The United States delegation suggests the following wording of Article 19.

Alternative titles: (a) Formalities relating to Imports and Exports  
(b) Customs Formalities.

1. The Members recognize [the principle] that subsidiary fees and charges imposed on or in connection with importation or exportation should be limited in amount to the approximate cost of services rendered and should not represent an indirect protection to domestic products or a taxation of imports or exports for fiscal purposes. They also recognize the need for reducing the number and diversity of such subsidiary fees and charges, for minimizing the incidence and complexity of import and export formalities, and for decreasing and simplifying import and export documentation requirements.

2. Members shall give effect to the principles and objectives of paragraph 1 of this Article at the earliest practicable date. Moreover, they shall, upon request by another Member, review the operation of any of their [customs] laws and regulations in the light of these principles. The Organization is authorized to request from Members reports on steps taken by them in pursuance of the provisions of this paragraph.

3. The Organization is authorized to study and recommend to Members specific measures for the simplification and standardization of customs formalities and techniques and for the elimination of unnecessary customs requirements.

4.* Members shall not collect or otherwise enforce substantial penalties for minor breaches of customs regulations or procedural requirements. In particular, no penalty in respect of any omission or mistake in customs documentation which is easily rectifiable and obviously made without fraudulent intent or gross negligence shall be greater than necessary to serve merely as a warning.

* This paragraph is suggested to replace paragraph 3 in the version of the D.C. Report (Page 15).
5. The provisions of this Article shall extend to public

Alternative A: subsidiary fees, charges, formalities and requirements imposed by Members on or in connection with importation or exportation, including those relating to:

Alternative B: subsidiary fees, charges, formalities and requirements relating to all matters concerning importation or exportation, including:

Alternative C: subsidiary fees, charges, formalities and requirements relating to all customs matters, including:

(a) Consular transactions, such as consular invoices and certificates;
(b) Quantitative restrictions;
(c) Licensing;
(d) Alternatives:
   (a) Foreign exchange transactions relating to imports or exports
   (b) Foreign exchange transactions
(e) Statistical services;
(f) Documents, documentation and certification;
(g) Analysis and inspection; and
(h) Quarantine, sanitation and fumigation.
(i) Port facilities.