NEW ARTICLE PROPOSED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION

Relations with Non-contracting Parties

1. Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude any contracting party from entering into, or maintaining trade relations with countries which are not contracting parties.

2. The CONTRACTING PARTIES recognize that it would be inconsistent with the purpose of this Agreement for a contracting party so to conduct its trade relations with countries which are not contracting parties as to cause injury to the trade of other contracting parties. Accordingly,

(a) no contracting party shall enter into any new commercial arrangement with a non-contracting party which precludes the latter from according to other contracting parties any benefit provided for by such arrangement;

(b) subject to the provisions of articles I, XIV and XXIV of this agreement, no contracting party shall accord to the trade of any non-contracting party treatment which, being more favourable than that which it accords to the trade of any other contracting party, would injure the trading interests of a contracting party.