(b) If a distributed majority vote is again not obtained, the proposal shall be considered not approved.

(3) Members are committed to accept as binding all decisions of the Council under the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 16

Cooperation with other organizations

(1) The Council may make arrangements for consultation and cooperation with the United Nations and its specialized agencies; other appropriate intergovernmental organizations; and relevant international and regional organizations. It shall take full advantage of various sources of funding. Such arrangements may include financial arrangements that the Council considers appropriate for achieving the objectives of this Agreement. However, in respect of the implementation of any project under such arrangements the Organization shall not incur any financial obligations for guarantees given by individual Members or other entities. No Member shall be responsible by reason of its membership of the Organization for any liability arising from borrowing or lending by any other Member or entity in connection with such projects.

(2) Where possible, the Organization may also collect from Members, non-members, and from donor and other agencies, information on development projects and programmes focussing on the coffee sector. Where appropriate, and with the agreement of the parties concerned, the Organization may make this information available to such other organizations as well as to Members.

ARTICLE 17

Cooperation with non-governmental organizations

In pursuing the objectives of this Agreement, the Organization may, without prejudice to the provisions of Articles 16, 34, 35 and 37, establish and strengthen cooperative activities with appropriate non-governmental and not-for-profit organizations having expertise in relevant aspects of the coffee sector and with other experts in coffee matters.