ARTICLE 16

Quorum for the Council

The quorum for any meeting of the Council shall be the presence of more than half of all exporting Members and more than half of all importing Members, the Members thus present holding at least two thirds of the total votes of all Members in their respective categories. If there is no quorum on the day appointed for the opening of any Council session, or if in the course of any Council session there is no quorum at three successive meetings, the Council shall be convened seven days later; at that time, and throughout the remainder of that session, the quorum shall be the presence of more than half of all exporting Members and more than half of all importing Members, the Members thus present representing more than half of the total votes of all Members in their respective categories. Representation in accordance with article 12, paragraph 2, shall be considered as presence.