

not more than four importing countries. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee shall be appointed by the Council.

(2) The Advisory Committee shall keep under continuous review current market conditions, including in particular the movement of prices, for wheat of all classes, types and grades and shall immediately inform the Council and the Executive Committee whenever in its opinion circumstances exist which are likely to or require that a declaration under Article 13 should be made or a meeting convened under paragraphs (1) or (2) of Article 7. With respect to the latter Article, the Advisory Committee shall have particular regard to circumstances which have brought about, or threaten to bring about, a serious fall in the price in any market of any class, type or grade of wheat in relation to the minimum price in that market for No. 1 Manitoba Northern wheat. The Advisory Committee shall, in the exercise of its functions under this paragraph, take into account any representations made by any exporting or importing country concerned.

(3) Whenever in the opinion of the Advisory Committee circumstances exist which require that a meeting of the Council be convened under paragraph (1) or (2) of Article 7 or whenever such a meeting is convened, it shall immediately advise the Council and the Executive Committee of any action with regard to the determination of allowances for differences of quality which it considers might suitably be taken to meet the situation.

(4) The Advisory Committee shall advise the Council and the Executive Committee on the matters referred to in paragraphs (5), (6) and (8) of Article 6 and paragraph (3) of Article 7 and on such other questions as the Council or the Executive Committee may refer to it.

ARTICLE 31

The Secretariat

(1) The Council shall have a Secretariat consisting of an Executive Secretary, who shall be its chief administrative officer, and such staff as may be required for the work of the Council and its Committees.

(2) The Council shall appoint the Executive Secretary who shall be responsible for the performance of the duties devolving upon the Secretariat in the administration of this Agreement and for the performance of such other duties as are assigned to him by the Council and its Committees.

(3) The staff shall be appointed by the Executive Secretary in accordance with regulations established by the Council.

(4) It shall be a condition of employment of the Executive Secretary and of the staff that they do not hold or shall cease to hold financial interest in the trade in wheat and that they shall not seek or receive instructions regarding their duties under this Agreement from any Government or from any other Authority external to the Council.