

4. Notice of any sessions and the agenda for such sessions shall be communicated to members by the Executive Director at least 30 days in advance, except in cases of emergency when notice shall be communicated at least seven days in advance.

## ARTICLE 15

### *Distribution of votes*

1. The exporting members shall together hold 1,000 votes and the importing members shall together hold 1,000 votes.

2. Each exporting member shall receive one initial vote out of the 1,000 votes except that in the case of an exporting member with net exports of less than 10,000 tonnes annually the initial vote shall not apply. The remainder of such votes shall be distributed among the exporting members as nearly as possible in proportion to the volume of their respective net exports of natural rubber for the period of five calendar years commencing six calendar years prior to the distribution of votes, except that Singapore's net exports of natural rubber for such period shall be calculated at 13 per cent of its total exports for that period.

3. The votes of importing members shall be distributed among them in proportion to the average of their respective net imports of natural rubber during the period of three calendar years commencing four calendar years prior to the distribution of votes, except that each importing member shall receive one vote even if its proportional net import share is otherwise not sufficiently large to so justify.

4. For the purposes of paragraphs 2 and 3 of this article, paragraphs 2 and 3 of article 28 relating to contributions of importing members and article 39, the Council shall, at its first session, establish a table of net exports of exporting members and a table of net imports of importing members which shall be revised annually in accordance with this article.

5. There shall be no fractional votes. Except as provided in paragraph 3 of this article, any fraction less than 0.5 shall be rounded downward, and any fraction greater than or equal to 0.5 shall be rounded upward.

6. The Council shall distribute the votes for each financial year at the beginning of the first session of that year in accordance with the provisions of this article. Such distribution shall remain in effect for the rest of that year, except as provided for in paragraph 7 of this article.

7. Whenever the membership of the Organization changes or when any member has its voting rights suspended or restored under any provision of this Agreement, the Council shall redistribute the votes within the affected category or categories of members in accordance with the provisions of this article.