THIRD COMMITTEE: COMMERCIAL POLICY

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PHILIPPINES: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Article 16
Delete paragraphs 2 and 3 and substitute therefor the following:
"2. The provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article shall not apply to any preferences existing on 10 April 1947 and the margin of preference on any product in respect of which a preference is permitted shall not exceed the maximum margin provided for under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade or any subsequent operative agreement resulting from negotiations under Article 17, or if not provided for under such agreements, the margin existing either on 10 April 1947 or on such earlier date as may have been established for a Member as a basis for negotiating the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, at the option of such Member".

The delegation of the Philippines subscribes to the idea that, whenever possible, the provisions of the UNO Charter should be simple and brief, if such simplicity and brevity do not sacrifice the clearness and inclusiveness of the subject-matter. The proposed amendment is intended to achieve that objective.

Article 17
Between the words "the" and "elimination" in the first sentence, sixth and seventh lines, of paragraph 1, add:
"gradual"

Article 33
The whole Article should be re-arranged in the following order:
"Paragraphs 5, 3, 4, 6, 1 and 2 ".

The sequence, under the above re-arrangement, is considered proper and convenient.