Amendment proposed by the Delegations of Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg

Re-draft paragraph 3 as follows:

"3. (a) The products of any Member country imported into any other Member's country shall be accorded treatment no less favourable than that accorded to like products of national origin in respect of all laws, regulations or requirements affecting their internal sale, offering for sale, transportation, distribution or use of any kind whatsoever.

(b) The provisions of sub-paragraph 3 (a) of this Article shall be understood to preclude the application of internal requirements restricting the amount or proportion of an imported product permitted to be mixed, processed or used, provided that the effect of the application of any such requirements is not more restrictive or burdensome than that of other measures, such as customs duties or subsidies, permissible under this Charter. Requirements permitted to be maintained under this sub-paragraph shall be subject to negotiation in the manner provided for in respect of tariff under Article 24."

REASONS

The words underlined comprise the principal change covered by this amendment which is based on an amendment proposed by the Australian delegation in London. Following the principles adopted in the articles on quantitative restrictions, it attempts to make clear that even practices apparently inconsistent with the provisions of Article 15 may be admissible provided they constitute a less serious obstacle to trade than practices of other kinds covered by the Charter and regarded by it as legitimate.