

2. Should either Member State consider that an obligation under this Agreement has not been fulfilled, or that any benefit conferred upon it by this Agreement is being or might be frustrated, or that any case of special difficulty has arisen, or that a change in circumstances necessitates or might necessitate a variation in the terms of this Agreement, the other Member State shall, on request, enter into consultations as soon as practicable with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory solution.

3. This Agreement may be amended by the Member States at any time in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements. The Schedules to this Agreement may be varied at any time by mutual consent of the relevant authorities of each Member State.

Article 23

Association with the Agreement

1. The Member States may agree to the association of any other State with this Agreement.
2. The terms of such association shall be negotiated between the Member States and the other State.

Article 24

Entry into force and duration

1. This Agreement shall come into force on the date on which the Member States exchange notes notifying each other that their respective constitutional and other requirements necessary to give effect to the Agreement have been complied with.¹
2. A Member State may terminate this Agreement by giving notice to that effect to the other Member State. If that other Member State so requests, consultations shall take place between the Member States as soon as practicable. The notice of termination shall take effect on the one hundred and eightieth day after the day on which it was given unless earlier withdrawn.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in two originals at Port Moresby this 6th day of November, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-six.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA:

[Signed:]

JOHN HOWARD

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA:

[Signed:]

MAORI KIKI

¹ Notes to this effect were exchanged 21 January-1 February 1977. The Agreement entered into force on 1 February 1977.