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Corrigendum

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Mr. Stig Sahlin's (Sweden) statement should read as follows:

"Mr. Stig SAHLIN (Sweden) stated that his delegation was in principle in favour of the establishment of a standing committee which could serve a useful purpose by contributing to the efficient administration of the Agreement. However, like the representative of the United Kingdom, he thought a thorough study of the question was desirable. Effective arrangements should be made to cope with questions arising between sessions and to provide the secretariat with a body which it could consult. His delegation was prepared to discuss any other solutions directed to the same end. The system of ad hoc committees had its difficulties."

Page 4, paragraph 3 (Mr. Dharma Vira (India))

The last sentence should read as follows:

"With regard to the composition of a standing committee, his delegation saw no reason to depart from the principles laid down in Annexure L of the Havana Charter for filling permanent seats, at least for the first committee. These principles were unexceptionable and took into account geographical considerations as well as the potential importance in international trade of countries with large populations."

Page 4, last paragraph

The last sentence of Mr. Tauber's (Czechoslovakia) statement should read as follows:

"From the practical point of view, he pointed out that points (i) to (xi) of paragraph 10, with the exception of points (i) and (iii) of the proposed terms of reference were concerned only with technical matters which were the task of the Secretariat. To create a special organ would show a certain dissatisfaction with the Secretariat. The content of points (i) and (iii) went beyond the competence of the Secretariat and equally of the proposed Committee, since the latter would then be empowered to take up, if not decide, questions which concerned countries not members of the Committee."