1. (a) Except where provision for modification is made elsewhere in this Agreement, amendments to the provisions thereof shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

(b) Amendments to the provisions of this Agreement shall be submitted to the contracting parties for acceptance in accordance with sub-paragraphs (c) and (d) below; provided that such amendments have been approved by the CONTRACTING PARTIES by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast.

(c) Amendments to the provisions of Part I of this Agreement or of this Article shall become effective upon the thirtieth day following the date on which that shall have been accepted by all the contracting parties.

(d) Other amendments to this Agreement shall become effective in respect of those contracting parties which accept them upon the thirtieth day following the date on which they shall have been accepted by two-thirds of the contracting parties and thereafter for each other contracting party upon the thirtieth day following the date on which they shall have been accepted by it.

2. (a) The CONTRACTING PARTIES may decide that any amendment made effective under sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph 1 of this Article above is of such a nature that any contracting party which has not accepted it within a period specified by the CONTRACTING PARTIES shall be free to withdraw from this Agreement or to remain a contracting party with the consent of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

(b) A withdrawal from the Agreement under sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph above shall take effect upon the expiration of sixty days from the day on which written notice of withdrawal is received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations. A contracting party which, in the circumstances described in sub-paragraph (a), fails to accept the
amendment or to give notice of withdrawal, shall cease to be a contracting party upon the expiration of the period referred to in that sub-paragraph, or upon the sixtieth day following the day upon which the CONTRACTING PARTIES shall have decided to withhold their consent to the contracting party remaining a contracting party, whichever date is the later.

3. The provisions of paragraph 1 above shall not apply to an amendment to the text of schedules annexed to this Agreement required to record rectifications of a purely formal character or modifications resulting from action taken under paragraph 6 of Article II, Article VIII, Article XXVII or Article XXVIII, as well as from supplementary negotiations conducted between two or more contracting parties or from negotiations authorized by the CONTRACTING PARTIES. Such amendment shall become effective upon certification by the CONTRACTING PARTIES; Provided that prior to such certification, all contracting parties have been notified of the proposed amendment and no objection has been made within thirty days of such notification by any contracting party to the proposed amendment being made effective under the provisions of this paragraph.