The following paragraphs should take the place of Points 2 and 4 and Point 3 of the remarks of the representative of Poland appearing on page 6.

Point 2

The proposed paragraph 5 was a poor substitution for the text submitted by the United States. The new text by omitting any mention of tariff rates previously bound through negotiations made it possible for third parties to block new preferential arrangements. It provided for the approval of the margin of preference thus introducing a new element, contrary to the automatism of the procedure. It omitted the binding of the preferential margin after approval. It introduced an illogical provision for the reduction of unbound most-favoured-nation rates considered excessive when the two other factors i.e. the preferential rate and the margin of preference had already been checked and approved by the Organization.

Point 3

By replacing the United States text with a new one containing such vague expressions as "termination according to its purposes" and "within a period necessary for the fulfilment of such purposes", the previous automatic criterion of ten years was again removed as the Organization would have to study and define the "purpose" and the "necessary period of time", further according to the new text the preferences simply disappeared instead of being negotiable on a mutually advantageous basis.