

- (i) if there is no objection to the proposed measure on the part of the affected contracting party or parties, immediately release the applicant contracting party from its obligations under the relevant provision of this Agreement; or
- (ii) if there is objection, promptly examine the proposed measure, having regard to the provisions of this Agreement, to the considerations presented by the applicant contracting party and its need for economic development or reconstruction, to the views of the contracting party or parties determined to be materially affected, and to the effect which the proposed measure, with or without modification, is likely to have, immediately and in the long run, on international trade, and in the long run, on the standard of living within the territory of the applicant contracting party. If, as a result of such examination, the CONTRACTING PARTIES concur in the proposed measure, with or without modification, they shall release the applicant contracting party from its obligations under the relevant position of this Agreement, subject to such limitations as they may impose.

9. If, in anticipation of the concurrence of the CONTRACTING PARTIES in the adoption of a measure referred to in paragraph 6, there should be an increase or threatened increase in the imports of any product concerned, including products which can be directly substituted therefor, so substantial as to jeopardize the establishment, development or reconstruction of the industry or branch of agriculture concerned, and if no preventive measures consistent with this Agreement can be found which seem likely to prove effective, the applicant contracting party may, after informing, and when practicable consulting with, the CONTRACTING PARTIES, adopt such other measures as the situation may require, pending a decision by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on the contracting party's application; *Provided* that such measures do not reduce imports below the level obtaining in the most recent representative period preceding the date on which modification was given under paragraph 6.

10. The CONTRACTING PARTIES shall, at the earliest opportunity but ordinarily within fifteen days after receipt of an application under the provisions of paragraph 7 or sub-paragraphs (a) or (b) of paragraph 8, advise the applicant contracting party of the date by which it will be notified whether or not it is released from the relevant obligation. This shall be the earliest practicable date and not later than ninety days after the receipt of such application; *Provided* that, if unforeseen difficulties arise before the date set, the period may be extended after consultation with the applicant contracting party. If the applicant contracting party is not so notified by the date set, it may, after informing the CONTRACTING PARTIES, institute the proposed measure.

11. Any contracting party may maintain any non-discriminatory protective measure affecting imports in force on September 1, 1947, which has been imposed for the establishment, development or reconstruction of a particular industry