NEW DRAFT OF ARTICLE XXX
Proposal by the Japanese Delegation

1. Any amendment to this Charter [as well as rectification of a schedule] which does not alter the obligations of contracting parties shall become effective upon approval by the CONTRACTING PARTIES by a majority comprising two-thirds of the contracting parties.

2. Any amendment which alters the obligations of contracting parties, except where provision for modification is made elsewhere in this Agreement, shall be submitted for acceptance after having been approved by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast and shall become effective:

   (a) as to the amendment to the provisions of Part I of this Agreement or to the provisions of this Article, on the thirtieth day following the day on which it shall have been accepted by all the contracting parties

   (b) as to the amendment to other provisions, on the thirtieth day following the day on which it shall have been accepted by two-thirds of the contracting parties in respect of those contracting parties which accept it, and thereafter for each other contracting party on the thirtieth day following the day of acceptance by it.

3. Any contracting party accepting an amendment to this Agreement in accordance with the preceding paragraph shall deposit an instrument of acceptance with the Director-General of the Organization within such period as the CONTRACTING PARTIES may specify.

4. The CONTRACTING PARTIES may decide that any amendment made effective under paragraph 2(b) 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. Such contracting party shall cease to be a contracting party upon the expiration of sixty days from the day on which written notice of withdrawal is received by the Director-General of the Organization or upon the expiration of sixty days from the expiration of the period specified by the CONTRACTING PARTIES or from the day upon which the CONTRACTING PARTIES shall have decided to refuse the contracting party to remain so, whichever shall be later.

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