

under this Agreement. If the application is denied, such Government may give notice of withdrawal from this Agreement.

(7) If any Participating Government avails itself of the provisions of Article 16 (2), so as to be released from its obligations under that Article, any other Participating Government may at any time during the ensuing three months give notice of withdrawal after explaining its reasons to the Council.

(8) In addition to the situations envisaged elsewhere in this Agreement, when a Participating Government demonstrates that circumstances beyond its control prevent it from fulfilling its obligations under this Agreement it may give notice of withdrawal from this Agreement subject to a decision of the Council that such withdrawal is justified.

(9) If any Participating Government considers that a withdrawal from this Agreement notified in accordance with the provisions of this Article by any other Participating Government, in respect of either its metropolitan territory or all or any of the non-metropolitan territories for whose international relations it is responsible, is of such importance as to impair the operation of this Agreement, that Government may also give notice of withdrawal from this Agreement at any time during the ensuing three months.

(10) Notice of withdrawal under this Article shall be given to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and shall become effective thirty days from the date of its receipt by that Government.

Article 45

(1) Any Government which was, on 31 December 1958, party to the International Sugar Agreement 1953, or to that Agreement as amended by the Protocol of 1956, with one or more reservations shall be entitled on signature, ratification, acceptance or accession to this Agreement to make an identical reservation or reservations.

(2) Any Government represented at the United Nations Sugar Conference 1958 may make one or more reservations in similar terms to those referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article and in the same manner. Any dispute arising under this paragraph shall be settled in accordance with the procedure contained in Article 40.

(3) Any other reservation to this Agreement whether made on signature, ratification, acceptance or accession, shall require the consent of the Council.

(4) Where any reservation or reservations are made in accordance with this Article which require the consent of the Council, the Council shall consider the matter as soon as may be practicable after the deposit of the instrument concerned. The instrument shall be regarded as provisionally effective until such time as the Council has considered the matter and, if that Government is unable to obtain the consent of the Council to the reservation or to that reservation as modified, or is unwilling to withdraw the reservation, the instrument shall cease to have effect.

(5) The powers of the Council specified in this Article shall be exercised by Special Vote.

(6) Nothing in this Article shall prevent any Participating Government withdrawing, either in whole or in part, any reservation made by it.

Article 46

(1) Where in accordance with the International Sugar Agreement 1953 as amended by the Protocol of 1956 the consequences of anything done, to be