

3. The initial contribution of any Member joining the Organization after the entry into force of this Agreement shall be assessed by the Council on the basis of the number of votes to be held by it and the period remaining in the current year as well as for the following year if that Member joins the Organization between the adoption of the budget for, and the beginning of, that year, but assessments made upon other Members shall not be altered. In assessing contributions of Members joining the Organization after the adoption of a budget for a given year or years, the votes of such Members shall be calculated without regard to the suspension of any Member's voting rights and any redistribution of votes resulting therefrom.

4. If this Agreement enters into force more than eight months before the beginning of the first full year of this Agreement, the Council shall at its first session adopt an administrative budget covering the period up to the commencement of the first full year. Otherwise, the first administrative budget shall cover both the initial period and the first full year.

5. The Council may take such measures as it might deem appropriate when adopting the budget for the first year of this Agreement and for the first year following any extension of this Agreement under article 44, in order to mitigate the effects on contributions for those years resulting from a possibly limited membership of this Agreement at the time of the adoption of budgets for those years.

## ARTICLE 25

### *Payment of contributions*

1. Members shall pay their contributions to the administrative budget for each year in accordance with their respective constitutional procedures. Contributions to the administrative budget for each year shall be payable in freely convertible currencies and shall become due on the first day of that year; contributions of Members in respect of the year in which they join the Organization shall be due on the date on which they become Members.

2. If, at the end of four months following the date on which its contribution is due in accordance with paragraph 1 of this article, a Member has not paid its full contribution to the administrative budget, the Executive Director shall request the Member to make payment as quickly as possible. If, at the expiration of two months after the request of the Executive Director, the Member has still not paid its contribution, its voting rights in the Council and in the Executive Committee shall be suspended until such time as it has made full payment of the contribution.

3. A Member whose voting rights have been suspended under paragraph 2 of this article shall not be deprived of any of its other rights or relieved of any of its obligations under this Agreement, unless the Council so decides by special vote. It shall remain liable to pay its contribution and to meet any other of its financial obligations under this Agreement.