

this Agreement as the Government of a consuming country and has one or more dependent territories which are mainly interested in the production of tin, it may in its instrument of ratification, acceptance or accession, or at any time thereafter in accordance with and subject to the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article XXII, declare the separate participation upon that basis of such territory or territories, and the provisions of this Agreement shall accordingly apply to such Contracting Government separately in respect of its metropolitan territory and of such dependent territory or territories.

ARTICLE IV

A.—Constitution

International Tin Council

1.—(a) An International Tin Council (hereinafter called the Council) is hereby established to administer the provisions of this Agreement and to supervise its operation.

(b) The seat of the Council shall be in London.

2. Each Contracting Government shall be represented upon the Council by one delegate for its metropolitan territory and one delegate for each dependent territory or group of territories separately participating under Article III or Article XXII of this Agreement. Each delegate may be accompanied at meetings of the Council by alternates empowered to act and vote on behalf of the delegate during his absence or in other special circumstances and by advisers.

3.—(a) The Council shall by a distributed two-thirds majority select an independent Chairman who may be a national of one of the participating countries. The selection of the Chairman shall be considered at the first meeting of the Council.

(b) The Chairman shall not have been actively engaged in the tin industry or the tin trade during the ten years preceding his appointment and shall comply with the conditions set out in paragraph 7 hereof.

(c) The Chairman shall hold office for such period and on such other terms and conditions as the Council may determine.

(d) The Chairman shall have no vote at meetings of the Council.

(e) In the event of the death or incapacity of the Chairman, the Secretary may convene a meeting of the Council.

4. The Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Council and shall be responsible to it for the administration and operation of this Agreement in accordance with its terms and the decisions of the Council.

5. The Council shall annually elect two Vice-Chairmen, one from delegates of producing countries and one from delegates of consuming countries. A Vice-Chairman shall have no vote while acting as Chairman but may appoint another person to exercise the voting rights of his delegation.