

ARTICLE 33

Co-operation with other Intergovernmental Organizations

- (1) The Council may make whatever arrangements are desirable for consultation and co-operation with the appropriate organs of the United Nations and its specialized agencies and with other intergovernmental organizations.
- (2) If the Council finds that any terms of this Agreement are materially inconsistent with such requirements as may be laid down by the United Nations or through its appropriate organs and specialized agencies regarding intergovernmental commodity agreements, the inconsistency shall be deemed to be a circumstance affecting adversely the operation of this Agreement and the procedure prescribed in paragraphs (3), (4) and (5) of Article 36 shall be applied.

ARTICLE 34

Disputes and Complaints

- (1) Any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement other than a dispute under Article 18 or 19 which is not settled by negotiation shall, at the request of any country party to the dispute, be referred to the Council for decision.
- (2) In any case where a dispute has been referred to the Council under paragraph (1) of this Article, a majority of countries, or any countries holding not less than one-third of the total votes, may require the Council, after full discussion, to seek the opinion of the advisory panel referred to in paragraph (3) of this Article on the issues in dispute before giving its decision.
- (3) (a) Unless the Council unanimously agrees otherwise, the panel shall consist of:
- (i) two persons, one having wide experience in matters of the kind in dispute and the other having legal standing and experience, nominated by the exporting countries;
 - (ii) two such persons nominated by the importing countries; and
 - (iii) a chairman selected unanimously by the four persons nominated under (i) and (ii) or, if they fail to agree, by the Chairman of the Council.
- (b) Persons from countries whose Governments are parties to this Agreement shall be eligible to serve on the advisory panel, and persons appointed to the advisory panel shall act in their personal capacities and without instructions from any Government.
- (c) The expenses of the advisory panel shall be paid by the Council.
- (4) The opinion of the advisory panel and the reasons therefor shall be submitted to the Council which, after considering all the relevant information, shall decide the dispute.