

ments with respect to the trade between them, pending the establishment of their mutual trade relations on a definitive basis.

12. Each contracting party shall take such reasonable measures as may be available to it to ensure observance of the provisions of this Agreement by the regional and local governments and authorities within its territory.

Article XXV

Joint Action by the Contracting Parties

1. Representatives of the contracting parties shall meet from time to time for the purpose of giving effect to those provisions of this Agreement which involve joint action and, generally, with a view to facilitating the operation and furthering the objectives of this Agreement. Wherever reference is made in this Agreement to the contracting parties acting jointly they are designated as the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

2. The Secretary-General of the United Nations is requested to convene the first meeting of the CONTRACTING PARTIES which shall take place not later than March 1, 1948.

3. Each contracting party shall be entitled to have one vote at all meetings of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

4. Except as otherwise provided for in this Agreement, decisions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES shall be taken by a majority of the votes cast.

5. (a) In exceptional circumstances not elsewhere provided for in this Agreement, the CONTRACTING PARTIES may waive an obligation imposed upon a contracting party by this Agreement; *Provided* that any such decision shall be approved by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast and that such majority shall comprise more than half of the contracting parties. The CON-

i at træffe særlige aftaler angående deres samhandel, indtil deres gensidige handelsforbindelser er blevet etableret på et varigt grundlag.

12. Enhver kontraherende Part skal træffe sådanne rimelige foranstaltninger, som den har myndighed til at gennemføre, for at sikre, at de regionale og lokale regeringer og myndigheder indenfor dens territorium iagttager bestemmelserne i denne Overenskomst.

Artikel XXV.

Fælles optræden af de kontraherende Parter.

1. Repræsentanter for de kontraherende Parter skal fra tid til anden mødes for at gennemføre de bestemmelser i nærværende Overenskomst, der forudsætter fælles optræden, og i almindelighed med det formål at lette gennemførelsen af og fremme formålene med nærværende Overenskomst. Overalt hvor denne Overenskomst omhandler de kontraherende Parters optræden i fællesskab, er disse betegnet som DE KONTRAHERENDE PARTER.

2. De Forenede Nationers generalsekretær anmodes om at indkalde til DE KONTRAHERENDE PARTERS første møde, der skal afholdes senest den 1. marts 1948.

3. Hver kontraherende Part skal have een stemme på alle DE KONTRAHERENDE PARTERS møder.

4. Når ikke andet er bestemt i nærværende Overenskomst, skal DE KONTRAHERENDE PARTERS beslutninger træffes med et flertal af de afgivne stemmer.

5. a) Under ganske særlige omstændigheder, for hvilke der ikke er truffet bestemmelse andetsteds i nærværende Overenskomst, kan DE KONTRAHERENDE PARTER fritage en kontraherende Part for en forpligtelse, som er pålagt den i henhold til denne Overenskomst; dog kræves der til godkendelse af en sådan beslutning to trediedelens majoritet af de afgivne stemmer, og at et