

Secretary-General of the United Nations (hereinafter referred to as "the depositary") pursuant to subparagraph (c) below of their definitive acceptance of these terms of reference.

(b) These terms of reference shall enter into force provisionally when States together accounting for at least 60 per cent of trade in copper, as set out in the annex to these terms of reference, have notified the depositary pursuant to subparagraph c below of their provisional or definitive acceptance of these terms of reference.

(c) Any State or any intergovernmental organization referred to in paragraph 5 which desires to become a member of the Group shall notify the depositary that it accepts these terms of reference either provisionally, pending the conclusion of its internal procedures, or definitively. Any State or intergovernmental organization which has notified its provisional acceptance of these terms of reference shall endeavour to complete its procedures within 36 months of the date of entry into force of these terms of reference or the date of its notification of provisional acceptance, whichever is the later, and shall notify the depositary accordingly. Where a State or intergovernmental organization is not able to complete its procedures within the time-limit referred to above, the Group may grant an extension of time to the State or intergovernmental organization concerned.

(d) If the requirements for entry into force of these terms of reference have not been met on 30 June 1990, the depositary shall invite those States and intergovernmental organizations that have notified their provisional or definitive acceptance of these terms of reference to decide whether or not to put these terms of reference into force provisionally or definitively among themselves.

(e) When these terms of reference enter into force, the depositary shall convene an inaugural meeting of the Group as soon as possible thereafter. Members shall be notified at least one month, where possible, prior to that meeting.

#### Withdrawal

23. (a) A member may withdraw from the Group at any time by giving written notice of withdrawal to the depositary and to the Secretary-General of the Group.

(b) Withdrawal shall be without prejudice to any financial obligations already incurred by the withdrawing member and shall not entitle it to any rebate of its contribution for the year in which the withdrawal occurs.

(c) Withdrawal shall become effective 60 days after the notice is received by the depositary.

(d) The Secretary-General of the Group shall promptly notify each member of any notification received under this paragraph.