

a Government until that part enters into force for other Governments under paragraph (1) or (3) of this Article.

(3) If this Convention does not enter into force in accordance with paragraph (1) of this Article, the Governments which have deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, or declarations of provisional application may decide by mutual consent that it shall enter into force among those Governments that have deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

#### ARTICLE 27

##### *Duration, amendment and withdrawal*

(1) This Convention shall remain in force until and including 30 June 1974. However, if a new agreement covering wheat is negotiated as envisaged by Article 21 and enters into force before 30 June 1974, this Convention shall remain in force only until the date of entry into force of the new agreement.

(2) The Council may recommend an amendment of this Convention to the members.

(3) The Council may fix a time which each member shall notify the Government of the United States of America whether or not it accepts the amendment. The amendment shall become effective upon its acceptance by exporting members which hold two-thirds of the votes of the exporting members and by importing members which hold two-thirds of the votes of the importing members.

(4) Any member which has not notified the Government of the United States of America of its acceptance of an amendment by the date on which such amendment becomes effective, may, after giving such written notice of withdrawal to the Government of the United States of America as the Council may require in each case, withdraw from this Convention at the end of the current crop year, but shall not thereby be released from any obligations under this Convention which have not been discharged by the end of that crop year. Any such withdrawing member shall not be bound by the provisions of the amendment occasioning its withdrawal. If any member satisfies the Council at its first meeting following the effective date of the amendment that its acceptance could not be secured in time by reason of constitutional or institutional difficulties and declares its intention to apply the amendment provisionally pending acceptance of that amendment, the Council may extend for such member the period fixed for assistance until these difficulties have been overcome.

(5) If any member considers that its interests are prejudiced by operation of this Convention, it may state its case to the Council and the Council shall, within thirty days, examine the matter. If the member concerned considers that notwithstanding the Council's intervention its interests continue to be prejudiced, it may withdraw from this Convention at the end of any crop year by giving written notice of withdrawal to the Government of the United States of America at least ninety days prior to the end of that crop year, but shall not, thereby, be released from any obligations under this Convention which have not been discharged by the end of that crop year.

(6) Any member which becomes a member State of the EEC during the currency of this Convention shall notify the Council, and the Council shall