

- (b) by depositing an instrument of ratification after signing it subject to ratification; or
- (c) by acceding to it.

2. The present Convention shall be open until 31st July 1962, for signature at the Headquarters of the Council in Brussels, by the States referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article. Thereafter, it shall be open for their accession.

3. In the case envisaged in paragraph 1 (b) of this Article, the present Convention shall be subject to ratification by the signatory States in accordance with their constitutional procedures.

4. Any State, not being a Member of the Organizations referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, to which an invitation to that effect has been addressed by the Secretary-General of the Council at the request of the Contracting Parties, may become a contracting Party to the present Convention by acceding thereto after its entry into force.

5. The instruments of ratification or accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the Council.

ARTICLE 21

1. The present Convention shall enter into force three months after five of the States referred to in paragraph 1 of Article 29 thereof have signed it without reservation of ratification or have deposited their instruments of ratification or accession.

2. For any State signing without reservation of ratification, ratifying or acceding to the present Convention after five States have signed it without reservation of ratification or have deposited their instruments of ratification or accession, the present Convention shall enter into force three months after the said State has signed without reservation of ratification or deposited its instrument of ratification or accession.

ARTICLE 22

1. The present Convention is of unlimited duration. However any Contracting Party may denounce it at any time after the date of its entry into force under Article 21 thereof.

2. The denunciation shall be notified by an instrument in writing, deposited with the Secretary-General of the Council.

3. The denunciation shall take effect six months after the receipt of the instrument of denunciation by the Secretary-General of the Council.

4. Where a Contracting Party denounces the present Convention in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article, or makes a notification under paragraph 2 (b) of Article 23 or paragraph 2 of Article 25 of the present Convention, any A.T.A. carnet issued before the date when the denunciation or notification takes effect shall remain valid and the guarantee of the guaranteeing association shall hold good.

ARTICLE 23

1. At the time of signing, ratifying or acceding to the present Convention or thereafter, any State deciding to accept A.T.A. carnets in accordance with