

3. If, after the entry into force of this Convention, a State becomes a party of this Convention, the scale of contributions shall be modified by the Council according to the basis for calculation laid down in paragraph 1. The new scale shall take effect when the State concerned becomes a party to this Convention.

A State which becomes a party to this Convention after 31 December of the year during which it enters into force shall be required to pay, in addition to the contribution laid down in paragraph 1, a single additional contribution to the expenditure previously incurred by the Centre. The amount of this additional contribution shall be determined by the Council, acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 6 (1).

Unless the Council decides otherwise, acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 6 (1), any additional contribution paid pursuant to the second subparagraph shall be deducted from the contributions of the other Member States. This reduction shall be calculated on a pro rata basis according to the contributions actually paid by each Member State prior to the current financial year.

4. If after the entry into force of this Convention, a State ceases to be a party to this Convention, the scale of contributions shall be modified by the Council according to the basis for calculation laid down in paragraph 1. The new scale shall take effect when the State concerned ceases to be a party to this Convention.

5. The methods of payment of the contributions shall be determined in the Financial Regulations.

#### *Article 14*

1. The accounts of all revenue and expenditure shown in the budget and the balance sheet of the assets and liabilities of the Centre shall, under the conditions laid down in the Financial Regulations, be submitted for audit to auditors whose independence is beyond doubt. The purpose of the audit, which shall be based on records and if necessary performed on the spot, shall be to establish that all revenue has been received and all expenditure incurred in a lawful and regular manner and that the financial manage-

ment of the Centre has been sound. The auditors shall submit a report on the annual accounts to the Council.

2. The Council, acting on a proposal from the Finance Committee in accordance with Article 6 (3) (e), shall determine the number of auditors, the length of their appointment, the amount of their remuneration, and shall appoint them.

3. The Director shall give the auditors any information and assistance needed for the audit referred to in paragraph 1.

#### *Article 15*

1. Each Member State shall be granted, free of charge, for its own requirements in the field of weather forecasting, a non-exclusive licence and any other non-exclusive right of use, in respect of industrial property rights, computer programs and technological information which result from work carried out pursuant to this Convention and which belong to the Centre.

2. Where the Centre does not possess the rights referred to in paragraph 1, it shall attempt to obtain the necessary rights, under the conditions determined by the Council.

3. The conditions under which the licences referred to in paragraph 1 may be extended to applications other than weather forecasting shall be the subject of a decision of the Council acting in accordance with Article 6 (3) (1).

#### *Article 16*

The privileges and immunities which the Centre, the representatives of the Member States, the staff and the experts of the Centre enjoy in the territories of the Member States shall be determined in a protocol which shall be annexed to this Convention and which shall form an integral part thereof, and in an agreement to be concluded between the Centre and the State in whose territory the headquarters of the Centre are located. This agreement shall be approved by the Council acting in accordance with Article 6 (3) (e).

#### *Article 17*

1. Any dispute between Member States or between one or more Member States and