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Amendment to Draft Letter

The draft letter attached to the Report should be amended as follows:

Delete the fourth paragraph and read the last paragraph of the letter as follows:

"The draft of the Agreement, as amended by the Working Party, in the light of the considerations mentioned above is attached. It must, however, be pointed out that most of the representatives of the contracting parties who participated in the discussion considered that, inter alia, the nature of the products concerned was such that they were not suitable for an agreement of this kind, and that the attempt to deal with the question by such an agreement had led to a document which was so full of exceptions and reservations that it was virtually without any binding force. These representatives, therefore, considered that the World Health Organization would have to seek some other way of achieving the purposes it has in view. It was, however, pointed out by other representatives that the Economic and Social Council and the World Health Assembly had adopted resolutions in an attempt to deal with this question, over the last two years, without any significant effect on the problem in hand. These representatives also felt that in any case a formal agreement would be more effective than a resolution, and, while preferring to see the scope of the agreement broadened, they nevertheless considered that the present draft agreement would be a useful and workable instrument to international trade which would assist the purposes of the World Health Organization."