

2. The Committee shall study, *inter alia*, the following:

- (a) The effects on sugar consumption of the use of any form of substitutes for sugar, including both natural and artificial sweeteners;
- (b) The relative tax treatment of sugar and other sweeteners or raw materials for the production of the latter;
- (c) The effects on the consumption of sugar in different countries of (i) taxation and restrictive measures, (ii) economic conditions and, in particular, balance-of-payments difficulties, and (iii) climatic and other conditions;
- (d) Means of promoting consumption, particularly in countries where *per capita* consumption is low;
- (e) Ways and means of co-operating with agencies concerned with the expansion of consumption of sugar and related foodstuffs;
- (f) Research into new uses of sugar, its by-products and the plants from which it is derived;

and shall submit its report to the Council.

## CHAPTER X — PREPARATIONS FOR A NEW AGREEMENT

### ARTICLE 31

#### *Preparations for a new agreement*

1. The Council may study the bases and framework of a new international sugar agreement and report to the Members and make such recommendations as it deems appropriate.
2. The Council may, as soon as it considers appropriate, request the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to convene a negotiating conference.

## CHAPTER XI — DISPUTES AND COMPLAINTS

### ARTICLE 32

#### *Disputes*

1. Any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement which is not settled among the Members involved shall, at the request of any Member party to the dispute, be referred to the Council for decision.
2. In any case where a dispute has been referred to the Council under paragraph 1 of this article, a majority of Members holding not less than one third of the total votes may require the Council, after discussion, to seek the opinion of an advisory panel constituted under paragraph 3 of this article on the issue in dispute before giving its decision.