III. CONCLUSIONS

60. The members of the Working Party agreed that the discussion which had taken place and the information which had been provided by the Member States gave a comprehensive picture of the various considerations and issues which, in the light of the GATT, arose in connexion with the Stockholm Convention. In view of the shortness of the time at its disposal, however, and because of the importance of certain issues about which there were differences of opinion in the Working Party, it was considered that it would be more appropriate for the Working Party to confine its report to a description of the arguments which had been put forward and the clarifications given, without recommending to the CONTRACTING PARTIES that they should consider the Convention under any specific provisions of the GATT.

61. In these circumstances, the Working Party recommends to the CONTRACTING PARTIES that they should postpone any decision in regard to the Convention and that the question should be included on the agenda of the seventeenth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES. This would give Governments time to reflect on the various points of view expressed in the course of the Working Party's discussions so that Governments would, in a few months' time, be in a better position to reach an agreement on the issues involved.