

ARTICLE 10

Sessions of the Council

(a) The Council shall hold at least four sessions a year.

(b) The depositary Government shall call the first meeting of the Council under this Agreement in London. This meeting shall begin within eight days after entry into force of the Agreement.

(c) Meetings shall be convened, at the request of any participating country or as may be required by the provisions of this Agreement, by the Executive Chairman or, after consultation with the first Vice-Chairman, and on his behalf, by the Secretary in the event of the incapacity of the Executive Chairman. Meetings may also be convened by the Executive Chairman at his discretion.

(d) Meetings shall, unless otherwise decided by the Council, be held at the seat of the Council. Except in the case of meetings convened under article 29, at least seven days' notice of each meeting shall be given.

(e) Delegates holding two-thirds of the total votes of all producing countries and two-thirds of the total votes of all consuming countries shall together constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Council. If for any session of the Council, there is not a quorum as defined above, a further session shall be convened after not less than seven days, at which delegates holding more than 1,000 votes shall together constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 11

Votes

(a) The producing countries shall together hold 1,000 votes which shall be distributed among them so that each producing country receives five initial votes and, in addition, a proportion as nearly as possible equal to the proportion which the percentage of that country as listed in annex A or as published from time to time in accordance with paragraph (q) of article 33 bears to the total of the percentages of all producing countries.

(b) The consuming countries shall together hold 1,000 votes, which shall be distributed among them so that each consuming country receives five initial votes and, in addition, a proportion as nearly as possible equal to the proportion which the tonnage of that country as listed in annex B bears to the total of the tonnages of all consuming countries:

Provided that:

(i) If there are more than thirty consuming countries, the initial vote for each consuming country shall be the highest whole number consistent with the requirement that the total of all initial votes for all consuming countries shall not exceed 150;

(ii) If any country not listed in annex B ratifies, approves, accepts, gives notification of intention to ratify, approve or accept, or accedes to, this Agreement as a consuming country, or has changed its category from that of a producing country to that of a consuming country in accordance with article 5 of this Agreement, the Council shall determine and publish a tonnage for that country; this tonnage shall take effect upon the date decided by the Council for the purposes of this article as if it were one of the tonnages listed in annex B;

(iii) The Council may at its first session revise annex B and shall publish the revised annex, which shall be effective for the purpose of this article forthwith; and