

4. The Council may fix a time within which each exporting and importing country 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 countries which hold two-thirds of the votes of the exporting countries and by importing countries which hold two-thirds of the votes of the importing countries.

5. Any exporting or importing country 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 Agreement at the end of the current crop-year, but shall not thereby be released from any obligations under this Agreement which have not been discharged by the end of that crop-year.

6. Any exporting country which considers its interests to be seriously prejudiced by the nonparticipation in or withdrawal from this Agreement of any country listed in Annex A to Article III responsible for more than five per cent of the guaranteed quantities in that Annex, or any importing country which considers its interests to be seriously prejudiced by the nonparticipation in or withdrawal from the Agreement of any country listed in Annex B to Article III responsible for more than five per cent of the guaranteed quantities in that Annex, may withdraw from this Agreement by giving written notice of withdrawal to the Government of the United States of America before September 1, 1949 or such earlier date as the Council may fix by two-thirds of the votes cast by the exporting countries and by two-thirds of the votes cast by the importing countries.

7. Any exporting or importing country which considers its national security to be endangered by the outbreak of hostilities may withdraw from this Agreement by giving thirty days' written notice of withdrawal to the Government of the United States of America.

8. The Government of the United States of America will inform all signatory and acceding Governments of each notification and notice received under this Article.

ARTICLE XXIII

Territorial Application

1. Any Government may, at the time of signature or acceptance of or accession to this Agreement, declare that its rights and obligations under the Agreement shall not

apply in respect of all or any of the overseas territories for the foreign relations of which it is responsible.

2. With the exception of territories in respect of which a declaration has been made in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article, the rights and obligations of any Government under this Agreement shall apply in respect of all territories for the foreign relations of which that Government is responsible.

3. Any Government may, at any time after its acceptance of or accession to this Agreement, by notification to the Government of the United States of America, declare that its rights and obligations under the Agreement shall apply in respect of all or any of the territories regarding which it has made a declaration in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article.

4. Any Government may, by giving notification of withdrawal to the Government of the United States of America, withdraw from this Agreement separately in respect of all or any of the overseas territories for whose foreign relations it is responsible.

5. The Government of the United States of America will inform all signatory and acceding Governments of any declaration or notification made under this Article.

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

Done at Washington, this twenty-third day of March 1949, in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authentic, the original to be deposited in the archives of the Government of the United States of America, which shall transmit certified copies thereof to each signatory and acceding Government.

For Australia:
Pour l'Australie:

For Austria:
Pour l'Autriche:

For Belgium:
Pour la Belgique:

For Bolivia:
Pour la Bolivie:

For Brazil:
Pour le Bresil:

For Canada:
Pour le Canada:

For Ceylon:
Pour Ceylan:

For China:
Pour la Chine: