

ARTICLE XI

- (a) The Council shall appoint a Secretary General and a Deputy Secretary General whose functions, duties, conditions of service and terms of office shall be determined by the Council.
- (b) The Secretary General shall appoint the staff of the General Secretariat. The establishment and staff regulations shall be approved by the Council.

ARTICLE XII

- (a) Each Member shall bear the expenses of its own delegation to the Council, to the Permanent Technical Committee and to any committees of the Council.
- (b) The expenses of the Council shall be borne by its Members in accordance with a scale to be determined by the Council.
- (c) The Council may deprive of its voting rights any Member which does not pay its contribution within three months of being notified of the amount thereof.
- (d) Each Member shall pay its full annual contribution for the financial year during which it becomes a Member of the Council and for the financial year during which its notice of withdrawal becomes effective.

ARTICLE XIII

- (a) The Council shall enjoy, in the territory of each its Members, such legal capacity, as defined in the Annex to the present Convention, as may be necessary for the exercise of its functions.
- (b) The Council, the representatives of Members, the advisers and experts appointed to assist them, and the officials of the Council shall enjoy the privileges and immunities specified in the Annex to the present Convention.
- (c) The Annex to the present Convention shall form an integral part thereof, and any reference to the Convention shall be deemed to include a reference to the Annex.

ARTICLE XIV

The Contracting Parties accept the provisions of the Protocol concerning the European Customs Union Study Group opened for signature at Brussels on the same date as the present Convention. In determining the scale of contributions provided for in Article XII (b), the Council shall take into consideration membership of the Study Group.

ARTICLE XV

The present Convention shall be open for signature until 31st March, 1951.

ARTICLE XVI

- (a) The present Convention shall be subject to ratification.
- (b) Instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which shall notify all signatory and acceding Governments and the Secretary General of each such deposit.