

3. In the event of dissolution of the Centre, the Council shall appoint a liquidator.

Unless the Council acting in accordance with Article 6 (2) (e) decides otherwise, any surplus shall be distributed among the Member States at the time of dissolution on a pro rata basis according to the contributions actually paid by them during the time in which they have been parties to this convention.

Any deficit shall be met by the Member States on a pro rata basis according to their contributions fixed for the current financial year.

Article 22

1. This Convention shall be open for signature by the European States mentioned in the Annex until 11 April 1974 at the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Communities.

It shall be subject to ratification, acceptance or approval. The instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited in the archives of the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Communities.

2. This Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date of its ratification, acceptance or approval by no less than two-thirds of the signatory States, including the State in whose territory the headquarters of the Centre are located, provided that the total contributions by these States amounts to at least 80 per cent of the total contributions in accordance with the scale contained in the Annex.

For any other signatory State, this Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date of the deposit of its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval.

Article 23

After the entry into force of this Convention, any State which is not a Signatory and is mentioned in the Annex may accede to this Convention, subject to the consent of the Council acting in accordance with Article 6 (1) (b). Instruments of accession shall be deposited in the archives of the General

Secretariat of the Council of the European Communities.

For each acceding State, this Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the deposit of its instrument of accession.

Article 24

The Secretary-General of the Council of the European Communities shall notify the signatory and acceding States of:

- (a) any signature to this Convention;
- (b) the deposit of all instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession;
- (c) the entry into force of this Convention;
- (d) any written notification of acceptance of an amendment to this Convention;
- (e) the entry into force of any amendment;
- (f) any denunciation of this Convention or loss of membership of the Centre.

As soon as this Convention enters into force, the Secretary-General of the Council of the European Communities shall register it with the General Secretariat of the United Nations, in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Article 25

1. The first financial year shall run from the entry into force of this Convention until 31 December following. In the event of this period beginning during the second half of a calendar year, it shall run until 31 December of the following year.

2. States which have signed this Convention but have not ratified, accepted or approved it may be represented at meetings of the Council and take part in its work without the right to vote for a period of twelve months after the entry into force of this Convention. This period may be extended for a further period of six months by the Council, acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 6 (3).

3. At its first meeting the Scientific Advisory Committee shall determine, by drawing lots, the nine members of the Committee whose terms of office shall expire, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 7 (1), at the end of the first, second and third years of operation of the Committee.