Article 39

To read as follows:

1. No Member shall institute, encourage, support or participate in boycotts or other campaigns or measures which are designed to prohibit or discourage, directly or indirectly, the import into, or consumption within its territory of products of any specific Member country or countries on grounds of origin, or the export to or sale of products for consumption within, other Member countries on grounds of destination, or the transit through its territories of products on grounds of origin or destination.

2. Notwithstanding other provisions of this Charter, the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Article shall not apply to practices maintained by a Member before the entry into force of this Charter, and designed to protect its national security or to safeguard its essential national interests.

Reason

Certain restrictions in force have been accepted in many parts of the Charter on grounds that special hardship or injury to the interests of the countries involved would result from their removal. This is especially so when such restrictions are maintained to protect the vital interests of the countries concerned.

Add the following paragraph as Paragraph 5:

Taking into account the specially strong historical, cultural and economic ties which bind together the state members of the Arab League, Members agree that the provisions of this Charter shall not prevent the countries forming the said League from entering into special arrangements with respect to economic relations between them.

Reason

The Charter of the Arab League which came into force before the drafting of this Charter stipulated for stronger economic relations between members of that League.