Proposal by the German Delegate regarding the Operation of the French Plan

The German Delegation proposes to adopt the method provided for in sub-paragraph (b) of the document prepared by the Secretariat with the following modifications:

As provided for in sub-paragraph (d) participating countries should make known before each of the three stages the reductions that they would put into effect in fulfilling the obligations of sub-paragraph (b) as cited above. These reductions would be given in the schedules annexed to the instrument.

The reduced duties provided for in the list would be bound against increase provided they could be modified at the time the list for the new period is forwarded; in no case should the modifications result in an increase of the duties as compared with the level obtained at the beginning of the exercise.

The German Delegation would likewise be agreed with the possibility of eliminating any modification of the duties; it would accept, therefore, that the reduced duties provided for in the lists to be presented in each stage be bound against increase until the end of the exercise.