

3. Provided that the Government of countries listed in Annex A to Article III responsible for not less than two-thirds of the guaranteed purchases and the Governments of countries listed in Annex B to Article III responsible for not less than two-thirds of the guaranteed sales have accepted this Agreement by 16 July 1956, Parts 1, 3, 4 and 5 of the Agreement shall enter into force on 16 July 1956 [1] and Part 2 on 1 August 1956 [1] for those Governments which have accepted the Agreement.

4. If by 16 July 1956 the conditions laid down in the preceding paragraph for the entering into force of this Agreement are not fulfilled, the Government of those countries which by the same date have accepted this Agreement as provided in paragraph 2 of this Article may decide by mutual consent that it shall enter into force between them, or alternatively may take whatever other action they consider the situation requires.

5. Any signatory Government which has not accepted this Agreement by 16 July 1956 as provided in paragraph 2 of this Article may be granted by the Council an extension of time after that date for depositing its instrument of acceptance. Parts 1, 3, 4 and 5 of this Agreement shall enter into force for that Government on the date of the deposit of its instrument of acceptance, and Part 2 of the Agreement shall enter into force on 1 August 1956 or on the date of the deposit of its instrument of acceptance, whichever is later.

6. The Government of the United States of America will notify all signatory Governments of each signature and acceptance of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE XXI

##### *Accession*

The Council may, by two-thirds of the votes cast by the exporting countries and two-thirds of the votes cast by the importing countries, approve accession to this Agreement by any Government not already a party to it and prescribe conditions for such accession; provided, however, that the Council shall not approve the accession of any Government under this Article unless at the same time it approves adjustments of the guaranteed quantities in Annexes A and B to Article III in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article XI. Accession shall be effected by depositing an instrument of accession with the Government of the United States of America, which will notify all signatory and acceding Governments of each such accession.

#### ARTICLE XXII

##### *Duration, Amendment, Withdrawal and Termination*

1. This Agreement shall remain in force until and including 31 July 1959.

2. (a) The Council shall, at such time as it considers appropriate, communicate to the exporting and importing countries its recommendations regarding renewal or replacement of this Agreement.

(b) The Council may invite any Government not party to this Agreement which has a substantial interest in the international trade in wheat to participate in its discussions in connexion with such renewal or replacement.

3. The Council may, by a majority of the votes held by the exporting countries and a majority of the votes held by the importing countries, recommend an amendment of this Agreement to the exporting and importing countries.