

**Article 16****Delegation of powers by the Council to the Executive Committee**

1. The Council, by special vote, may delegate to the Executive Committee the exercise of any or all of its powers, other than the following:

- (a) location of the headquarters of the Organization under paragraph 2 of Article 3;
- (b) approval of the administrative budget and assessment of contributions under Article 22;
- (c) decision of disputes under Article 29;
- (d) suspension of voting and other rights of a Member under paragraph 3 of Article 30;
- (e) request to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD under Article 31;
- (f) exclusion of a Member from the Organization under Article 40;
- (g) extension of the Agreement under Article 42;
- (h) recommendation of amendments under Article 43.

2. The Council may at any time revoke any delegation of powers to the Executive Committee.

**Article 17****Voting procedure and decisions of the Executive Committee**

1. Each member of the Executive Committee shall be entitled to cast the number of votes received by it under the provisions of Article 15, and cannot divide these votes.

2. Any decisions taken by the Executive Committee shall require the same majority as that decision would require if taken by the Council.

3. Any Member shall have the right of appeal to the Council, under such conditions as the Council shall prescribe in its Rules of Procedure, against any decision of the Executive Committee.

**Article 18****Quorum for the Council and the Executive Committee**

1. The quorum for any meeting of the Council shall be the presence of more than half of all exporting Members of the Organization and more than half of all importing Members of the Organization, the Members thus present holding at least two thirds of the total votes of all Members in their respective categories. If there is no quorum on the day appointed for the opening of any Council session, or if in the course of any Council session there is no quorum at three

■ successive meetings, the Council shall be convened seven days later; at that time, and throughout the remainder of that session, the quorum shall be the presence of more than half of all exporting Members of the Organization and more than half of all importing Members of the Organization, the Members thus present representing more than half of the total votes of all Members in their respective categories. Representation in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 10 shall be considered as presence.

2. The quorum for any meeting of the Executive Committee shall be the presence of more than half of all exporting members of the Committee and more than half of all importing members of the Committee, the members thus present representing at least two thirds of the total votes of all members of the Committee in their respective categories.

**Article 19****The Executive Director and the staff**

1. The Council, after having consulted the Executive Committee, shall appoint the Executive Director by special vote. The terms of appointment of the Executive Director

shall be fixed by the Council in the light of those applying to corresponding officials of similar intergovernmental organizations.

2. The Executive Director shall be the chief administrative officer of the Organization and shall be responsible for the performance of any duties devolving upon him in the administration of the Agreement.

3. The Executive Director shall appoint the staff in accordance with regulations established by the Council. In framing such regulations the Council shall have regard to those applying to officials of similar intergovernmental organizations.

4. Neither the Executive Director nor any member of the staff shall have any financial interest in the sugar industry or sugar trade.

5. The Executive Director and the staff shall not seek or receive instructions regarding their duties under the Agreement from any Member or from any authority external to the Organization. They shall refrain from any action which might reflect on their position as international officials responsible only to the Organization. Each Member shall respect the exclusively international character of the responsibilities of the Executive Director and the staff and shall not seek to influence them in the discharge of their responsibilities.

**CHAPTER IV - PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES****Article 20****Privileges and immunities**

1. The Organization shall have legal personality. It shall in particular have the capacity to contract, acquire and dispose of movable and immovable property and to institute legal proceedings.

2. The status, privileges and immunities of the Organization in the territory of the United Kingdom shall continue to be governed by the Headquarters Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the International Sugar Organization signed at London on 29 May 1969.

3. If the seat of the Organization is moved to a country which is a Member of the Organization, that Member shall, as soon as possible, conclude with the Organization an agreement to be approved by the Council relating to the status, privileges and immunities of the Organization, of its Executive Director, its staff and experts and of representatives of Members while in that country for the purpose of exercising their functions.

4. Unless any other taxation arrangements are implemented under the agreement envisaged in paragraph 3 of this Article and pending the conclusion of that agreement, the new host Member shall:

- (a) grant exemption from taxation on the remuneration paid by the Organization to its employees, except that such exemption need not apply to its own nationals; and
- (b) grant exemption from taxation on the assets, income and other property of the Organization.

5. If the seat of the Organization is to be moved to a country which is not a Member of the Organization, the Council shall, before that move, obtain a written assurance from the Government of that country

- (a) that it shall, as soon as possible, conclude with the Organization an agreement as described in paragraph 3 of this Article; and
- (b) that, pending the conclusion of such an agreement, it shall grant the exemptions provided for in paragraph 4 of this Article.