

SECTION B.—INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMODITY AGREEMENTS IN GENERAL

Article 55

Commodity Studies

1. Any Member which is substantially interested in the production or consumption of, or trade in, a particular primary commodity, and which considers that international trade in that commodity is, or is likely to be, affected by special difficulties, shall be entitled to ask that a study of the commodity be made.

2. Unless it decides that a *prima facie* case has not been established, the Organization shall promptly invite each Member to appoint representatives to a study group to make a study of the commodity if the Member considers that it is substantially interested in the production or consumption of, or trade in, the commodity. Non-Members may also be invited.

3. The study group shall promptly investigate the production, consumption and trade situation in regard to the commodity, and shall report to the participating Governments and to the Organization its findings and its recommendations as to how best to deal with any special difficulties which may exist or may be expected to arise. The Organization shall promptly transmit to the Members these findings and recommendations.

Article 56

Commodity Conferences

1. On the basis of the recommendations of a study group, or at the request of Members whose interest represents a substantial part of world production or consumption of, or trade in, a particular primary commodity, the Organization shall promptly convene an inter-governmental conference to discuss measures designed to meet the special difficulties which exist or are expected to arise. The Organization may also, on its own initiative, call such a conference on the basis of information agreed to be adequate by the Members substantially interested in the production or consumption of, or trade in, the commodity concerned.

2. Each Member which considers that it is substantially interested in the production or consumption of, or trade in, the commodity concerned, shall be invited to participate in such a conference. Non-Members may also be invited to participate.