

(3) In any case in which a Participating Government considers that serious prejudice to its interests under this Agreement is caused or threatened by such subsidization, the Participating Government granting the subsidy shall, upon request, discuss with the other Participating Government or Governments concerned, or with the Council, the possibility of limiting the subsidization. In any case in which the matter is brought before the Council, the Council may examine the case with the Governments concerned and make such recommendations as it deems appropriate.

2. PROGRAMMES OF ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT

Article 4

Each Participating Government agrees to adopt such measures as it believes will be adequate to fulfil its obligations under this Agreement with a view to the achievement of the general objectives set forth in Article 1 and as will ensure as much progress as practicable within the duration of this Agreement towards the solution of the commodity problem involved.

3. PROMOTION OF INCREASED CONSUMPTION OF SUGAR

Article 5

With the object of making sugar more freely available to consumers, each Participating Government agrees to take such action as it deems appropriate to reduce disproportionate burdens on sugar, including those resulting from

- (i) Private and public controls, including monopoly;
- (ii) Fiscal and tax policies.

4. MAINTENANCE OF FAIR LABOUR STANDARDS

Article 6

The Participating Governments declare that, in order to avoid the depression of living standards and the introduction of unfair competitive conditions in world trade, they will seek the maintenance of fair labour standards in the sugar industry.

CHAPTER IV

SPECIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS OF COUNTRIES WHICH IMPORT SUGAR

Article 7

(1) (i) To prevent non-participating countries from gaining advantage at the expense of participating countries, the Government of each participating country agrees that it will not permit the import for any purpose from non-participating countries as a group during any quota year of a total quantity of sugar larger than was imported from those countries as a group during any one of the three calendar years 1951, 1952, 1953; provided that the said total quantity shall not include imports purchased by a participating country from non-participating countries during any period when by virtue of paragraph (3) of Article 21, quotas and limitations on exports are inoperative, and provided further that the Government of the participating country has notified the Council in advance that such purchases may be made.