(2) The contribution of each Member to the Administrative Budget for each financial year shall be calculated as follows: i) 50 percent based on the average value of total trade and ii) 50 percent based on the average volume of total trade of the preceding four calendar years. For the purpose of this Article, "total trade" here refers to the sum of total import and export at the time the Administrative Budget for that financial year is approved. In determining contributions, the contribution of each Member shall be calculated without regard to the suspension of the voting rights of any Member or any redistribution of votes resulting therefrom. However, the aforesaid calculation shall not apply for Members whose membership has been suspended in accordance with paragraph (4) of Article 22, and their contributions shall be redistributed amongst the remaining Members for that financial year only.

(3) The initial contribution of any Member joining the Organization after the entry into force of this Agreement as provided for in Article 46 shall be assessed by the Council as per paragraph (2) of Article 21 on the basis of the period remaining in the current financial year, but the assessments made upon other Members for the current financial year shall not be altered.

(4) Each Member shall make a minimum contribution of 0.25 percent of the total Administrative Budget for each financial year.

(5) Members whose average total trade of coffee accounts for a share of less than 0.25 percent of the sum of all Members' average total trade in volume and value will be only subject to the minimum contribution referred to in paragraph (4) above.

(6) The remaining contribution of Members shall be divided among all Members except those in paragraph (5) above, as follows: 50 percent in proportion to the average volume of their total trade of coffee; and 50 percent in proportion to the average value of their total trade of coffee.

(7) For purposes of this Article, exports and imports of coffee shall be construed as referring to shipments from any origin and to any destination, respectively, in the preceding four calendar years.

(8) For purposes of this Article, in the case of the European Union or any intergovernmental organization as defined in paragraph (3) of Article 4, exports shall be construed as including the sum of exports to all destinations, including within itself, and imports shall include the sum of imports from all origins, including within itself.

ARTICLE 22

Payment of contributions

(1) Contributions to the Administrative Budget for each financial year shall be payable in freely convertible currency and shall become due on the first day of that financial year.

(2) If any Member fails to pay its full contribution to the Administrative Budget within six months of the date on which the contribution is due, its voting rights and its right to participate in meetings of specialized committees shall be suspended until its contribution has been paid in full. However, unless the Council so decides, such Member shall not be deprived of any of its other rights nor relieved of any of its obligations under this Agreement.

(3) Any Member whose voting rights have been suspended under the provisions of paragraph (2) of this Article shall nevertheless remain responsible for the payment of its contribution.

(4) The Council shall temporarily suspend by decision the membership of any Member in persistent arrears of more than 21 months of outstanding contributions. A Member that has been temporarily suspended will be relieved of its obligations to contribute to the Administrative Budget of the Organization but shall remain liable to meet any other of its financial obligations under this Agreement. Upon payment in full of its outstanding contributions or upon the approval of a repayment plan by the Council, that Member shall regain the right of membership. Payments made by Members in arrears will be credited first to their longest outstanding contribution.

ARTICLE 23

Liabilities

(1) The Organization, functioning as specified in paragraph (3) of Article 7, shall not have power to incur any obligation outside the scope of this Agreement, and shall not be taken to have been authorized by the Members to do so; in particular, it shall not have the capacity to borrow money. In exercising its capacity to contract, the Organization shall incorporate in its contracts the terms of this Article in such a way as to bring them to the notice of the other parties entering into contracts with the Organization, but any failure to incorporate such terms shall not invalidate such a contract or render it *ultra vires*.