

4. Pending the delivery of the opinion of the Court, the decision of the Conference shall have full force and effect ; *Provided* that the Conference shall suspend the operation of any such decision pending the delivery of the opinion where, in the view of the Conference, damage difficult to repair would otherwise be caused to a Member concerned.

5. The Organization shall consider itself bound by the opinion of the Court on any question referred by it to the Court. In so far as it does not accord with the opinion of the Court, the decision in question shall be modified.

Article 97

Miscellaneous Provisions

1. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to exclude other procedures provided for in this Charter for consultation and the settlement of differences arising out of its operation. The Organization may regard discussion, consultation or investigation undertaken under any other provisions of this Charter as fulfilling, either in whole or in part, any similar procedural requirement in this Chapter.

2. The Conference and the Executive Board shall establish such rules of procedure as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Chapter.

CHAPTER IX.—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 98

Relations with Non-Members

1. Nothing in this Charter shall preclude any Member from maintaining economic relations with non-Members.

2. The Members recognize that it would be inconsistent with the purpose of this Charter for a Member to seek any arrangement with non-Members for the purpose of obtaining for the trade of its country preferential treatment as compared with the treatment accorded to the trade of other Member countries, or so to conduct its trade with non-Member countries as to result in injury to other Member countries. Accordingly,

(a) No Member shall enter into any new arrangement with a non-Member which precludes the non-Member from according to other Member countries any benefit provided for by such arrangement ;

(b) Subject to the provisions of Chapter IV, no Member shall accord to the trade of any non-Member country treatment which, being more favourable than that which it accords to the trade of any other Member country, would injure the economic interests of a Member country.