

Annex A to this Agreement or as published from time to time in accordance with paragraph 10 of Article VII bears to the total of the percentages of all producing countries; and the delegates of consuming countries shall together hold 1,000 votes which shall be distributed amongst them so that each delegate receives five initial votes and in addition a proportion as nearly as possible equal to the proportion which his country's tonnage as shown in Column (2) of Annex B to this Agreement bears to the total tonnage of all consuming countries:

Provided that—

- (i) if there are more than thirty consuming countries the initial vote for each delegate of a consuming country shall be reduced equally so that at no time shall the total of initial votes for all consuming countries exceed 150;
- (ii) if, after the first meeting of the Council, any country accedes to this Agreement as a consuming country, the Council shall by a distributed simple majority determine its tonnage which shall take effect upon determination for the purposes of this Article as if it were one of the tonnages listed in Column (2) of Annex B;
- (iii) as soon as possible after April 1, 1955, and annually thereafter, the Council shall review the figures of net imports and consumption of tin of each consuming country for the three preceding calendar years and shall publish revised tonnages for each consuming country on the basis of the mean of such net imports and consumption, which tonnages shall take effect upon publication for the purposes of this Article as if they were the tonnages listed in Column (2) of Annex B;
- (iv) in no circumstances shall any delegate have more than a total of 490 votes;
- (v) there shall be no fractional votes.

(b) Where, by reason of the operation of the provisions of the preceding sub-section or Articles V, VIII, XVI, XVII, XVIII and XIX the total of consumers' or producers' votes is thereby less than 1,000, the balance of votes shall be distributed amongst other producer or consumer delegates as the case may be as nearly in proportion to the votes they already hold, less in each case the initial votes, as is consistent with there being no fractional votes.

13. Decisions of the Council shall, except when otherwise provided, be taken by a simple majority. Abstention shall not be deemed to be the casting of an affirmative or a negative vote.

D.—Functions and Duties

14. The Council shall—

- (a) as soon as possible but not earlier than three months after the end of each calendar quarter, publish a statement showing the tonnage of tin held by it at the end of that calendar quarter;