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Membership in the Organization

1. Each Contracting Party shall be a Member of the Organization.
 2. There shall be two categories of Members of the Organization, namely:
 - (a) Exporting Members; and
 - (b) Importing Members.
 3. A Member may change its category on such conditions as the Council may establish.
 4. Two or more Contracting Parties may, by appropriate notification to the Council and to the Depositary, which will take effect on a date to be specified by the Contracting Parties concerned and on conditions agreed by the Council, declare that they are participating in the Organization as a Member group.
 5. Any reference in this Agreement to “a Government” or “Governments” shall be construed as including the European Union and any intergovernmental organization having comparable responsibilities in respect of the negotiation, conclusion and implementation of international agreements, in particular commodity agreements. Accordingly, any reference in this Agreement to signature, ratification, acceptance or approval, or to notification of provisional application or to accession shall, in the case of such intergovernmental organizations, be construed as including a reference to signature, ratification, acceptance or approval, or to notification of provisional application, or to accession, by such intergovernmental organizations.
 6. In the case of voting on matters within their competence, such intergovernmental organizations shall vote with a number of votes equal to the total number of votes attributable to their member States in accordance with article 10. In such cases, the member States of such intergovernmental organizations shall not exercise their individual voting rights.
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