Statement of United States Delegate
with reference to Article 13

The draft of Article 13 submitted by the Sub-committee on Chapter IV goes far beyond the London draft in relaxing the provisions of Chapter IV in order to permit the use of protective measures for development purposes.

The United States delegation has accepted these modifications of the London draft even though it does not consider all of them to be justifiable or necessary for promoting economic development. It has accepted them because other countries attached importance to them. It has accepted them in the hope that in this way it would help to heal the breach which has developed at this meeting between the so-called developed and under-developed countries - a breach which, incidentally, it considers to be a wholly unreal and needless one in view of the community of interest that exists between them on this subject of economic development.

The United States delegation has accepted these modifications for these reasons and in the hope that by doing so it would bring about agreement to an extent at least closely approaching unanimity on the draft of Article 13 as it now stands and that such agreement will be maintained. If this hope should not be fulfilled the purpose of agreeing to some of these provisions would be defeated and the United States delegation would therefore withdraw its acceptance of such provisions.