

ARTICLE 22

Disputes and complaints

(1) Any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of this Convention other than a dispute under Articles 19 and 20 which is not settled by negotiation shall, at the request of any country party to the dispute, be referred to the Council for decision.

(2) In any case where a dispute has been referred to the Council under paragraph (1) of this Article, a majority of countries, or any countries holding not less than one-third of the total votes, may require the Council, after full discussion, to seek the opinion of the advisory panel referred to in paragraph (3) on the issues in dispute before giving its decision.

(3)(a) Unless the Council unanimously agrees otherwise, the panel shall consist of:

(i) two persons, one having wide experience in matters of the kind in dispute and the other having legal standing and experience, nominated by the exporting countries;

(ii) two such persons nominated by the importing countries; and

(iii) a chairman selected unanimously by the four persons nominated under (i) and (ii) or, if they fail to agree, by the Chairman of the Council.

(b) Persons from countries whose Governments are parties to this Convention shall be eligible to serve on the advisory panel. Persons appointed to the advisory panel shall act in their personal capacities and without instructions from any Government.

(c) The expenses of the advisory panel shall be paid by the Council.

(4) The opinion of the advisory panel and the reasons therefore shall be submitted to the Council which, after considering all the relevant information, shall decide the dispute.

(5) Any complaint that any exporting or importing country has failed to fulfill its obligations under this Convention shall, at the request of the country making the complaint, be referred to the Council, which shall make a decision on the matter.

(6) Any finding that an exporting or importing country is in breach of this Convention shall specify the nature of the breach and if the breach involves default by that country in its obligations under Article 4 or 5, the extent of such default.

(7) Subject to the provisions of Article 20, if the Council finds that an exporting country or an importing country has committed a breach of this Convention it may deprive the country concerned of its voting rights until it fulfills its obligations or expel that country from participation in this Convention.

ARTICLE 23

Annual review of the world grains situation

(1) (a) In the furtherance of the objectives of this Convention as set forth in Article 1, the Council shall annually review the world grains situation and shall inform member countries of the effects upon the international trade in grains of the facts which emerge from the