THIRD COMMITTEE: COMMERCIAL POLICY

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GUATEMALA: PROPOSED AMENDMENT

CHAPTER IV - COMMERCIAL POLICY

SECTION A

Article 16

The delegation of Guatemala, having regard to the trend and the effort already being made towards the re-establishment of the former nationhood of Central America, which gradually is seeking to eliminate tariff barriers and to improve inter-trade, through treaties of a special kind, wishes every possibility to be left in the Charter for the development of such inter-Central American negotiations without any restriction, either now or in the future. The delegation therefore proposes the addition of a new sub-paragraph to Article 16, paragraph 2, to which the delegation of Ecuador has proposed a pertinent amendment, which Guatemala both welcomes and supports.

The Guatemalan proposal involves neither prejudice to, nor any kind of alteration in the plans on a world-wide scale of any of the countries represented in this Conference, since it merely takes into account the local point of view of sister nations, which this Conference would help to reinforce by giving its unconditional approval, for which approval we thank it in advance.

In order to achieve fuller co-ordination with the Ecuadorian proposal and the discussion of it, the delegation of Guatemala proposes that the two suggested amendments be drafted as follows:

Article 16, paragraph 2

(e) and it is recognized in general that the Spanish American countries may, in consideration of their special position resulting from their need for economic development and their common language, origin and culture, freely negotiate a preferential tariff system between all or some of their number, including the possible establishment of a customs union.

/(f) preferences
(f) preferences in force or in the process of negotiation between Colombia, Ecuador, Panama and Venezuela.

(g) preferences in force or which may be negotiated between the countries of Central America.

The delegation of Guatemala trusts that the delegation of Ecuador will have no difficulty in accepting this suggestion, as the only alteration made in its proposal is the order of arrangement of the sub-paragraphs.