Amendments to Article 20 Marks of Origin.

Paragraph (3):

In the second line the word "should" is to be replaced by "shall".

Paragraph (5):

Members agree to work in co-operation through the Organization towards the gradual elimination and reduction of the obligatory requirements as to marks of origin. The Organization shall investigate and recommend to Members, within 2 years from the date on which this Charter enters into force, measures directed to this end. These measures shall include the adoption of schedules of general categories of products in respect of which marking requirements operate to restrict trade in a degree disproportionate to any proper purpose to be served, and which shall not in any case be required to be marked to indicate their origin.

Comments to Par. (5):

It was generally agreed that obligatory marks of origin are a great impediment to foreign trade.

Moreover, such regulations are in contradiction to the principle of national treatment as provided for in Art. 15 in so far as they discriminate imported products in relation to domestic products. As it does not seem to be practicable to accomplish an early elimination of all obligatory marks of origin, the Czechoslovak Delegation feels that within a period of 2 years such measures should be worked out and submitted for the consideration of the Conference.

Paragraph (7):

The Czechoslovak Delegation is in favour of the amendment submitted by the French Delegation in Document E/PC/T/W 40.