

(6) In order to enable the Council to discharge its functions under this Convention, member countries undertake to make available and supply such statistics and information as are necessary for this purpose.

ARTICLE 27

Votes

(1) The exporting countries shall together hold 1000 votes and the importing countries shall together hold 1000 votes.

(2) At the beginning of the first session of the Council held under this Convention, the exporting countries which have by that date deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession or declarations of provisional application shall divide the votes of the exporting countries among them as they shall decide and the importing countries fulfilling the same condition shall similarly divide their votes.

(3) Any exporting country may authorize any other exporting country, and any importing country may authorize any other importing country, to represent its interests and to exercise its votes at any meeting or meetings of the Council. Satisfactory evidence of such authorization shall be submitted to the Council.

(4) If at any meeting of the Council an importing country or an exporting country is not represented by an accredited delegate and has not authorized another country to exercise its votes in accordance with paragraph (3) of this Article, and if at the date of any meeting any country has forfeited, has been deprived of, or has recovered its votes under any provisions of this Convention, the total votes to be exercised by the exporting countries shall be adjusted to a figure equal to the total of votes to be exercised at that meeting by the importing countries and redistributed among exporting countries in proportion to their votes.

(5) Whenever any country becomes or ceases to be a party to this Convention subsequent to the date of the Council session referred to in paragraph (2) of this Article, the Council shall redistribute the votes of the other exporting or importing countries, as the case may be, proportionally to the number of votes held by each such country or, with respect to exporting countries, as otherwise agreed.

(6) No member country shall have less than one vote and there shall be no fractional votes.

ARTICLE 28

Seat, sessions and quorum

(1) The seat of the Council shall be London unless the Council decides otherwise.

(2) The Council shall meet at least once during each half of each crop year and at such other times as the Chairman may decide, or as otherwise required by this Convention.

(3) The Chairman shall convene a Session of the Council if so requested by (a) five countries or (b) one or more countries holding a total of not less than ten per cent of the total votes or (c) the Executive Committee.