhibition provided for are the following:

- a) Pavilions devoted to an examination of the Exhibition theme as defined by the Organiser.
- b) National pavilions and pavilions of international organisations.
- c) Multinational pavilions for countries with a common link; or those described in Article 9.b above.
- d) Corporate pavilions under the authority of the Commissioner of Section representing the state to which they belong.

CHAPTER II – SPACES – INSTALLATIONS – CHARGES

Article 14 Spaces

The total usable space that is placed at the disposition of the foreign National Sections shall be at least equal to the space allocated to the section of the Organising State. If, however, this space has not been fully allocated six months before the opening of the Exhibition, the Organiser shall recover the right to dispose freely of the unreserved space.

No rent will be charged for the spaces allocated to Official Participants.

Official Participants will have their allocated space confirmed after the Organiser's approval of the proposed Theme Statement in accordance with the provisions referred to in Special Regulation No. 1, referred to in Article 34 herein.

Article 15 General services

The Organiser shall provide the following services, with the expense being met by each Participant as a function of their use of the services: gas, electricity, telecommunications, water supply and removal, waste disposal and other such general services. Rates charged for such services shall conform to local rates in Astana City.

The Participants shall carry out all the cleaning, maintenance, garbage disposal, and other activities ordinarily required for the operation of their exhibition space. Should a Participant fail to do so, the Organiser is authorised to carry out these activities itself and charge all expenses incurred there from.

The terms for the provision of the general services shall be described in Special Regulations No. 4, 5 and 10, as referred to in Article 34 herein.

Article 16 Buildings and Installations

No Participant may make alterations within the exhibition grounds without the Organiser's prior approval. Earthworks, landscaping and generally speaking all improvements around the buildings must also be approved in advance by the Organiser. Similarly, improvement plans drawn up by the Organiser may not be modified unless the Participants concerned are in agreement, or permission has been granted by the Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners.

Special Regulation No.4, referred to in Article 34, lists references to the construction and improvement regulations in force in the place where the Exhibition will be held. It also indicates the special conditions that apply within the Exhibition grounds, taking into account in particular the temporary nature of the buildings to be erected and the improvements to be made. In addition, Participants may request the Commissioner of the Exhibition to waive the regulations. In that event the Commissioner shall either decide the matter or arrange for the competent authorities in Kazakhstan to make a decision.

Special Regulation No. 5, referred to in Article 34 of the present General Regulations, contains the conditions for the installation and operation of any machines, apparatus or equipment that may be used by the Participants.

Article 17 Occupation of the spaces

The spaces shall be handed over to Participants no later than January 2, 2017 and the entry of items to be shown shall be authorised from April 3, 2017.

The work of equipping and finishing the spaces shall be completed by May 8, 2017 and that of installing the exhibits by May 26, 2017.

The lots allocated to Participants must be vacated and restored to their original conditions by December 15, 2017 at the latest.

Article 18 Appropriation of Objects Exhibited

No exhibit or part thereof may be removed from the Exhibition without the permission of the Commissioner of the Exhibition.

If a Participant is unable to fulfil his commitments towards the Organiser, the Commissioner of the Exhibition may proceed at the closing date of the Exhibition, and at the Participant's cost and risk, with the

dismantling, removal, confiscation and sale of the Participant's goods located within the Exhibition grounds, with the exception of objects considered to form part of the public property or national heritage, and the amount due to the Organiser of the Exhibition shall be deducted from the proceeds of such sale.

CHAPTER III – COMMERCIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

Article 19 General Provisions

Commercial and other activities carried out in the National Sections must be authorised either by these General Regulations, or by the Participation Contract, or by a decision of the Commissioner of the Exhibition. An Official Participant may avail himself of any special benefits obtained by another Official Participant.

Such activities, which include electronic commerce, fall exclusively within the jurisdiction of the appropriate Commissioner of Section. If these commercial or other activities give rise to the payment of royalties, in accordance with the terms laid down in the Participation Contract, these royalties shall be collected by the Commissioner of Section.

The space devoted to commercial activities and accessible to the public must not exceed 20% of the total covered Exhibition space in order to ensure that the National Presentation complies with the provisions in Article 1 of the Convention.

