Amendment proposed by the Australian Delegation.

ARTICLE 37

The Australian Delegation wishes to propose an amendment to paragraph (g) of Article 37 and suggests that it read as follows:

(g) Relating to the conservation, by export prohibitions, of exhaustible natural resources, if such measures are made effective in conjunction with restrictions on domestic production or consumption or are considered by the Member to be necessary to its long term plans for defence or security; or

It is regretted that this amendment was not submitted earlier, but it has been necessary to consider the latest texts of Article 25 (2) and Article 37.

After a careful examination of these Articles, it is considered that insufficient provision is made for conservation, by the imposition of export prohibitions, of materials which are essential to the security interests of a Member.

Pre-war experience in Australia showed that it was necessary to prohibit the exportation of iron ore, partly on the grounds that it seemed likely to be used for military purposes by the purchasing country.

It is therefore the view of the Australian Delegation that there should be in the Charter, a provision enabling a Member to prohibit exports of such essential materials in the long term interests of its security.