

ARTICLE XXXII

Duration of the Agreement

The present Agreement is concluded for a period of ten years except in cases of withdrawal according to the provisions of Article V. Thereafter it shall be automatically renewed for periods of four years at a time unless terminated at the end of any such period.

ARTICLE XXXIII

Interpretation

The French and English texts of this Agreement are equally authoritative. Any dispute in respect of the interpretation of the Agreement shall be submitted to the International Court of Justice or to an arbitration procedure determined by the General Conference.

ARTICLE XXXIV

Ratification, entry into force

1. This Agreement will be opened to the signature of the Member Countries of the International Institute of Refrigeration until the first of June 1955.

2. This Agreement shall be ratified. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Government of the French Republic. The Agreement shall come into force for each Signatory Country on the same day on which that Country deposits its instrument of ratification.

3. Nevertheless, the Signatories agree, in order to avoid any delay in its execution, to put this Agreement into operation provisionally immediately upon its being signed insofar as their constitutional and budgetary regulations permit.

4. In faith whereof the following Plenipotentiaries, whose powers have been found in good and due form, have signed the present Agreement.

Done at Paris 1st December 1954.