Although the language of Article 21 is only permissive, it is the view of the Working Party that it would be highly desirable for the new organization to be brought into a specialized agency relationship with the United Nations.

Problems of international trade cut across the interests and work of many intergovernmental bodies and organizations established within the framework of the United Nations, including several of the existing specialized agencies. They raise issues of paramount economic importance falling within the scope and activities of these organizations and bodies.

It appears clearly indicated, both from a practical and from the legal point of view, that the new agency should become a specialized agency as defined in Article 57 of the United Nations charter. From the legal point of view, Article 57 provides inter alia that 'agencies established by intergovernment agreement and having wide international responsibilities and defined in their basic instruments, in economic and related fields, shall be brought into relationship with the United Nations'; from the practical point of view, it is evident that the establishment of such a relationship is highly desirable in order to avoid overlapping duplication of effort and a great deal of possible confusion.

Far from interfering with the discharge of the autonomous functions of the new organization as projected in the draft Organization Agreement, the establishment of such a relationship by formal agreement under Article 6 of the Charter will serve to safeguard the autonomy and independence of the Organization within the co-ordinated pattern of the United Nations and the appropriate specialized agencies already in existence.