Article 20 Commercial Activities

In accordance with the conditions set out in Special Regulation No.9, referred to in Article 34, Official Participants may open restaurants in which the national food of their country will principally be served.

In accordance with the conditions laid down in the said Special Regulation No. 9, referred to in Article 34, Official Participants may sell to the general public photographs, including slides and postcards, sound and video recordings (in the form of films, CDs, DVDs) and books and stamps from their countries. Subject to the Organiser's approval, Official Participants may also sell a limited number of articles, which are representative of their country.

Such articles may be replaced during the course of the Exhibition. This principle also applies to electronic commerce.

The objects and products exhibited in the National Sections, as well as materials used to install presentations may be sold ready for delivery after the Exhibition closes; by so doing the exhibitor shall relinquish his right to the benefit of 'temporary entry' and shall be subject to taxation and customs regulations. No dues shall be payable to the Organiser on such sales.

In the case where the Organiser has granted exclusive commercial rights to certain suppliers for the sale of goods or services, these rights must not be allowed to hinder the commercial activities of the Official Participants, whether these activities are restaurants or the sale of articles included in the national sections.

Concessions agreed by the Organiser should respect the principle of non-discrimination between nationals and foreigners; all risk of imbalance between the number and nature of concessions and the eventual number of visitors should be avoided, as should all excesses of commercialisation leading to a distortion of the objectives of an international exhibition, as established by the BIE.

Article 21 Catering services for Personnel

Any Participant may organise a restaurant and refreshment services for the exclusive use of its own personnel. These activities shall not require the payment of any dues to the Commissioner of the Exhibition or to the Organiser.

Article 22 Distribution of free samples

Subject to the approval of the Commissioner of the Exhibition, Commissioners of Section or exhibitors coming under their authority may distribute free samples of their products or allow them to be tasted free of charge, within their own Section.

Article 23 Shows, special events

The Official Participants may arrange shows, special events, presentations or meetings related to the theme of the Exhibition. Conditions in each case shall be agreed mutually between the Commissioner of the Exhibition, the Organiser and the Commissioner of Section.

Article 24 Publicity

a) Participants may place signboards, posters, notices, printed matter and similar such material on their stands or in their pavilions.

b) The placing of any publicity material outside the stand or pavilion shall be subject to the prior approval of the Commissioner of the Exhibition. The Commissioner of the Exhibition may require the removal of any signboards for which he has not given approval.

c) Brochures and leaflets can only be distributed within the enclosure of the section.

d) All publicity concerning special events, celebrations, etc. on the site must be authorised by the Commissioner of the Exhibition. All loud or excessive advertising is prohibited.

CHAPTER IV – COMMON SERVICES

Article 25 Customs Regulations

In accordance with Article 16 of the Convention, and its appendix concerning Customs regulations and the Customs system to which it will refer, Special Regulation No. 7, referred to in Article 34 shall determine the appropriate Customs regulations to be applied, as necessary, to goods and articles of foreign origin intended for the Exhibition.

Article 26 Handling and Customs Operations

In the interests of the good management of the Exhibition, a company affiliated with the Organiser will be set up to act as a customs agent responsible for customs clearance of goods and vehicles and related operations for the purpose of the Exhibition.

Alternatively, the Participants may use the services of other organisations placed on the Organiser's list and authorised to perform the functions of a customs agent according to the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Such list shall contain a maximum of two alternative organisations.

Each exhibitor must handle his own on-site acceptance of goods and vehicles and the reshipment of crates as well as the inspection of their contents. If exhibitors or their brokers are not present when the crates arrive within the Exhibition grounds, the Commissioner of the Exhibition can have them warehoused at the risk and expense of the exhibitor.

Article 27 Insurance

I. Personal insurance

a) Compulsory insurance required by law

1. Work accidents

In accordance with the current legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, in particular: Civil Code (No-409-I dated 01.06.1999); Labor Code (No-251-III dated 15.05.2007); Law on Compulsory Insurance of Workers Against Accident at Work (No 30-III dated 07.02.2005), each Commissioner of Section must insure his/her personnel and the personnel of his/her exhibitors against accidents at work in accordance with the conditions laid down in Special Regulation No. 8, referred to in Article 34.

