

question before the Executive Committee whenever the latter considers that the interests of that member are affected.

ARTICLE 16

Advisory Sub-Committee on Market Conditions

(1) The Executive Committee shall establish an Advisory Sub-Committee on Market Conditions consisting of technical representatives of not more than five exporting members and of not more than five importing members. The Chairman of the Advisory Sub-Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.

(2) The Advisory Sub-Committee shall keep under continuous review current market conditions and shall report to the Executive Committee as provided in Article 6. The Advisory Sub-Committee shall, in the exercise of its functions, take into account any representations made by any exporting or importing member.

(3) Any member which is not a member of the Advisory Sub-Committee may participate in the discussion of any question before the Advisory Sub-Committee whenever the latter considers that the interests of that member are directly affected.

(4) The Advisory Sub-Committee shall advise in accordance with the relevant Articles of this Convention and on such other matters as the Council or the Executive Committee may refer to it, including such matters as the Council may refer to it under Article 21 of this Convention.

ARTICLE 17

Secretariat

(1) The Council shall have a Secretariat consisting of an Executive Secretary, who shall be its chief administrative officer, and such staff as may be required for the work of the Council and its Committees.

(2) The Council shall appoint the Executive Secretary who shall be responsible for the performance of the duties developing upon the Secretariat in the administration of this Convention and for the performance of such other duties as are assigned to him by the Council and its Committees.

(3) The staff shall be appointed by the Executive Secretary in accordance with regulations established by the Council.

(4) It shall be a condition of employment of the Executive Secretary and of the staff that they do not hold or shall cease to hold financial interest in the trade in wheat and that they shall not seek or receive instructions regarding their duties under this Convention from any Government or from any other authority external to the Council.

ARTICLE 18

Privileges and immunities

(1) The Council shall have legal personality. It shall in particular have the capacity to contract, acquire and dispose of movable and immovable property and to institute legal proceedings.