

Article 9. This minimum of five (5) must include the European Community, Japan, and the United States of America.

11.2. If, however, paragraph 11.1 of this Article is not satisfied fifteen (15) months after the date specified in paragraph 10.1., then this Agreement and its Annexes, which constitute integral parts of the Agreement, shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30) day following the date on which a minimum of eight (8) countries and/or regional economic integration organizations have become Contracting Parties pursuant to Article 9. Such date of entry into force shall not be earlier than sixteen (16) months after the date specified in paragraph 10.1. At least one (1) of these eight (8) must be either the European Community, Japan or the United States of America.

11.3. For any country or regional economic integration organization that becomes a Contracting Party to the Agreement after its entry into force, this Agreement shall enter into force sixty (60) days after the date that such country or regional economic integration organization deposits its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

## ARTICLE 12

### WITHDRAWAL FROM AGREEMENT

12.1. A Contracting Party may withdraw from this Agreement by notifying the Secretary-General in writing.

12.2. Withdrawal from this Agreement by any Contracting Party shall take effect one year after the date on which the Secretary-General receives notification pursuant to paragraph 12.1. of this Article.

## ARTICLE 13

### AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT

13.1. A Contracting Party may propose amendments to this Agreement and the Annexes to this Agreement. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Secretary-General, who shall transmit them to all Contracting Parties.