2. Accidents caused by motor vehicles

In accordance with the current legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, in particular: Civil Code (No-409-I dated 01.06.1999); the Law on Compulsory Insurance of Civil Liability for Vehicles Owners (No 446-II dated 01.07.2003), personnel of a National Section, its exhibitors and any person coming under the authority in any capacity of a Commissioner of Section owning vehicles must enter into a contract for insurance of civil liability against the damage they may cause to life, health and/or property of third parties as a result of vehicle operation under the conditions laid down by the Special Regulation No. 8, referred to in Article 34.

3. Accidents as a result of dangerous types of activities

In accordance with the current legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, in particular: Civil Code (No-409-I dated 01.06.1999); the Law on Compulsory Insurance of Civil Liability for Owners of Facilities the Activity of which Carries a Threat of Damage to Third Parties (No 580-II dated 07.07.2004), personnel of a National Section, its exhibitors and any person coming under the authority in any capacity of a Commissioner of Section owning facilities, the activity of which carries a threat of damage to third parties, must enter into a contract for insurance of civil liability against the damage caused to life, health and/or property of third parties as a result of the dangerous production factor under the conditions laid down by the Special Regulation No. 8, referred to in Article 34.

b) Compulsory insurance required by these regulations.

1. Civil liability

The Organiser shall enter into a contract for group insurance with respect to his civil liability in accordance with the Special Regulation No. 8 referred to in Article 34. This insurance contract, which shall be entered into

with the underwriter offering the most favourable terms, shall come into force on January 2, 2017 and expire on December 15, 2017.

Official Participants may choose whether to take out coverage under this insurance contract or to provide evidence that they have entered into an insurance contract covering the same risks with another insurance company approved by the Organiser.

II. Insurance of goods

a) Goods belonging to the Organising State or the Organiser

Taking out any insurance against theft, deterioration or destruction of such goods, movable or immovable, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner, and may not be passed on to an Official Participant in the form of a payable surcharge, even if the Official Participant makes permanent or occasional use of the goods.

b) Goods belonging to Official Participants

Insurance of movable and immovable goods against the risks of theft, deterioration or destruction of these goods shall be the sole responsibility of the owner of these goods.

c) The Commissioner of the Exhibition, the Organiser, the Commissioners of Section and their exhibitors mutually waive any claim which they may be entitled to make against each other as a result of material damage caused by fire or other disaster, except in the case of foul play and/or wilful misconduct and/or gross negligence of the other party.

This waiver shall take effect automatically for each Commissioner of Section as from the date his/her Participation Contract enters into force. All contracts relating to the insurance of movable and immovable goods belonging to the persons mentioned in the previous paragraph, whether they take the form of a contract for the extension of coverage under a contract of group insurance or of a separate insurance contract, must explicitly mention this waiver, which shall also be mentioned in the Participation Contract.

III. Other insurance

The Organiser may assist the Participants in obtaining medical insurance with respect to their personnel and exhibitors where they do not have medical insurance policy. To this end, the Participants may use the services of the insurers placed on the Organiser's list.

Article 28 Surveillance

In accordance with the conditions laid down in Special Regulation No. 10 referred to in Article 34, the Organiser shall set up an overall surveillance

system to maintain peace and security, to deter violations of the law and to enforce the regulations.

Commissioners of Section may, under the conditions laid down in the Special Regulation No. 10, organise specific surveillance of their respective sections.

Article 29 Catalogue

Each Participant (official and non-official) shall cooperate with the Organiser as regards all publications, productions and communications appropriate to the promotion of the Exhibition. The contents of such material must have received the approval of the Commissioners of Section concerned.

The Commissioner of each section shall be entitled to have printed and published, at his own expense, an official catalogue of the items on display in his section.

Article 30 Admissions to the Site

a) The conditions of admission to the site are laid down by Special Regulation No. 13, referred to in Article 34.

b) Upon agreement with the Commissioner of the Exhibition, the Organiser shall determine the entrance fees for the Exhibition.

c) Inside the Exhibition, no other entrance fee may be charged without the approval of the BIE.

d) Standing invitations or invitations for a limited period, complimentary entrance cards for exhibitors or concessionaires and personnel' service cards shall be issued in accordance with the conditions laid down in the Special Regulation No. 13.

