Article 16, paragraph 2 (c)

"(c) preferences in force exclusively between the United States of America and the Republic of Cuba and which, on the date of signature of this Charter, shall enter into force between the United States of America and other countries in the Caribbean area, or which may be accorded to one another by the countries of the Caribbean area."

Article 17

"1. The Organization shall, upon the request of a Member, enter into and carry out with such other Member or Members as the requesting Member may specify, negotiations directed to the substantial reduction of tariffs and other charges on imports and exports and to the elimination of the preferences referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 16 on a reciprocal and mutually advantageous basis.

The Organization shall authorize Members whose economic development has not reached a satisfactory level of stability consistent with a minimum standard of living for their inhabitants as a whole and whose customs system is fiscal in character, to maintain their present tariffs in force.

Such Members should, however, as their economies develop, establish sources of revenue other than customs revenue, so as to eliminate from their tariffs provisions inconsistent with the principles of this Charter.

Negotiations for the substantial reduction of tariffs and other charges shall proceed in accordance with the following rules:

(a) In the negotiations relating to any specific product ...."