

6. The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland shall in respect of this Agreement—

- (a) notify interested Governments of each signature, ratification or acceptance; and
- (b) summon the first meeting of the Council in London within thirty days of the date of entry into force of this Agreement determined in accordance with paragraph 3 of this Article.

## ARTICLE XXII

### *Accession*

1. Any Government, whether represented at the 1953 Session of the United Nations Tin Conference or not, may, with the consent of the Council and upon conditions to be determined by it, accede to this Agreement after the first meeting of the Council.

2. A contracting Government may, with the consent of the Council and upon conditions to be determined by it, declare the separate participation of any dependent territory or territories, provided such dependent territory or territories are entitled under Article III of this Agreement to separate participation and the separate participation of such territory or territories was not declared in the instrument of ratification, acceptance or accession of the contracting Government, and the provisions of this Agreement shall accordingly apply to such dependent territory or territories.

3. The conditions laid down by the Council shall be equitable, in respect of voting rights and financial obligations, as between the countries seeking to accede or participate and other countries already participating.

4. Accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of accession with the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland which shall notify all interested Governments and the International Tin Council of such accession.

5. A contracting Government which declares separate participation of a dependent territory or territories under paragraph 2 of this Article shall do so by notification given to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland which shall notify all interested Governments and the International Tin Council of such separate participation.

In witness whereof the undersigned, having been duly authorised to this effect by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement on the dates appearing opposite their signatures.

The texts of this Agreement in the English, French and Spanish languages are all equally authentic, the originals being deposited with the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which shall transmit certified copies thereof to each signatory and acceding Government.

Done at London the first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four.