

(c) The Council shall transfer without payment its archives, statistical material and such other documents as the Council may determine to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for use and disposal as he shall think fit.

5. The Council shall remain in being for as long as necessary to supervise the carrying out of paragraph 4 of this Article and shall have such of the powers and functions conferred on it in this Agreement as may be necessary for the purpose.

#### ARTICLE XXI

##### *Signature, Acceptance and Entry into Force*

1. This Agreement shall be open for signature in London from March 1, 1954, to June 30, 1954, by Governments represented by delegates at the 1953 Session of the United Nations Tin Conference.

2. This Agreement shall be subject to ratification or acceptance by the signatory Governments in accordance with their respective constitutional procedures. Instruments of ratification or acceptance shall be deposited with the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

3.—(a) This Agreement shall enter into force for Governments which shall then have ratified or accepted it, on the first day of a month to be fixed by Governments, by whom or on whose behalf an instrument of ratification or acceptance has been deposited, comprising at least nine consuming countries as set out in Column (1) of Annex B to this Agreement holding together at least 333 of the votes set out in Column (5) of that Annex and producing countries holding together at least 900 of the votes set out in Column (5) of Annex A to this Agreement.

(b) As soon as possible after instruments of ratification or acceptance satisfying these conditions have been deposited the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland shall convene a meeting of the Governments by whom or on whose behalf an instrument of ratification or acceptance has been deposited to consider the date to be fixed, provided that any date fixed shall have the assent of Governments comprising at least nine consuming countries as set out in Column (1) of Annex B to this Agreement holding together at least 333 of the votes set out in Column (5) of that Annex and producing countries holding together at least 900 of the votes set out in Column (5) of Annex A to this Agreement.

4. This Agreement shall enter into force, for each signatory Government ratifying or accepting it after the date of entry into force determined in accordance with paragraph 3 of this Article, on the date of the deposit of its instrument of ratification or acceptance.

5. As soon as possible after the coming into force of this Agreement the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland shall send a certified copy of the Agreement to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for its registration in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations. Any amendments to this Agreement shall likewise be communicated.