CHAPTER V – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Article 31 General Provisions

Special Regulation No. 11, referred to in Article 34, on the protection of patent rights and copyrights shall specify:

- The position of Kazakhstan with regard to:
 - Berne Convention of September 9, 1886 on the Protection of Works of Art and Literature;

- Geneva Convention of September 6, 1952 on Author's Rights;
- Paris Convention of March 20, 1883 on the Protection of Industrial Property.

- The references of applicable laws in Kazakhstan;
- Special measures taken regarding the Exhibition (if any).

Security personnel shall not allow anyone to draw, copy, measure, photograph, cast etc. with a commercial aim, items on display in the Exhibition, without the written permission of the exhibitor.

Article 32 Views of the Exhibition

The reproduction and sale of views of the pavilion of each Official Participant must be approved by the Commissioner of the Section concerned. However, the Organiser reserves the right to authorise the reproduction and sale of overall views of the Exhibition. Participants may not object to such reproduction or sale.

CHAPTER VI – AWARDS

Article 33 Awards

In accordance with Articles 23 and 24 of the Convention, the judging and ranking in order of merit of exhibits shall be entrusted to an international jury whose rules of operation shall be laid down in Special Regulation No.14, referred to in Article 34.

The organisation of competitions between National Sections by themselves is prohibited.

The members of the jury are excluded from the competition. If a National Section or an exhibitor has decided not to take part in the competition, the Commissioner of Section shall inform the Commissioner of the Exhibition to this effect.

CHAPTER VII – SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Article 34 Lists and time schedules

The Organising State shall submit to the BIE for approval the drafts of the Special Regulations. These regulations shall, in particular, concern:

1. *Special Regulation No. 1.* Definition of the Exhibition's theme and the means of its implementation by the Organiser and the Participants;
2. *Special Regulation No. 2.* Conditions for the participation of States, international organisations and private exhibitors;
3. *Special Regulation No. 3.* The rules for the functioning of the Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners.
4. *Special Regulation No.4.* The rules concerning construction or improvements, and fire protection.
5. *Special Regulation No. 5.* The rules concerning the installation and operation of machines, apparatus and equipment of all types.
6. *Special Regulation No. 6.* The accommodation facilities for the personnel of the official foreign National Sections.
7. *Special Regulation No. 7.* The regulations governing customs and handling, and any particular rates and charges;
8. *Special Regulation No. 8.* Insurance;
9. *Special Regulation No. 9.* The conditions under which Official Participants may operate restaurants or carry out sales;
10. *Special Regulation No. 10.* The provision of general services:
 - health and hygiene
 - surveillance and security
 - supply of water, gas, electricity, heating, air-conditioning, etc.
 - telecommunications
11. *Special Regulation No. 11.* The protection of patent rights and copyrights. The regulation must specify that each Commissioner of Section shall have free non-lucrative use of the title, logo and other attributes for the Exhibition;
12. *Special Regulation No. 12.* The privileges and advantages of Commissioners of Section and of their staff;
13. *Special Regulation No. 13.* The regulations governing admissions to the site;
14. *Special Regulation No. 14.* The conditions governing the attributing of awards.

The above regulations numbered 1 to 10 inclusive shall be submitted at least two years before the date of opening of the Exhibition. The regulations mentioned above under the numbers 11 to 14 inclusive shall be submitted at least one year before the date of opening of the Exhibition.

These regulations shall be communicated to the Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners as soon as it has been formed. The Steering Committee will study them and inform the BIE of its observations.

All other regulations that the Organiser may lay down for the requirements of the Exhibition shall come into force only after being examined by the Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners.

Notwithstanding the timetable established for the approval of these Special Regulations, the Organiser shall make available to the Participants in advance the information necessary to assess the financial costs of participation.

