ARTICLE XXX - AMENDMENTS

1. (a) Except as provided for in paragraph 3 of this Article, amendments to the provisions of this Agreement 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 (d) and (e) below; Provided that such amendments have been approved by the CONTRACTING PARTIES by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast.

(c) The acceptance of amendments pursuant to this paragraph shall be in such form as determined by the CONTRACTING PARTIES and laid down by the instrument containing the amendments.

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

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

2. (a) The CONTRACTING PARTIES may decide that any amendment made effective under sub-paragraph (e) of paragraph 1 of this Article 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 this Agreement under sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph shall take effect upon the expiration of the sixtieth day following 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 on 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. Any amendments to the schedules annexed to this Agreement which record rectifications of a purely formal character or modifications resulting from action taken under paragraph 6 of Article II, Article XVIII, Article XXIV, Article XXVII or Article XXVIII, shall become effective upon the thirtieth day following this certification by the CONTRACTING PARTIES; Provided that prior to such certification, all contracting parties have been notified of the proposed amendments and no objection has been raised, within thirty days of such notification by any contracting party, on the ground that the proposed amendments are not within the terms of this paragraph.