Article 93

Relations with Non-Members

1. Nothing in this Charter shall preclude any Member from concluding or maintaining commercial treaties or maintaining economic relations with non-Members.

2. Members recognize that it would be inconsistent with the purpose of this Charter to seek any arrangements with non-Members for the purpose of obtaining for the trade of such Members preferential treatment as compared with the trade of other Members, or so to conduct their trade with non-Members as to result in injury to other Members. Accordingly, no Member shall enter into any new arrangement with a non-Member which precludes the non-Member from extending to other Members any benefit provided for by such arrangement.

3. Subject to the provisions of Chapter IV, no Member shall extend to the trade of any non-Member treatment which, being more favourable than that which it extends to any Member, injures the interests of another Member.

4. Nothing in this Charter shall be interpreted to require a Member to extend to non-Members treatment as favourable as that which it extends to Members under the provisions of the Charter. Failure to extend such treatment shall not be regarded as inconsistent with the terms or the spirit of the Charter.

5. The Executive Board shall make periodic studies of general problems arising out of commercial relations between Members and non-Members and, with a view to promoting the purpose of the Charter, may make recommendations to the Conference with respect to such relations. Any recommendation to alter the provisions of this Article shall be dealt with in accordance with Article 95.