

21 February 1955

Legal and Drafting Committee

ARTICLES 17 TO 22 OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL AGREEMENT

Article 17 - Amendments

(a) Amendments to this Agreement shall be submitted to the Members for acceptance in accordance with paragraph (b); Provided that such amendments have been approved by the Assembly by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

(b) Amendments to this Agreement shall become effective, in respect of those Members which have accepted them, the thirtieth day following the day on which they have been accepted by two-thirds of the Members of the Organization, and thereafter in respect of each other Member on the thirtieth day following the day on which they have been accepted by it.

Article 18 - Entry into Force

(a) The original of this Agreement shall be open at Geneva on for acceptance, by signature or otherwise, by those governments which are contracting parties to the General Agreement. It shall thereafter be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and on and after it shall be open for such acceptance at the Headquarters of the United Nations.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 2, this Agreement shall enter into force, as among the governments which have accepted it, on the thirtieth day following the day on which it shall have been accepted by governments named in the Annex to this Agreement, the territories of which account for 85 per centum of the total external trade of the territories of such governments, computed in accordance with the appropriate column of percentages set forth therein. This Agreement shall enter into force for each other government on the thirtieth day following the day on which it is accepted thereby.

Article 19 - Notification and Registration

(a) The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall promptly furnish a certified copy of this Agreement and a notification of its entry into force, and of each acceptance thereof, accession thereto, or withdrawal therefrom, to each contracting party to the General Agreement, to each member of the United Nations which is not such a contracting party, and to all specialized agencies of the United Nations.

(b) The Secretary-General is authorized to register this Agreement in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Done at Geneva, in a single copy, in the English and French languages, both texts authentic, this day of , One thousand nine hundred and .

PART V - TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Article 20 - Relation to Amendments to the General Agreement

If this Agreement enters into force before the entry into force of amendments to the General Agreement contained in the Protocol Amending the General Agreement dated , this Agreement shall, until the entry into force of such amendments, be applied as if all references in the General Agreement to "the CONTRACTING PARTIES" were references to the Organization.

Article 21 - Provisional Application

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 2, if by this Agreement shall not have entered into force pursuant to paragraph (b) of Article 18, those governments, being contracting parties to the General Agreement, which are prepared to do so may nevertheless decide to apply it; Provided that the territories of such governments account for the percentage of trade required for the entry into force of this Agreement under paragraph (b) of Article 18.

Article 22 - Title (This article was proposed by the Japanese delegation)

Pending the entry into force of this Agreement, "Director-General of the Organization" in Articles 15(b) and 20(a) shall read "Executive Secretary of ICITO/GATT"(or "Secretary-General of the United Nations").