1. At its first meeting on 14 December the Joint Sub-Committee of Committees II and VI considered the amendment proposed by Mexico to delete from Article 9 the words "through measures consistent with the other provisions of this Charter".

2. No member of the Sub-Committee desired that Article 9 impose an absolute obligation on members, i.e. to take action contrary to other provisions of the Charter. On the other hand some members felt that there might be neutral measures which were neither consistent nor inconsistent with other provisions of the Charter, which might be prohibited by the present form of words.

3. It was also suggested that if the words "through measures consistent with the other provisions of this Charter" were necessary in this Article they would equally be necessary in other Articles in the Charter.

4. It was accordingly agreed at the seventh meeting:
   (a) that the question of whether it was necessary to include any words after "productivity" be referred to the Central Drafting Committee and
   (b) that, if some form of words were required, the words "through measures not inconsistent with the other provisions of this Charter" should be used.

5. The following is the recommendation made by the Central Drafting Committee on 26 January:

   "Since in paragraph 2 above the Sub-Committee expressed its desire that Article 9 impose no obligation on Members to take action contrary to other provisions of the Charter, it is obvious that some wording is therefore needed in Article 9.

   It is suggested that the words "through measures not inconsistent with the other provisions of this Charter" should be used. This recommendation is based on the feeling that the words "through measures consistent with the other provisions of this Charter" might be interpreted as meaning such measures which are specifically allowed or specifically referred to in the Charter itself. Such is apparently not the intention of the Sub-Committee and the words suggested would allow a wide latitude of measures to be taken as long as they do not violate some provision of the Charter."