

exporting Members. Each of these offices shall, as a general rule, alternate each year between the two categories of Members; provided, however, that this shall not prevent the re-election under exceptional circumstances of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman or both when the Council so decides by special vote. In the case of such re-election of either officer, the rule set out in the first sentence of this paragraph shall continue to apply.

3. In the temporary absence of both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman or the permanent absence of one or both, the Council may elect from among the delegations new officers, temporary or permanent as appropriate, taking account of the general rule of alternating representation set out in paragraph 2 of this article.

4. Neither the Chairman nor any other officer presiding at meetings of the Council shall vote. He may, however, appoint another person to exercise the voting rights of the Member which he represents.

ARTICLE 10

Sessions of the Council

1. As a general rule, the Council shall hold one regular session in each half of the year.

2. In addition, the Council shall meet in special session whenever it so decides or at the request of:

- (a) Any five Members;
- (b) Two or more Members holding collectively 250 votes or more; or
- (c) The Executive Committee.

3. Notice of sessions shall be given to Members at least 30 calendar days in advance, except in case of emergency, when such notice shall be given at least 10 calendar days in advance.

4. Sessions shall be held at the headquarters of the Organization unless the Council decides otherwise by special vote. If any Member invites the Council to meet elsewhere than at the headquarters of the Organization, and the Council agrees so to do, that Member shall pay the additional costs involved.

ARTICLE 11

Votes

1. The exporting Members shall together hold 1,000 votes and the importing Members shall together hold 1,000 votes.

2. No Member shall hold more than 300 votes or fewer than 5 votes.

3. There shall be no fractional votes.

4. The total 1,000 votes of exporting Members shall be distributed among them *pro rata* to the weighted average, in each case, of (a) their net free market exports,