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INTERIM REPORT OF WORKING PARTY IV ON THE PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT

The Working Party has considered the report of the Legal and Drafting Committee on this subject (W.9/151) and in particular paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 thereof relating to the proposal put forward in the Working Party that, as a matter of procedure, and without prejudice to the legal position, the inclusion of all amendments, including those which become effective only upon acceptance by all contracting parties, in a protocol,[1] might be made subject to a two-thirds majority of the votes cast. The Working Party noted the views of the Legal and Drafting Committee that the adoption of this proposal, as a rule of procedure, would involve no legal difficulties (see paragraphs 7 and 8 of the report of the Legal and Drafting Committee).

Accordingly, the Working Party recommends that this procedure be adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

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1 The reference to a Protocol should not be regarded as prejudging the question, which is still under consideration by the Legal and Drafting Committee, as to whether it would be appropriate to include all the proposed amendments in one Protocol.