

the Centre concerning the interpretation of application of this Convention, including the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities provided for in Article 16 or relating to one of the cases provided for in Article 24 of that Protocol, which can not be settled by the good offices of the Council shall, on a request made by one party to the dispute to the other, be referred to an arbitration tribunal, set up in accordance with the first subparagraph of paragraph 2, unless the parties to the dispute agree within three months on another form of settlement.

2. Each party to the dispute, whether constituted by one or more Member States, shall appoint one member of the arbitration tribunal within two months from the date on which the request referred to in paragraph 1 is received. These members shall, within two months of the appointment of the second member, appoint a third member who shall be the chairman of the tribunal, and who shall not be a national of a State which is a party to the dispute. If the appointment of any of the three members of the tribunal has not been made within the prescribed period, it shall be made by the President of the International Court of Justice at the request of one of the parties.

The arbitration tribunal shall take decisions by a majority. Its decisions shall bind the parties to the dispute. Each party shall bear the costs of the member of the tribunal appointed by it and those relating to its representation at proceedings before the tribunal. Each party to the dispute shall bear an equal share of the costs relating to the chairman of the tribunal and any other expenses, unless the tribunal decides otherwise. The tribunal shall determine its other rules of procedure.

Article 18

1. Each Member State may transmit proposals for amending this Convention to the Director. The Director shall submit such proposals to the other Member States at least three months before they are to be examined by the Council. The Council shall examine the proposals and may, acting in accordance with Article 6 (3) (n), recommend the Member States to accept the proposed amendments.

2. Amendments recommended by the Council may only be accepted by the Member States in writing. They shall enter into force thirty days after receipt by the Secretary-General of the Council of the European Communities of the last written notification of acceptance.

Article 19

1. Any Member State may denounce this Convention after it has been in force for five years by giving notice to the Secretary-General of the Council of the European Communities. Denunciation shall take effect at the end of the second financial year following the year during which notice is given.

2. A Member State which has denounced this Convention shall remain bound to contribute towards financing all commitments entered into by the Centre before such denunciation and to respect the obligations which it contracted itself as a Member State vis-a-vis the Centre before the denunciation.

3. A Member State which has denounced this Convention shall lose its rights to the assets of the Centre and must indemnify the Centre, under the conditions laid down by the Council acting in accordance with Article 6 (2) (d), for any loss for the Centre of property in the territory of such a State, unless a special agreement is concluded guaranteeing the Centre the use of such property.

Article 20

Any Member State which does not fulfil its obligations under this Convention may be deprived of its membership by a decision of the Council acting in accordance with Article 6 (1) (c). In such an event Article 19 (2) and (3) shall be applicable *mutatis mutandis*.

Article 21

1. Unless the Council acting in accordance with Article 6 (2) (e) decides otherwise, the Centre shall be dissolved if denunciation of this Convention by one or more Member State results in the levels of contributions of the other Member States being increased by one-fifth over their initial levels.

2. In addition to the case referred to in paragraph 1, the Centre may be dissolved at any time by the Council acting in accordance with Article 6 (1) (d).