1. The purpose of an AIC Study Group is to provide a continuing study of a topic within the AIC fields of interests, by specially interested or expert representatives from different countries.

2. A new Study Group can be promoted either by the AIC Executive Committee or by initiative of a group of specialists whose proposal is presented to and accepted by the AIC Executive Committee.

3. AIC Study Groups must not conflict with any part of the AIC Statutes.

4. AIC Study Groups should not normally be set up for topics already adequately covered by other organizations, such as CIE, ISO, etc.

5. Each Study Group shall consist of a Chairman appointed by the AIC Executive Committee, and such other members as considered appropriate by the Chairman. Membership in each Study Group is open to anyone who is interested in the topic. More than one person from any one country may be members of the same Study Group.

6. The Chairman should establish appropriate means of communication with the members of the Study Group, such as, for example, an e-mail list, a website, or what is considered most operative for the aims and work of the Study Group.

7. Meetings of Study Groups should be arranged as far as possible to take place at times when, and at places where, most of their members can combine attendance at the Study Group meeting with attendance at some other international meeting, preferentially, AIC meetings and congresses.

8. Each Study Group shall issue a short written annual report on its activities to be presented at the AIC Executive Committee Meeting and published in the AIC Newsletter.

9. The findings of each Study Group shall be disseminated by the publication of papers and other communications in appropriate media, such as, for example, journals, websites, proceedings of meetings, books, etc.

10. Any Study Group may be discontinued by the AIC Executive Committee, but only after discussion with the Chairman regarding the reasons and timing of such action.