Article 12 Transitional Arrangements

1. During the Centre's first five years of operation the annual budget of the Centre shall be funded by the annual contributions made by the Members in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 6 of this Agreement and Annex I to this Agreement. During this period the revenues from the endowment fund and from the fees for services rendered shall accrue to the endowment fund.

2. During the Centre's first five years of operation the Management Board shall have five members. The Members listed in Annex I to this Agreement may nominate two persons to serve on the Management Board during that period.

3. The obligation of a Member to make annual contributions during the Centre's first five years of operation in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 6 of this Agreement and Annex I to this Agreement shall not be affected by the withdrawal of that Member from this Agreement.

Article 13 Acceptance and Entry into Force

1. Any State or separate customs territory listed in Annex I, II or III to this Agreement may become a Member of the Centre by accepting this Agreement, by signature or by signature subject to ratification, acceptance or approval, during the third Ministerial Conference of the WTO to be held at Seattle from 30 November to 3 December 1999, and thereafter until 31 March 2000. The instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited no later than 30 September 2002.

2. This Agreement shall enter into force on the 30th day following the date upon which all of the following conditions are met:

The twentieth instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval or signature not subject to ratification, acceptance or approval