2022, without reference to possible suspension under the terms of Article 22, have deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval. Alternatively, it shall enter into force definitively at any time if it is provisionally in force in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (2) of this Article and these percentage requirements are satisfied by the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval.

(2) If this Agreement has not entered into force definitively by 31 July 2023, it shall enter into force provisionally on that date, or on any date within 12 months thereafter, if signatory Governments holding votes as described in paragraph (1) of this Article, have deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval, or have notified the Depositary in accordance with the provisions of Article 45.

(3) If this Agreement has entered into force provisionally but has not entered into force definitively by 31 July 2024, it shall cease to be in force provisionally unless those signatory Governments which have deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval, or have notified the Depositary in accordance with the provisions of Article 45, decide, by mutual consent, that it shall continue in force provisionally for a specific period of time. Such signatory Governments may also decide, by mutual consent, that this Agreement shall enter into force definitively among themselves.

(4) If this Agreement has not entered into force definitively or provisionally by 31 July 2024 under the provisions of paragraph (1) or (2) of this Article, those signatory Governments which have deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval, in accordance with their laws and regulations, may, by mutual consent, decide that it shall enter into force definitively among themselves.

ARTICLE 47

Accession

(1) Except as otherwise provided for in this Agreement, the Government of any member state of the United Nations or of any of its specialized agencies or any intergovernmental organization described in paragraph (3) of Article 4 may accede to this Agreement in accordance with procedures which shall be established by the Council.

(2) Instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Depositary. The accession shall take effect upon deposit of the instrument.

(3) Upon deposit of an instrument of accession, any intergovernmental organization referred to in paragraph (3) of Article 4 shall deposit a declaration confirming its exclusive competence over matters governed by this Agreement. The member states of such organization shall not be eligible to become Contracting Parties to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 48

Reservations

Reservations may not be made with respect to any of the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 49

Voluntary withdrawal

Any Contracting Party may withdraw from this Agreement at any time by giving a written notice of withdrawal to the Depositary. Withdrawal shall become effective 90 days after the notice is received.

ARTICLE 50

Exclusion

If the Council decides that any Member is in breach of its obligations under this Agreement and decides further that such breach significantly impairs the operation of this Agreement, it may exclude such Member from the Organization. The Council shall immediately notify the Depositary of any such decision. 90 days after the date of the Council's decision, such Member shall cease to be a Member of the Organization and a Party to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 51

Settlement of accounts with withdrawing or excluded Members

(1) The Council shall determine any settlement of accounts with a withdrawing or excluded Member. The Organization shall retain any amounts already paid by a withdrawing or excluded Member and such Member shall remain bound to pay any amounts due from it to the Organization at the time the withdrawal or the exclusion becomes effective; provided,