

NOTE FROM THE CENTRAL DRAFTING COMMITTEE

DEFINITION OF "PRIMARY COMMODITY"

The Central Drafting Committee has been informed by the appropriate Sub-Committees that the term "primary commodity" has been used in Articles 33 (paragraph 7) and in Sections C and D of Chapter IV (Subsidies and State Trading) in the sense of the definition of a primary commodity contained in paragraph 1 of Article 53.

In order to make this clear, the Central Drafting Committee suggests that the following changes be made in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 53:

"1. For the purposes of this Chapter Charter, the term "primary commodity" means....." etc.

"2. The term shall also, for the purposes of this Chapter, cover a group of commodities....." etc.

If it is decided to adopt the above solution, Committees should be instructed not to use the words "primary commodity" unless the meaning is, in conformity with the definition contained in Article 53, paragraph 1. If, however, they wish to give this term a different connotation, another term, such as "raw materials", should be used.

If any delegation has an objection to this suggestion it will be appreciated if they will communicate this to the Executive Secretary by Friday, 27 February. A meeting of the Conference will then be arranged to discuss the objection or objections.

If no objections are received by the date indicated the suggestion will be regarded as adopted and will be put into effect.
