

8. Whenever the membership of the Organization changes or when any Member is suspended from its voting rights or recovers its voting rights under any provision of the Agreement, the Council shall re-distribute the total votes within each category of Members on the basis of the formulae referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 of this Article.

Article 10

Voting procedure of the Council

1. Each Member shall be entitled to cast the number of votes it holds and cannot divide its votes. It may, however, cast differently from such votes any votes which it is authorized to cast under paragraph 2 of this Article.

2. By informing the Chairman in writing, any exporting Member may authorize any other exporting Member, and any importing Member may authorize any other importing Member, to represent its interests and to cast its votes at any meeting or meetings of the Council. A copy of such authorizations shall be examined by any credentials committee that may be set up under the Rules of Procedure of the Council.

Article 11

Decisions of the Council

1. All decisions of the Council shall be taken and all recommendations shall be made by distributed simple majority vote, unless the Agreement provides for a special vote.

2. In arriving at the number of votes necessary for any decision of the Council, votes of Members abstaining shall not be reckoned. Where a Member avails itself of the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article 10 and its votes are cast at a meeting of the Council, such Member shall, for the purposes of paragraph 1 of this Article, be considered as present and voting.

3. Members undertake to accept as binding all decisions of the Council under the provisions of the Agreement.

Article 12

Co-operation with other organizations

1. The Council shall make whatever arrangements are appropriate for consultation or co-operation with the United Nations and its organs, in particular UNCTAD, and with the Food and Agriculture Organization and such other specialized Agencies of the United Nations and inter-governmental organizations as may be appropriate.

2. The Council, bearing in mind the particular role of UNCTAD in international commodity trade, shall as appropriate keep UNCTAD informed of its activities and programmes of work.

3. The Council may also make whatever arrangements are appropriate for maintaining effective contact with international organizations of sugar producers, traders and manufacturers.

Article 13

Admission of Observers

1. The Council may invite any non-Member that is a Member of the United Nations, of any of its Specialized Agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency to attend any of its meetings as an Observer.

2. The Council may also invite any of the organizations referred to in paragraph 1 of Article 12 to attend any of its meetings as an Observer.

Article 14

Composition of the Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of eight exporting Members and eight importing Members, who shall be elected for each calendar year in accordance with Article 15 and may be re-elected.

2. Each member of the Executive Committee shall appoint one representative and may appoint in addition one or more alternates and advisers.

3. The Executive Committee shall elect its Chairman for each calendar year. He shall not have the right to vote and may be re-elected.

4. The Executive Committee shall meet at the headquarters of the Organization, unless it decides otherwise. If any Member invites the Executive Committee to meet elsewhere than at the headquarters of the Organization, that Member shall pay the additional costs involved.

Article 15

Election of the Executive Committee

1. The exporting and importing members of the Executive Committee shall be elected in the Council by the exporting and the importing Members of the Organization respectively. The election within each category shall be held in accordance with paragraphs 2 to 7 inclusive of this Article.

2. Each Member shall cast all the votes to which it is entitled under Article 9 for a single candidate. A Member may cast for another candidate any votes which it exercises pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article 10.

3. The eight candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected; however, no candidate shall be elected on the first ballot unless it receives at least 70 votes.

4. If less than eight candidates are elected on the first ballot, further ballots shall be held in which only Members which did not vote for any of the candidates elected shall have the right to vote. In each further ballot, the minimum number of votes required for election shall be successively diminished by five until the eight candidates are elected.

5. Any Member which did not vote for any of the members elected may subsequently assign its votes to one of them subject to paragraphs 6 and 7 of this Article.

6. A member shall be deemed to have received the number of votes originally cast for it when it was elected and, in addition, the number of votes assigned to it, provided that, the total number of votes shall not exceed 299 for any member elected.

7. If the votes deemed received by an elected member would otherwise exceed 299 Members which voted for or assigned their votes to such elected member shall arrange among themselves for one or more of them to withdraw their votes from that member and assign or re-assign them to another elected member so that the votes received by each elected member shall not exceed the limit of 299.

8. If a member of the Executive Committee is suspended from the exercise of its voting rights under any of the relevant provisions of the Agreement, each Member which has voted for it or assigned its votes to it in accordance with the provisions of this Article may, during such time as that suspension is in force, assign its votes to any other member of the Committee in its category, subject to the provisions of paragraph 6 of this Article.

9. In special circumstances, and after consultation with the member of the Executive Committee for which it voted or to which it assigned its votes in accordance with the provisions of this Article, a Member may withdraw its votes from that member for the remainder of the calendar year. That Member may then assign these votes to another member of the Executive Committee in its category but may not withdraw these votes from that other member for the remainder of that year. The member of the Executive Committee from which the votes have been withdrawn shall retain its seat on the Executive Committee for the remainder of that year. Any action taken pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph shall become effective after the Chairman of the Executive Committee has been informed in writing thereof.