

as to the nature of its balance-of-payments difficulties, alternative corrective measures which may be available, and the possible effect of such measures on the economies of other Members. No Member shall be required in the course of consultations under this subparagraph to indicate in advance the choice or timing of any particular measure which it may ultimately determine to adopt.

(b) The Organization may at any time invite any Member which is applying import restrictions under this Article to enter into such consultations with it, and shall invite any Member substantially intensifying such restrictions to consult within thirty days. A member thus invited shall participate in the consultations. The Organization may invite any other Member to take part in the consultations. Not later than two years from the day on which this Charter enters into force, the Organization shall review all restrictions existing on that day and still applied under this Article at the time of the review.

(c) Any Member may consult with the Organization with a view to obtaining the prior approval of the Organization for restrictions which the Member proposes, under this Article, to maintain, intensify or institute, or for the maintenance, intensification or institution of restrictions under specified future conditions. As a result of such consultations, the Organization may approve in advance the maintenance, intensification or institution of restrictions by the Member in question in so far as the general extent, degree of intensity and duration of the restrictions are concerned. To the extent to which such approval has been given, the requirements of subparagraph (a) of this paragraph shall be deemed to have been fulfilled, and the action of the Member applying the restrictions shall not be open to challenge under subparagraph (d) of this paragraph on the ground that such action is inconsistent with the provisions of subparagraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph 3.

(d) Any Member which considers that another Member is applying restrictions under this Article inconsistently with the provisions of paragraphs 3 or 4 of this Article or with those of Article 22 (subject to the provisions of Article 23) may bring the matter to the Organization for discussion ; and the Member applying the restrictions shall participate in the discussion. If, on the basis of the case presented by the Member initiating the procedure, it appears to the Organization that the trade of that Member is adversely affected, the Organization shall submit its views to the parties with the aim of achieving a settlement of the matter in question which is satisfactory to the parties and to the Organization. If no such settlement is reached and if the Organization determines that the restrictions are being applied inconsistently with the provisions of paragraphs 3 or 4 of this Article or with those of Article 22 (subject to the provisions of Article 23), the Organization shall recommend the withdrawal or modification of the restrictions. If