

4. The Centre shall have legal personality in the territory of each Member State. It shall in particular have the capacity to contract, to acquire and dispose of movable and immovable property and to be party to legal proceedings.

5. The headquarters of the Centre shall be at Shinfield Park near Reading (Berkshire), in the territory of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

6. The official languages of the Centre shall be Dutch, English, French, German, and Italian.

Its working languages shall be English, French and German.

The Council shall determine the extent to which the official and working languages shall respectively be used.

Article 2

1. The objectives of the Centre shall be:

(a) to develop dynamic models of the atmosphere with a view to preparing medium-range weather forecasts by means of numerical methods;

(b) to prepare, on a regular basis, the data necessary for the preparation of medium-range weather forecasts;

(c) to carry out scientific and technical research directed towards improving the quality of these forecasts;

(d) to collect and store appropriate meteorological data;

(e) to make available to the meteorological offices of the Member States, in the most appropriate form, the results of the studies and research provided for in (a) and (c) and the data referred to in (b) and (d);

(f) to make available to the meteorological offices of the Member States for their research, priority being given to the field of numerical weather forecasting, a sufficient proportion of its computing capacity, such proportion being determined by the Council;

(g) to assist in implementing programmes of the World Meteorological Organisation;

(h) to assist in advanced training for the scientific staff of the meteorological offices of the Member States in the field of numerical weather forecasting.

2. The Centre shall establish and operate the installations necessary for the achieve-

ment of the objectives defined in paragraph 1.

3. As a general rule, the Centre shall publish or otherwise make available, under the conditions laid down by the Council, the scientific and technical results of its activities, inasmuch as these results are not covered by Article 15.

Article 3

1. In order to attain its objectives, the Centre shall co-operate to the largest extent possible, in accordance with international meteorological traditions, with the Governments and national agencies of the Member States, with States which are not members of the Centre and with governmental or non-governmental international scientific and technical organisations whose activities are related to its objectives.

2. Moreover, the Centre may conclude co-operation agreements:

(a) with States, under the conditions laid down in Article 6 (1) (e),

(b) with the national scientific and technical agencies of the Member States and with the international organisations referred to in paragraph 1, under the conditions laid down in Article 6 (3) (k).

3. The co-operation agreements referred to in paragraph 2 may make part of the Centre's computing capacity available only to public agencies of the Member States.

Article 4

1. The Council shall have the powers and shall adopt the measures necessary to implement this Convention.

2. The Council shall be composed of not more than two representatives from each Member State, one of whom should be a representative of his national meteorological service. These representatives may be assisted at Council meetings by advisers.

A representative of the World Meteorological Organisation shall be invited to take part in the work of the Council as an observer.

3. The Council shall elect from among its members a President and a Vice-President who shall be appointed for one year and who may not be re-elected more than twice in succession.