The International Labour Office has submitted comments to the draft Agreement, in a letter of 5 May, as follows:

"With regard to the draft Agreement on Commodity Arrangements which was drawn up by the Working Party as a basis for further study and discussion and on which you invite our comments, we should like to suggest that it would be useful to explore whether the following amendments which are designed to draw attention to the social as well as the economic aspects of stability in commodity policy, would be generally acceptable:

'Article I(1)(a): At the end, replace the semi-colon by a comma and add 'and the desirability of avoiding excessive fluctuations in the employment and earnings of workers engaged in producing the commodity in question';.

'Article I(1)(b): Second line, replace 'or' by a comma; after 'stocks' insert 'or the emergence of widespread unemployment or underemployment'.

'Article I(1)(d): Fourth line, after 'transfer of' insert 'manpower and other'.

'Article IV(1)(f): Third line, after 'transfer of' insert 'manpower and other'. Fifth line, after 'adjustment' add ', including programmes for such transfer of resources'.

'Article IV(5): Second line, after 'imminent' insert 'or where widespread unemployment or underemployment of workers engaged in producing a commodity exists or appears clearly imminent'."