

6. The Council shall appoint a Secretary and a Manager of the buffer stock established pursuant to Article VIII of this Agreement and shall determine the terms and conditions of employment and duties of the Secretary and the terms and conditions of employment of the buffer stock Manager (hereinafter called the Manager) whose duties are laid down in this Agreement. These officers shall be responsible to the Chairman for the performance of their duties and shall be assisted by such staff as are considered necessary by the Council. The method of appointment and the terms and conditions of employment of those subordinate staffs shall be approved by the Council.

7. It shall be a condition of appointment and employment of the Chairman, Secretary, Manager and the subordinate staffs, that they do not hold or shall cease to hold any financial interest in the tin industry or in the tin trade and that they shall not seek or receive instructions regarding their functions or duties from any Government or from any person or authority except the Council or person acting on its behalf in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

8. The Council shall take such steps as are necessary to ensure that no information concerning the operation or administration of this Agreement is revealed by any official, employee or adviser of the Council, except as is necessary for the proper discharge of their functions under this Agreement, or as may be authorised by the Council.

B.—Meetings

9.—(a) The Council shall meet at least four times a year.

(b) Meetings shall be convened, at the request of any delegate or as may be required by the provisions of this Agreement, by the Chairman or by the Secretary in the circumstances set forth in paragraph 3 (e) of this Article. Meeting may also be convened by the Chairman at his discretion.

(c) Meetings shall unless otherwise decided by the Council be held at the seat of the Council and at least seven days' notice of each meeting shall be given by the Secretary.

10. Delegates holding two-thirds of the votes of producing countries and two-thirds of the votes of consuming countries shall together constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Council, provided that if, for any meeting of the Council, there is not a quorum as defined above a further meeting shall be convened after not less than seven days at which delegates holding more than 1,000 votes shall together constitute a quorum.

11. Any participating country may, in due form satisfactory to the Council, authorise any other participating country to represent its interests and to exercise its voting rights at any meeting of the Council.

C.—Voting

12.—(a) The delegates of producing countries shall together hold 1,000 votes which shall be distributed amongst them so that each delegate receives five initial votes and in addition a proportion as nearly as possible equal to the proportion which the percentage of his country as listed in Column (2) of