under paragraph 2 of Article XI shall be disregarded for the purpose of redistributing votes under this Article.

- 15. Except where otherwise specified in this Agreement, decisions of the Council shall be by a majority of the total votes cast.
- 16. Any exporting country may authorize any other exporting country, and any importing country may authorize any other importing country, to represent its interests and to exercise its votes at any meeting or meetings of the Council. Evidence of such authorization satisfactory to the Council shall be submitted to the Council.

D. Sessions

- 17. The Council shall meet at least once during each half of each cropyear and at such other times as the Chairman may decide.
- 18. The Chairman shall convene a Session of the Council if so requested by (a) five countries or (b) one or more countries holding a total of not less than 10 per cent of the total votes or (c) the Executive Committee.

E. Quorum

19. The presence of delegates with a majority of the votes held by the exporting countries and a majority of the votes held by the importing countries prior to any adjustment of votes under paragraph 11 (b) of this Article shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Council.

F. Seat

20. The seat of the Council shall be London unless the Council decides otherwise by a majority of the votes cast by the exporting countries and a majority of the votes cast by the importing countries.

G. Legal Capacity

21. The Council shall have in the territory of each exporting and importing country such legal capacity as may be necessary for the exercise of its functions under this Agreement.

H. Decisions

22. Each exporting and importing country undertakes to accept as binding all decisions of the Council under the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XIV

Executive Committee

- 1. The Council shall establish an Executive Committee. The members of the Executive Committee shall be not more than four exporting countries elected annually by the exporting countries and not more than eight importing countries elected annually by the importing countries. The Council shall appoint the Chairman of the Executive Committee and may appoint a Vice-Chairman.
- 2. The Executive Committee shall be responsible to and work under the general direction of the Council. It shall have such powers and functions as are expressly assigned to it under this Agreement and such other powers and functions as the Council may delegate to it under paragraph 10 of Article XIII.