

which alter the obligation of Members, but which are not of major importance. Such amendments, after being approved by two-thirds of the Members present and voting will become effective upon acceptance by the Governments of two-thirds of the Members, but only in respect of the Members who accept the amendments concerned. On the other hand, the Conference may consider that an amendment is of such importance that any Member who does not accept it within a certain time after it has become effective for two-thirds of the Members should be suspended. Any Member who is so suspended will have the right to withdraw from the Organization. Provision is, however, made for a suspension of membership to be waived with respect to any Member on certain terms and conditions to be laid down by the Conference in particular cases. The Article provides for the Conference to establish rules for determining whether an amendment should or should not require acceptance before becoming effective.

Article 101: Review of the Charter

It is recognized that the economic conditions existing at the present time are unlikely to continue indefinitely, and as the Charter has been written in the light of present conditions provision is made for a general review of the Charter five years after its entry into force. This review is to be carried out at a special session in conjunction with the regular annual session of the Conference, and amendments arising from the review will be subject to the normal procedures.

Article 102: Withdrawal and Termination

At any time after three years from entry into force of the Charter any Member may withdraw from the Organization on expiry of six months' notice thereof. The I.T.O. may be terminated at any time by agreement of three-fourths of the Members.

Article 103: Entry into Force and Registration

In framing this Article the Conference had in mind that whereas it was undesirable to postpone the active functioning of the Organization too long, nevertheless the constitutional difficulties of some countries might involve for them considerable delay in notifying formal acceptance, and might, if the Organization were established at an early date, prevent some Governments from participating in the work of the Organization during its first stages when many decisions important for the future of the Organization would be taken.

Instruments of acceptance of the Charter shall be deposited with the United Nations and shall take effect sixty days from the date when they are deposited. Annex O makes special provision for effective date of instruments of acceptance deposited prior to the first session of the Conference.