

ARTICLE 11

Admission of observers

The Council may invite any non-member Government, or any of the organizations referred to in article 10, to attend as an observer any of the meetings of the Council or of any committee established under article 19.

ARTICLE 12

Chairman and Vice-Chairman

1. The Council shall elect for each year a Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
2. The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman shall be elected, one from among the representatives of exporting members and the other from among the representatives of importing members. These offices shall alternate each year between the two categories of members, provided, however, that this shall not prohibit the re-election of either or both, under exceptional circumstances, by special vote of the Council.
3. In the temporary absence of the Chairman, he shall be replaced by the Vice-Chairman. In the temporary absence of both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman or the permanent absence of one or both of them, the Council may elect new officers from among the representatives of the exporting members and/or from among the representatives of the importing members, as appropriate, on a temporary or permanent basis as may be required.
4. Neither the Chairman nor any other officer presiding at a meeting of the Council shall vote at that meeting. He may, however, empower another representative from the same category of membership to exercise the voting rights of the member which he represents.

ARTICLE 13

*Executive Director, Buffer Stock Manager
and other staff*

1. The Council shall, by special vote, appoint an Executive Director and a Buffer Stock Manager.
2. The terms and conditions of appointment of the Executive Director and the Buffer Stock Manager shall be determined by the Council.
3. The Executive Director shall be the chief administrative officer of the Organization and shall be responsible to the Council for the administration and operation of this Agreement in accordance with decisions of the Council.