

and the Agreement shall from the date of the receipt of the notification extend its case to the Council. If the Council decides to give effect to the notification to all the territories named therein.

(2) Any Participating Government may give notice of withdrawal to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in accordance with the provisions for withdrawal in Articles 42, 43, and 44 and withdraw from this Agreement separately in respect of all or any of the non-metropolitan territories for whose international relations it is responsible. Any such Government may state in the Agreement pursuant to Article 41 (4) that it is not bound by the Agreement in respect of any territory which shall take a decision upon it. If the Government concerned in respect of any territory has not given notice of withdrawal to the Council, it shall be deemed to have signed this Agreement on behalf of that territory.

(3) The Council shall take a decision within thirty days on any matter which arises out of the Agreement. The Council shall also take a decision on any matter which arises out of the Agreement which is of such importance as to impair the operation of this Agreement. The Council shall take a decision on any matter which arises out of the Agreement which is of such importance as to impair the operation of this Agreement.

(6) Any Participating Government may, if it becomes involved in a dispute which applies to the Council for the suspension of some or all of its obligations under this Agreement. If the application is denied such Government may give notice of withdrawal from this Agreement.

(7) If any Participating Government avails itself of the provisions of Article 16 (2), so as to be released from its obligations under that Article, any other Participating Government may at any time during the ensuing three months give notice of withdrawal after explaining its reasons to the Council.

(8) In addition to the situations envisaged in the preceding paragraphs of this Agreement, when a Participating Government demonstrates that circumstances beyond its control prevent it from fulfilling its obligations under this Agreement it may give notice of withdrawal from this Agreement subject to a decision of the Council that such withdrawal is justified.

(9) If any Participating Government considers that a withdrawal from this Agreement notified in accordance with the provisions of this Article by any other Participating Government, in respect of either its metropolitan territory or all or any of the non-metropolitan territories for whose international relations it is responsible, is of such importance as to impair the operation of this Agreement, that Government may also give notice of withdrawal from this Agreement at any time during the ensuing three months.

(10) Notice of withdrawal under this Article shall be given to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and shall become effective thirty days from the date of its receipt by that Government.

ARTICLE 45

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland shall promptly inform all signatory and acceding Governments of each notification and notice of withdrawal received under Articles 42, 43, 44, and 46.

Chapter XIX.—Territorial Application

ARTICLE 46

(1) Any Government may at the time of signature, ratification, acceptance of, or accession to this Agreement or at any time thereafter, declare by notification given to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that the Agreement shall extend to all or any of the non-metropolitan territories for whose international relations it is responsible.