

the purposes of this Agreement, is such as to impair the operation of this Agreement, such Government may, within thirty days following the expiration of the said period, request the Chairman of the Council to call a special meeting of the Council at which the Governments party to this Agreement shall consider whether or not they will remain party to it.

(ii) Any special meeting called pursuant to a request made under subparagraph (i) shall be held within one month of the receipt by the Chairman of such request and Governments represented at such meeting may withdraw from the Agreement by giving notice of withdrawal to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland within thirty days from the date on which the meeting was held. Any such notice of withdrawal shall become effective thirty days from the date of its receipt by that Government.

(iii) Governments not represented at a special meeting held pursuant to sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) may not withdraw from this Agreement under the provisions of those sub-paragraphs.

#### Article 43

(1) If circumstances arise which, in the opinion of the Council, affect or threaten to affect adversely the operation of this Agreement, the Council may, by a Special Vote, recommend an amendment of this Agreement to the Participating Governments.

(2) The Council shall fix the time within which each Participating Government shall notify the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland whether or not it accepts an amendment recommended under paragraph (1) of this Article.

(3) If, within the time fixed under paragraph (2) of this Article, all Participating Governments accept an amendment it shall take effect immediately on the receipt by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of the last acceptance.

(4) If, within the time fixed under paragraph (2) of this Article, an amendment is not accepted by the Governments of exporting countries which hold 75 per cent of the votes of the exporting countries and by the Governments of the importing countries which hold 75 per cent of the votes of the importing countries it shall not take effect.

(5) If, by the end of the time fixed under paragraph (2) of this Article, an amendment is accepted by the Governments of exporting countries which hold 75 per cent of the votes of the exporting countries and by the Governments of importing countries which hold 75 per cent of the votes of the importing countries but not by the Governments of all the exporting countries and the Governments of all the importing countries.

(i) The amendment shall become effective for the Participating Governments which have signified their acceptance under paragraph (2) of this Article at the beginning of the quota year next following the end of the time fixed under that paragraph;

(ii) The Council shall determine forthwith whether the amendment is of such a nature that the Participating Governments which do not accept it shall be suspended from this Agreement from the date upon which it becomes effective under subparagraph (i) and shall inform all Participating Governments accordingly. If the Council determines that the amendment is of such a nature, Participating Governments which have not accepted that amendment shall inform the Council by the date on which the amendment is to become