7.   The Council shall distribute the votes for each financial biennium at the beginning of its first session of that biennium in accordance with the provisions of this article. Such distribution shall remain in effect for the rest of that biennium, except as provided for in paragraph 8 of this article.

8.   Whenever the membership of the Organization changes or when any member has its voting rights suspended or restored under any provision of this Agreement, the Council shall redistribute the votes within the affected category or categories of members in accordance with the provisions of this article. The Council shall, in that event, decide when such redistribution shall become effective.

9.   There shall be no fractional votes.

Article 11

VOTING PROCEDURE OF THE COUNCIL

1.   Each member shall be entitled to cast the number of votes it holds, and no member shall be entitled to divide its votes. A member may, however, cast differently from such votes any votes that it is authorized to cast under paragraph 2 of this article.

2.   By written notification to the Chairman of the Council, any producer member may authorize, under its own responsibility, any other producer member, and any consumer member may authorize, under its own responsibility, any other consumer member, to represent its interests and to cast its votes at any meeting of the Council.

3.   When abstaining, a member shall be deemed not to have cast its votes.

Article 12

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL

1.   The Council shall endeavour to take all decisions and to make all recommendations by consensus.

2.   If consensus cannot be reached, the Council shall take all decisions and make all recommendations by a simple distributed majority vote, unless this Agreement provides for a special vote.

3.   Where a member avails itself of the provisions of article 11, paragraph 2, and its votes are cast at a meeting of the Council, such member shall, for the purposes of paragraph 1 of this article, be considered as present and voting.