

5. Any exporting or importing country which is not a member of the Executive Committee may participate, without voting, in the discussion of any question before the Executive Committee whenever the latter considers that the interests of that country are affected.

#### ARTICLE XV

##### Advisory Committee on Price Equivalents

The Council shall establish an Advisory Committee on Price Equivalents consisting of representatives of three exporting countries and of three importing countries. The Committee shall advise the Council and the Executive Committee on the matters referred to in paragraphs 4, 5, and 6 of Article VI and on such other questions as the Council or the Executive Committee may refer to it. The Chairman of the Committee shall be appointed by the Council.

#### ARTICLE XVI

##### The Secretariat

1. The Council shall have a Secretariat consisting of a Secretary and such staff as may be required for the work of the Council and of its committees.

2. The Council shall appoint the Secretary and determine his duties.

3. The staff shall be appointed in accordance with regulations established by the Council.