Article 51

General Principles of Inter-Governmental Commodity Arrangements

Members undertake to adhere to the following principles governing the operation of all types of inter-governmental commodity arrangements:

1. Such arrangements shall be open initially to participation by any Member on terms no less favourable than those accorded to any other country and thereafter upon such terms as may be approved by the Organization.

2. Non-Members may be invited by the Organization to participate in such arrangements and the provisions of paragraph 1 applying to Members shall apply to any non-Member so invited.

3. Under such arrangements participating countries shall arrange for equitable treatment as between non-participating Members and participating countries.

4. Participating countries shall, in matters the subject of such arrangements, afford non-participating Member countries treatment no less favourable than that accorded to any non-Member country which does not participate in the arrangement.

5. Such arrangements shall include provision for adequate participation of countries substantially interested in the importation or consumption of the commodity as well as those substantially interested in its exportation or production.
6. Such arrangements shall provide, where practicable, for measures designed to expand world consumption of the commodity.

7. Full publicity shall be given to any inter-governmental commodity arrangements proposed or concluded, to the statements of considerations and objectives advanced by the proposing Members, to the nature and development of measures adopted to correct the underlying situation which gave rise to the arrangement and periodically to the operation of the arrangements.

NOTES

1. The Text contained in paragraph 7 of this document serves as a corrigendum to the text issued under symbol E/FC/T/C.6/59.

2. The Delegate for Canada reserved, for the time being, the position of his Government, concerning the transfer of paragraph 2 of Article 53 of the London Report to paragraph 3 of Article 51.

3. It was decided to include in the Report a statement to the effect that consideration of the consistency of Article 36 of the London Report (dealing with the treatment of non-Members) with Chapter VII has been postponed until the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee.