The United Kingdom proposes that the following paragraph should be inserted in Article XII after paragraph 4 and before the present paragraph 5:

5(a) At a date to be determined by the CONTRACTING PARTIES, the provisions of sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of paragraph 4 shall cease to be effective and the provisions of this paragraph shall come into force.

(b) (1) Any contracting party proposing to apply new, or substantially intensify existing, restrictions under this Article shall, before instituting or intensifying such restrictions (or, in circumstances in which prior consultation is impracticable, immediately after 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. No contracting party shall be required in the course of consultations under this sub-paragraph to indicate in advance the choice or timing of any particular measures which it may ultimately determine to adopt.

(ii) The CONTRACTING PARTIES may at any other time invite any contracting party which is applying restrictions under this Article to enter into such consultations with them.

(iii) If, after consultation with a contracting party under the provisions of sub-paragraph (1) or (ii) of this sub-paragraph, the CONTRACTING PARTIES determine that the restrictions are being applied inconsistently with the provisions of paragraphs 2 or 3 of this Article or with those of Article XIII (subject to the provisions of Article XIV) they shall disapprove the restrictions or recommend their modification and the contracting party shall forthwith withdraw or modify the restrictions accordingly.

(c) No contracting party shall
(i) invoke the provisions of this Article for more than one year or, with the prior permission of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, for one further year thereafter;

(ii) having applied restrictions under this Article, and having discontinued those restrictions, re-involve the provisions of this Article within one year from the date on which the said restrictions were discontinued.

(d) Any restrictions imposed under the provisions of this Article and still imposed at the date on which the provisions of this paragraph come into force shall be regarded for the purposes of sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) of this paragraph as if they were newly imposed at that date.

(e) Paragraphs (c) and (d) of this Article shall not apply to countries which have low standards of living and are at an early stage of their economic development. These countries shall, however, consult with the CONTRACTING PARTIES, at such regular intervals as the CONTRACTING PARTIES may determine, about any restrictions which they may from time to time be applying under this Article,