

ARTICLE 4

(1) This Protocol shall enter into force on 1 January 1957 if on that date instruments of ratification or acceptance of, or accession to, this Protocol and instruments of accession to the Principal Agreement as amended in accordance with this Protocol have been deposited by Governments holding 60 per cent of the votes of importing countries and 75 per cent of the votes of exporting countries under the distribution set out in the Annex to this Protocol, or on such later date during the following six months on which these percentages have been reached; provided that notifications containing an undertaking to seek to obtain as rapidly as possible under their constitutional procedure, but not later than 1 July 1957, either

(a) ratification or acceptance of, or accession to, this Protocol, or

(b) accession to the Principal Agreement as amended in accordance with this Protocol,

received by 1 January 1957 by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from Parties to the Principal Agreement or Governments referred to in Article 3 (4) which by that date have been unable to ratify, accept or accede to this Protocol, or to the Principal Agreement as amended by it, as the case may be, will be considered as equivalent to ratification, acceptance or accession for the purpose of this paragraph.

(2) In any event the obligations for the 1957 quota year under this Protocol and the Principal Agreement as amended by it of Governments which have ratified, accepted or acceded to this Protocol or acceded to the Principal Agreement as amended by this Protocol not later than 1 July 1957 will run as from 1 January 1957.

(3) If on 1 July 1957 the percentage of votes of importing countries or of exporting countries the Governments of which have ratified, accepted or acceded to this Protocol and the Governments of which have acceded to the Principal Agreement as amended by this Protocol is less than the percentage required for the entry into force of this Protocol in accordance with paragraph 1, the Governments which have so ratified, accepted or acceded may agree to put into force among themselves the Principal Agreement as amended by this Protocol.

(4) The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland will notify all Parties to the Principal Agreement and all other States represented by delegates or observers at the United Nations Sugar Conference 1956 of each signature and of the deposit of any instrument referred to in Article 3 of this Protocol.

ARTICLE 5

If on 1 July 1957 any Government which has notified its undertaking to seek to obtain accession to the Principal Agreement as amended in accordance with this Protocol has not deposited an instrument of accession, the International Sugar Council referred to in Article 27 of the Principal Agreement shall determine, in consultation with such Government, the status of such Government in relation to the Principal Agreement as amended and the conditions pertaining to such status.