

2. The procedure of arbitration shall be determined by the arbitrators, and the expenses of the arbitration shall be borne by the Parties as assessed by the arbitrators. The arbitral award shall contain a statement of the reasons on which it is based and shall be accepted by the Parties as the final adjudication of the dispute.
3. The Secretariat shall take the measures necessary for ensuring the proper settlement of disputes arising out of contracts or other disputes of a private law character to which the Secretariat is a party.

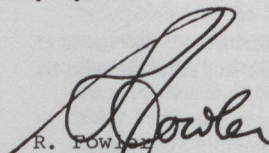
ARTICLE 19


Final Provisions

1. When a provision of this Agreement and a provision of the General Convention deal with the same subject, both provisions shall be considered complementary. Whenever possible, both of them shall be applied and neither shall restrict the force of the other.
2. This Agreement shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to such other bodies of the Convention on Biological Diversity as may in future be set up in Canada by the Conference of the Parties with the consent of the Government of Canada.
3. This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature.
4. This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent at any time at the request of either Party.
5. This Agreement shall continue in effect indefinitely.
6. This Agreement shall cease to be in force if the Secretariat is relocated from the territory of Canada, except for such provisions as may be applicable in connection with the orderly termination of the operations of the Secretariat in Canada and the disposition of its property therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorized to that effect, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at *New York* this *25th* day of *OCT* 1996,
and at _____, this _____ day of _____
1996, in duplicate in the English and the French languages, each version being
equally authentic.


R. Fowler
FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF CANADA


E. Dowswell
FOR THE SECRETARIAT OF
THE CONVENTION ON
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY