

ation shall be referred to the North Atlantic Council.

Article VXII

Any Contracting Party may at any time request the revision of any Article of this Agreement. The request shall be addressed to the North Atlantic Council.

Article XVIII

1. The present Agreement shall be ratified and the instruments of ratification shall be deposited as soon as possible with the Government of the United States of America, which shall notify each signatory State of the date of deposit thereof.

2. Thirty days after four signatory States have deposited their instruments of ratification the present Agreement shall come into force between them. It shall come into force for each other signatory State thirty days after the deposit of its instrument of ratification.

3. After it has come into force, the present Agreement shall, subject to the approval of the North Atlantic Council and to such conditions as it may decide, be open to accession on behalf of any State which accedes to the North Atlantic Treaty. Accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of accession with the Government of the United States of America, which shall notify each signatory and acceding State of the date of deposit thereof. In respect of any State on behalf of which an instrument of accession is deposited, the present Agreement shall come into force thirty days after the date of the deposit of such instrument.

Article XIX

1. The present Agreement may be denounced by any Contracting Party after the expiration of a period of four years from the date of which the Agreement comes into force.

2. The denunciation of the Agreement by any Contracting Party shall be effected by a written notification addressed by that Contracting Party to the Government of the United States of Ame-

stemmelse, skal uoverensstemmelser, der ikke kan afgøres ved direkte forhandling, henvises til Det nordatlantiske Råd.

Artikel XVII.

Enhver kontraherende part kan nårsomhelst anmode om, at enhver artikel i nærværende overenskomst tages op til revision. Anmodning herom skal rettes til Det nordatlantiske Råd.

Artikel XVIII.

1. Nærværende overenskomst skal ratificeres, og ratifikationsinstrumenterne skal snarest muligt deponeres hos Amerikas forenede Staters regering, som skal underrette hver signatarmagt om datoen for sådan deponering.

2. 30 dage efter, at 4 signatarmagter har deponeret deres ratifikationsinstrumenter, skal nærværende overenskomst træde i kraft mellem disse. I forhold til enhver anden signatarmagt skal den træde i kraft 30 dage efter deponering af dets ratifikationsinstrument.

3. Efter at nærværende overenskomst er trådt i kraft skal den, under forbehold af Det nordatlantiske Råds godkendelse og på de betingelser, dette måtte fastsætte, stå åben for tiltrædelse af ethvert land, der tiltræder Den nordatlantiske Traktat. Tiltrædelsen finder sted ved deponering af et tiltrædelsesinstrument hos Amerikas forenede Staters regering, som skal underrette enhver stat, der har undertegnet eller tiltrådt overenskomsten, om datoen for den pågældende deponering. I forhold til enhver stat, på hvis vegne et tiltrædelsesinstrument deponeres, skal nærværende overenskomst træde i kraft 30 dage efter deponeringen af dette instrument.

Artikel XIX.

1. Nærværende overenskomst kan opsiges af enhver af de kontraherende parter efter udløbet af en periode på 4 år fra datoen for dens ikrafttræden.

2. En kontraherende parts opsigelse af overenskomsten skal ske ved skriftlig meddelelse fra vedkommende kontraherende part til Amerikas forenede Staters regering, som skal underrette de