

5. The Council shall decide whether the reporting country's representations are well founded. If it finds they are well founded, it shall decide to what extent and on what conditions the reporting country shall be relieved of its guaranteed quantity for the crop-year concerned. The Council shall inform the reporting country of its decision.

6. If the Council decides that the reporting country shall be relieved of the whole or part of its guaranteed quantity for the crop-year concerned, the following procedure shall apply:

- (a) The Council shall, if the reporting country is an importing country, invite the other importing countries, or, if the reporting country is an exporting country, invite the other exporting countries, to increase their guaranteed quantities for the crop-year concerned up to the amount of the guaranteed quantity of which the reporting country is relieved. Any increase in guaranteed quantities under this subparagraph shall require the approval of the Council.
- (b) If the amount of which the reporting country is relieved cannot be fully offset in the manner provided in (a) of this paragraph, the Council shall invite the exporting countries, if the reporting country is an importing country, or the importing countries, if the reporting country is an exporting country, to accept a reduction of their guaranteed quantities for the crop-year concerned up to the amount of the guaranteed quantity of which the reporting country is relieved, after taking account of any adjustment made under (a) of this paragraph.
- (c) If the total offers received by the Council from the exporting and importing countries to increase their guaranteed quantities under (a) of this paragraph or to reduce their guaranteed quantities under (b) of this paragraph exceed the amount of the guaranteed quantity of which the reporting country is relieved, their guaranteed quantities shall, unless the Council decides otherwise, be increased or reduced, as the case may be, on a *pro rata* basis, provided that the increase or reduction of the guaranteed quantity of any such country shall not exceed its offer.
- (d) If the amount of the guaranteed quantity of which the reporting country is relieved cannot be fully offset in the manner provided in (a) and (b) of this paragraph, the Council shall reduce the guaranteed quantities in Annex A to Article III, if the reporting country is an exporting country, or in Annex B to Article III, if the reporting country is an importing country, for the crop-year concerned by the amount necessary to make the total in the one Annex equal to the total in the other Annex. Unless the exporting countries in the case of a reduction in Annex B, or the importing countries in the case of a reduction in Annex A, agree otherwise, the reduction shall be made on a *pro rata* basis, account being taken of any reduction already made under (b) of this paragraph.

## ARTICLE XI

### *Adjustments of Guaranteed Quantities by Consent*

1. The Council, when requested to do so by the exporting and importing countries whose guaranteed quantities would thereby be changed, may approve increase in the guaranteed quantities in one Annex to Article III for the remaining period of the Agreement together with equivalent increases in the guaranteed quantities in the other Annex for that period.