10.(a) Any contracting party applying new restrictions or raising the general level of its existing restrictions by a substantial intensification of the measures applied under this Section shall immediately after instituting or intensifying such restrictions (or, in circumstances in which prior consultation is practicable, before doing so) consult with the CONTRACTING PARTIES as to the nature of its balance-of-payments difficulties, alternative corrective measures which may be available and the possible effect of the restrictions on the economies of other contracting parties.

(b) (i) On a date to be determined by the CONTRACTING PARTIES the CONTRACTING PARTIES shall review all restrictions still applied under this Section on that date. Beginning two years after that date, contracting parties applying import restrictions under this Section shall enter into such consultations with the CONTRACTING PARTIES at intervals of approximately, but not less than, two years according to a programme to be drawn up each year by the CONTRACTING PARTIES, provided that the programme should be so arranged that no consultation under this sub-paragraph takes place within two years after the conclusion of a consultation under sub-paragraph (a) or (b) (ii) of this paragraph.

(ii) After they are satisfied that consultations have taken place between the parties concerned, the CONTRACTING PARTIES shall invite any contracting party which is applying import restrictions under this Section to enter into such consultations with them, with a view to achieving a settlement, at the request of any contracting party which can establish a prima facie case that the restrictions are inconsistent with the provisions of this Section or with those of Article XIII (subject to the provisions of Article XIV) and that its trade is adversely affected thereby. If, as a result of such consultations, no agreement is reached and the CONTRACTING PARTIES, with due regard to the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Article, determine that the restrictions are being applied inconsistently with the provisions of this Section, and that damage to the trade of the contracting party initiating the procedure is caused or threatened thereby, they shall recommend the withdrawal or modification of the restrictions; if the
restrictions are not withdrawn or modified within such time as the CONTRACTING PARTIES may prescribe, they may release the contracting party initiating the procedure from specified obligations under this Agreement towards the contracting party applying the restrictions.

(c) In the course of consultations with a contracting party under this paragraph, the CONTRACTING PARTIES shall indicate any respects in which the restrictions are not fully consistent with the provisions of this Section or with those of Article XIII (subject to the provisions of Article XIV), and may make recommendations for the modification of the restrictions.

(d) If, as a result of the consultations, the CONTRACTING PARTIES determine that the restrictions are being applied in a manner involving an inconsistency of a serious nature with the provisions of this Section or with those of Article XIII (subject to the provisions of Article XIV) and that damage to the trade of one or more contracting parties is caused or threatened thereby, they shall so inform the contracting party and shall make appropriate recommendations for securing compliance within a specified period of time with such provisions. If the contracting party does not comply with these recommendations within the specified period, the CONTRACTING PARTIES may release any contracting party whose trade is adversely affected by the restrictions from such obligations under this Agreement towards the contracting party applying the restrictions as it determines to be appropriate in the circumstances.

(e) Determinations under this paragraph shall be rendered expeditiously and, if possible, within sixty days of the initiation of the consultations. The CONTRACTING PARTIES shall make provision for the utmost secrecy in the conduct of any consultation.