

its case to the Council. If the Council declares the case to be well-founded the Government concerned may give notice of withdrawal from this Agreement.

(4) If any Participating Government considers that its interests will be seriously prejudiced by reason of the effects of the basic export tonnage to be allotted to a non-participating exporting country seeking to accede to this Agreement pursuant to Article 41 (4) such Government may state its case to the Council which shall take a decision upon it. If the Government concerned considers that, notwithstanding the decision by the Council, its interests continue to be seriously prejudiced, it may give notice of withdrawal from this Agreement.

(5) The Council shall take a decision within thirty days on any matters submitted to it in accordance with paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) of this Article; and if the Council fails to do so within that time the Government which has submitted the matter to the Council may give notice of withdrawal from this Agreement.

(6) Any Participating Government may, if it becomes involved in hostilities, apply to the Council for the suspension of some or all of its obligations 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 in the preceding paragraphs of 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

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland shall promptly inform all signatory and acceding Governments of each notification and notice of withdrawal received under Articles 42, 43, 44, and 46.

### Chapter XIX.—Territorial Application

#### ARTICLE 46

(1) Any Government may at the time of signature, ratification, acceptance of, or accession to this Agreement or at any time thereafter, declare by notification given to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that the Agreement shall extend to all or any of the non-metropolitan territories for whose international relations it is responsible