"This Charter shall enter into force on the sixtieth day following the day on which a simple majority of the Governments represented at the Havana Conference and signatories to the Charter, shall have deposited instruments of acceptance pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Article. Notwithstanding this provision, when a period of one year has elapsed after the signing of the Charter, the latter shall enter into force as soon as not less than twenty States, representing not less than two-thirds of the volume of world trade, have deposited instruments of acceptance.

From the time when the Charter enters into force, the States that have signed but not yet ratified it, shall be considered as provisional members of the Organization for a period of six months."

SUPPORTING ARGUMENTS

(a) The amendment follows the usual parliamentary majority practice for enacting laws;
(b) a reasonable period is allowed for the States signing the Charter to have it ratified in accordance with their legislative system;
(c) the period of one year does not differ, in practice, from that which will be required for the approval of the Charter, plus sixty days for its entry into force, although only twenty States are considered;
(d) the amendment follows the system adopted by this Conference in discussing the Charter, namely, the majority system, by which the ad referendum voting of the delegates is ratified;
(e) an additional period of six months is granted to those States that have not had time to ratify the Charter, although the latter nevertheless enters into force, and during this period they are considered as provisional members by virtue of having signed it.