

2. Where a member avails itself of the provisions of article 16 and its votes are cast at a meeting of the Council, such member shall, for the purpose of paragraph 1 of this article, be considered as present and voting.

ARTICLE 19

Establishment of committees

1. The following committees are hereby established:

- (a) Committee on Administration;
- (b) Committee on Buffer Stock Operations;
- (c) Committee on Statistics; and
- (d) Committee on Other Measures.

Additional committees may also be established by special vote of the Council.

2. Each committee shall be responsible to the Council. The Council shall, by special vote, determine the membership and terms of reference of each committee.

ARTICLE 20

Panel of experts

1. The Council shall establish a panel of experts from the rubber industry and trade of exporting and importing members.

2. The Panel shall be available to provide advice and assistance to the Council and its committees, particularly on buffer stock operations and on the other measures referred to in article 44.

3. The membership, functions and administrative arrangements of the Panel shall be determined by the Council.

CHAPTER V — PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

ARTICLE 21

Privileges and immunities

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

2. The Organization shall, as soon as possible after the entry into force of this Agreement, seek to conclude with the Government of the country in which the headquarters of the Organization is to be situated (hereinafter referred to as the host Government) an agreement (hereinafter referred to as Headquarters Agreement) relating to such status, privileges and immunities of the Organization, of its Executive Director, staff and experts, and of members' delegations, as are reasonably necessary for the purpose of discharging their functions.