THIRD COMMITTEE: COMMERCIAL POLICY

REPORT OF WORKING PARTY NO. 8 (ARTICLE 42)

The Third Committee, at its forty-fourth meeting on 11 March, appointed representatives of the delegations of Chile, France, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and Venezuela to constitute a Working Party for the purpose of clarifying the text of Article 42 in the light of the discussion at that meeting.

The representative of the delegation of France was unable to attend the meeting of the Working Party. The other members of the Working Party agreed on the following text which they recommend to the Third Committee:

"Article 42

Territorial Application of Chapter IV

1. The provisions of Chapter IV shall apply to the customs territories of the Members. If there are under the jurisdiction of any Member two or more customs territories in respect of which this Charter has been accepted, each such customs territory shall be treated as though it were a Member exclusively for the purposes of the territorial application of Chapter IV; Provided that the provisions of this paragraph shall not be construed to create any rights or obligations as between two or more customs territories under the jurisdiction of a single Member.

2. For the purposes of this Chapter a customs territory shall be understood to mean any territory with respect to which separate tariffs or other regulations of commerce are maintained for a substantial part of the trade of such territory with other territories."