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NEW ARTICLE ON RELATIONS WITH OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

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Acting on instructions from the Working Party, the Drafting Group has prepared a new Article on relationships with other intergovernmental organizations, which is reproduced below. No number is being assigned to this Article until the order of the Articles can be generally reviewed.

This consolidated Article on relations with other intergovernmental organizations would, if accepted by the Working Party, replace the following passages referring to such organizations in the draft Agreement as reproduced in L/320:

- Article II, paragraph 2: whole paragraph,
- Article II, paragraph 4: first half of second sentence up to "and",
- Article II, paragraph 5: whole paragraph,
- Article III, paragraph 1(e): whole sub-paragraph,
- Article III, paragraph 6: the words "intergovernmental organization or body or agency of the United Nations",
- Article III, paragraphs 7 and 8: whole paragraphs.

ARTICLE

Cooperation with Other Intergovernmental Organizations

1. The Assembly shall, as soon as practicable after this Agreement comes into force, make appropriate arrangements with bodies and agencies of the United Nations having responsibilities in the field of primary commodities where it finds this desirable in order to avoid unnecessary duplication of activities. Such arrangements where appropriate, shall include the conditions under which the Assembly will:

- (a) provide for the examination in the manner described in Article II of statements of special difficulties submitted by such bodies and agencies;
- (b) recognize study groups established by them as study groups for the purposes of paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article II;

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- (c) convene negotiating conferences at their request, or recognize negotiating conferences convened by them as negotiating conferences for the purposes of Article III or recognize commodity arrangements resulting from such a negotiating conference as complying with the provisions of Article III, and
- (d) invite them to send observers to attend study groups and negotiating conferences.

2. The Assembly may, where it considers this desirable for the same purpose, make similar arrangements with other intergovernmental organizations.