

PART 5—FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE XX

Signature, Acceptance, and Entry into Force

1. This Agreement shall be open for signature in Washington until April 15, 1949 by the Governments of the countries listed in Annex A and Annex B to Article III.
2. This Agreement shall be subject to acceptance by signatory Governments in accordance with their respective constitutional procedures. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 4 of this Article, instruments of acceptance shall be deposited with the Government of the United States of America not later than July 1, 1949.
3. Provided that the Governments of countries listed in Annex A to Article III responsible for not less than seventy per cent of the guaranteed purchases and the Governments of countries listed in Annex B to Article III responsible for not less than eighty per cent of the guaranteed sales have accepted this Agreement by July 1, 1949, Parts 1, 3, 4, and 5 of the Agreement shall enter into force on July 1, 1949 between those Governments which have accepted it. The Council shall fix a date which shall not be later than September 1, 1949 on which Part 2 of this Agreement shall enter into force between those Governments which have accepted it.
4. Any signatory Government which has not accepted this Agreement by July 1, 1949 may be granted by the Council an extension of time after that date for depositing its instrument of acceptance. Parts 1, 3, 4, and 5 of this Agreement shall enter into force for that Government on the date of the deposit of its instrument of acceptance, and Part 2 of the Agreement shall enter into force for that Government on the date fixed under paragraph 3 of this Article for the entry into force of that Part.
5. The Government of the United States of America will notify all signatory Governments of each signature and acceptance of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XXI

Accession

The Council may, by two-thirds of the votes cast by the exporting countries and two-thirds of the votes cast by the importing countries, approve accession to this Agreement by any Government not already a party to it and prescribe conditions for such accession. Accession shall be effected by depositing an instrument of accession with the Government of the United States of America, which will notify all signatory and acceding Governments of each such accession.

ARTICLE XXII

Duration, Amendment, Withdrawal and Termination

1. This Agreement shall remain in force until July 31, 1953.
2. The Council shall, not later than July 31, 1952, communicate to the exporting and importing countries its recommendations regarding the renewal of this Agreement.