ARTICLE 48

Duration, extension and termination

(1) This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of ten years after it enters into force provisionally or definitively unless extended under the provisions of paragraph (3) of this Article or terminated under the provisions of paragraph (4) of this Article.

(2) The Council shall review this Agreement five years after its entry into force and shall take decisions as appropriate.

(3) The Council may decide to extend this Agreement beyond its expiry date for one or more successive periods not to exceed eight years in total. Any Member which does not accept any such extension of this Agreement shall so inform the Council and the Depositary in writing before the commencement of the period of extension and shall cease to be a Party to this Agreement from the beginning of the period of extension.

(4) The Council may at any time decide to terminate this Agreement. Termination shall take effect on such date as the Council shall decide.

(5) Notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement, the Council shall remain in being for as long as necessary to take such decisions as are needed during the period of time required for the liquidation of the Organization, settlement of its accounts and disposal of its assets.

(6) Any decision taken with respect to the duration and/or termination of this Agreement and any notification received by the Council pursuant to this Article shall be duly transmitted by the Council to the Depositary.

ARTICLE 49

Amendment

(1) The Council may propose an amendment of the Agreement and shall communicate such proposal to all Contracting Parties. The amendment shall enter into force for all Members of the Organization 100 days after the Depositary has received notifications of acceptance from Contracting Parties holding at least two-thirds of the votes of the exporting Members, and from Contracting Parties holding at least two-thirds of the votes of the importing Members. The two-thirds percentage referred to herein shall be calculated based upon the number of Contracting Parties to the Agreement at the time that the proposal of the amendment was circulated to the Contracting Parties concerned for acceptance. The Council shall fix a time within which Contracting Parties shall notify the Depositary of their acceptance of the amendment, which shall be communicated by the Council to all Contracting Parties and the Depositary. If, on expiry of such time limit, the percentage requirements for the entry into effect of the amendment have not been met, the amendment shall be considered withdrawn.

(2) Unless the Council decides otherwise, any Contracting Party which has not notified acceptance of an amendment within the period fixed by the Council shall cease to be a Contracting Party to this Agreement from the date on which such amendment becomes effective.

(3) The Council shall notify the Depositary of any amendments distributed to the Contracting Parties under this Article.

ARTICLE 50

Supplementary and transitional provision

All acts by or on behalf of the Organization or any of its organs under the International Coffee Agreement 2001 shall remain in effect until the entry into force of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 51

Authentic texts of the Agreement

The texts of this Agreement in the English, French, Portuguese and Spanish languages shall all be equally authentic. The originals shall be deposited with the Depositary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, having been duly authorized to this effect by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement on the dates appearing opposite their signatures.