

- (l) (i) May at any time, by a two-thirds distributed majority, delegate to any committee any power which the Council may exercise by a simple distributed majority, other than those relating to:
- assessment of contributions under article 16,
 - floor and ceiling prices under articles 19 and 29,
 - assessment of export control under article 33,
 - action in the event of a tin shortage under article 37;
- (ii) Shall, by a two-thirds distributed majority, fix the membership and terms of reference of any such committee;
- (iii) May by a simple majority revoke at any time any delegation of powers to any such committee or the appointment of any such committee;
- (m) Shall make whatever arrangements are appropriate for consultation and co-operation with:
- (i) The United Nations, its appropriate organs (particularly the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development), the specialised agencies, other organisations within the United Nations system and appropriate intergovernmental organisations; and
- (ii) Non-participating countries which are Members of the United Nations or of its specialised agencies or which were parties to the previous International Tin Agreements.

ARTICLE 9

Executive Chairman and Vice-chairmen of the Council

(a) The Council shall, by a two-thirds distributed majority and by ballot, appoint an independent Executive Chairman, who may be a national of one of the participating countries. The appointment of the Executive Chairman shall be considered at the first session of the Council after the entry into force of this Agreement.

(b) The Executive Chairman shall not have been actively engaged in the tin industry or in the tin trade during the five years preceding his appointment and shall comply with the conditions set out in article 13.

(c) The Executive Chairman shall hold office for such period and on such other terms and conditions as the Council may determine.

(d) The Executive Chairman shall preside over meetings of the Council; he shall have no vote.

(e) The Council shall elect annually a first Vice-chairman and a second Vice-chairman, chosen alternately each financial year from among the delegates of the producing countries and the delegates of the consuming countries.

(f) If the Executive Chairman is temporarily absent, he shall be replaced by the first Vice-chairman, or if necessary by the second Vice-chairman, who shall only have the duty to preside over meetings unless the Council decides otherwise. If the Executive Chairman resigns or is permanently unable to perform his duties, the Council shall appoint a new Executive Chairman.

(g) When a Vice-chairman performs the duties of the Executive Chairman he shall have no vote; the right to vote of the country he represents may be exercised in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs (b) (ii) of article 7 and (c) of article 12.