SECTION V – SPECIFIC CONDITIONS CONCERNING CONCESSIONAIRES

Article 35 General Provisions

Concessionaires in the sense of these General Regulations are those who have been granted by the Organiser rights to carry out commercial activities within the Exhibition site. Concessionaires shall conclude a Concessionaire Contract with the Organiser that covers the conditions for the commercial activities to be carried out within the Exhibition site.

The above provisions apply to Concessionaires, with the exception of those that only concern Official Participants and which are the following:

- Articles 6, 7, 9 and 10;
- Chapter I of Section IV;
- Article 14;
- Chapter III of Section IV, with the exception of Article 24;
- Chapter IV of Section IV, with the exception of Article 27.II.C.
- Chapter VI of Section IV;
- The Special Regulations referred to in Article 34 of this General Regulations under the numbers 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 14.

The other conditions for participation shall be laid down in the participation contract. They shall comply with the provisions of Articles 17, 18 and 19 of the Convention.

Article 36 Admission of Concessionaires

Individuals and firms whose countries are officially participating in the Exhibition shall only be admitted as Concessionaires subject to the

agreement of the Commissioner of Section of their country of origin, who may establish special conditions for their admission.

SECTION VI – INDEMNITIES IN CASE OF CANCELLATION OF THE EXHIBITION

Article 37

In the event of cancellation of the Exhibition, the Organiser must compensate those countries that have accepted to participate for expenses incurred and duly justified arising directly from their participation in the Exhibition.

Nevertheless, no compensation shall be due if the cancellation is caused by force majeure due to a natural disaster considered as such by the General Assembly of the BIE on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

Indemnities shall be set by the General Assembly of the BIE, whose decision will be final, on the proposition of the Executive Committee which has overseen the claim with the documents and evidence supplied by the Organising State, the Organiser and all other parties involved.

Article 38

Moreover, the Organiser must compensate the BIE for the loss for an amount established by the General Assembly according to the proposition of the Administration and Budget Committee.

The Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan will procure that the Organiser pays the BIE €3,500,000 Royalty on Gate Money. The Organiser, upon informing the Commissioner of the Exhibition, shall agree with the BIE on the methods and procedures for providing the Royalty on Gate Money, in accordance with BIE regulations.

Article 39

The Organiser must undertake to fulfil the obligations defined by the above Articles 37 and 38 which shall be guaranteed by the State which has requested the registration of the Exhibition.

The maximum amount of these indemnities shall be set, before the registration, by an agreement between the BIE on the one hand, and the Organiser of the Exhibition.

These engagements shall form a part of the required documentation for registration.

Article 40

The Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan will honour the commitments made during the bid campaign for the Exhibition. As established during the campaign, the Organiser will allocate the sum of €62,000,000 to assist developing countries to participate in the Exhibition. The combined amount of €62,000,000 will cater for the needs of a minimum of 60 countries, depending on the availability of space within the Exhibition site.

The funds will be allocated to assist:

- a) LDC (Least Developed Countries);
- b) SIDS (Small Island Developing Countries);
- c) LLDC (Landlocked Developing Countries);
- d) International organisations.

The above countries will be based on the classifications of the United Nations.

The identified budget will cover the following elements:

Common Elements:

- Design and outfit of the pavilion;
- Design of common areas;
- Design of common contents;
- Production of contents;
- Installation and operation of contents;
- Dismantling of contents;
- Third party insurance for the common areas.

Local Personnel:

- Pavilion Director;
- Deputies;
- VIP and protocol;

- Entertainment manager;
- Administrative support;
- Hosts and hostesses for common areas;
- Substitute hosts and hostesses;
- Maintenance.

Participant's Personnel:

- Travel;
- Accommodation in EXPO City;
- Per diem;
- Uniforms.

Entertainment

Permanent troupes, including:

- Cachets;
- Travel;
- Per diem;
- Accommodation.

Operations:

- Supplies (electricity, gas, water);
- Cleaning;
- Security;
- Local transportation;
- Insurance.

Other Elements:

- Office material and furniture;
- Other.

National Day:

- Performance troupe;
- Cocktail.

In order to establish an efficient program, the Organiser will create a draft plan during the year 2014, after the registration of the Exhibition with the BIE. This plan will include proposals and a financial plan, in addition to a calendar.