

- (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 International Wheat 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.

5. Any complaint that any exporting or importing country has failed to fulfil its obligations under this Agreement shall, at the request of the country making the complaint, be referred to the Council which shall make a decision on the matter.

6. No exporting or importing country shall be found to have committed a breach of this Agreement except by a majority of the votes held by the exporting countries and a majority of the votes held by the importing countries. Any findings that an exporting or importing country is in breach of this Agreement shall specify the nature of the breach and, if the breach involves default by that country in its guaranteed quantity, the extent of such default.

7. If the Council finds that an exporting country or an importing country has committed a breach of this Agreement it may, by a majority of the votes held by the exporting countries and a majority of the votes held by the importing countries, deprive the country concerned of its voting rights until it fulfils its obligations or expel that country from the Agreement.

8. If any exporting or importing country is deprived of its votes under this Article, the votes shall be redistributed as provided in paragraph 13 of Article XIII. If any exporting or importing country is found in default of the whole or part of its guaranteed quantity, or is expelled from this Agreement, the remaining guaranteed quantities shall be adjusted as provided in Article IX.

Part 5—Final Provisions

ARTICLE XX

Signature, Acceptance, and Entry into Force

1. This Agreement shall be open for signature in Washington until and including 18 May 1956 by the Governments of the countries listed in Annex A and Annex B to Article III.

2. This Agreement shall be subject to acceptance by signatory Governments in accordance with their respective constitutional procedures. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 5 of this Article, instruments of acceptance shall be deposited with the Government of the United States of America not later than 16 July 1956 provided, however, that a notification by any signatory Government to the Government of the United States of America by 16 July 1956 of an intention to accept this Agreement, followed by the deposit of an instrument of acceptance not later than 1 December 1956 in fulfilment of that intention, shall be deemed to constitute acceptance on 16 July 1956 for the purposes of this Article.