

(b) their total net exports and (c) their total production. The figures to be used for that purpose shall be, for each factor, the average of the three highest annual figures for the years 1980 to 1983 inclusive. In calculating the weighted average for each exporting Member, a weight of 50 per cent shall be allocated to the first factor and a weight of 25 per cent to each of the other two factors.

5. Votes of importing Members shall be distributed among them in proportion to their net imports from the free market and under special arrangements calculated separately according to the following formula:

- (a) Each importing Member shall have that portion of 900 votes which its average annual net imports from the free market for the years 1980 to 1983 inclusive, disregarding the year of its lowest imports from the free market, bear to the total of such average imports from the free market of all importing Members;
- (b) Each importing Member shall have that portion of 100 votes which its average imports under special arrangements for the years 1980 to 1983 inclusive, disregarding the year of its lowest imports under special arrangements, bear to the total of such average imports under special arrangements of all importing Members.

6. Votes shall be distributed at the beginning of each year in accordance with the provisions of this article, which distribution shall remain in effect for the full year except as provided in paragraph 7 of this article.

7. Whenever the membership of the Organization changes, or when any Member has its voting rights suspended or recovers its voting rights under any provision of this Agreement, the Council shall redistribute the total votes within the effected category or categories of Members on the basis of the formulae in this article.

ARTICLE 12

Voting procedure of the Council

1. Each Member shall be entitled to cast the number of votes it holds under article 11. It shall not be entitled to divide such votes.

2. By informing the Chairman in writing, any exporting Member may authorize any other exporting Member, and any importing Member may authorize any other importing Member, to represent its interests and to cast its votes at any meeting or meetings of the Council. A copy of such authorizations shall be examined by any credentials committee that may be set up under the rules of procedure of the Council.

3. A Member authorized by another Member to cast the votes held by the authorizing Member under article 11 shall cast such votes as authorized and in accordance with paragraph 2 of this article.