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ARTICLES XVIII A AND XXVIII

Proposals by the Delegation of Cuba

1. Modifications to the secretariat draft of the New Article XVIII A

In the second line of paragraph 2, after the word establishment, insert the words: maintenance, development and reconstruction.

In the ninth line of paragraph 2, after the word establishment, insert the words: maintenance, development and reconstruction.

In the fifth line of paragraph 4, after the comma and the word and, insert the word consult.

In line 12 of paragraph 4, after the phrase it shall promptly consider the matter, insert the words within a period of thirty days.

2. Modifications to Article XXVIII of the Agreement

At the end of paragraph 1 insert the following sentence:

"In case of disagreement as to the compensation offered for the modification or withdrawal of any concession, the contracting parties concerned may apply to the CONTRACTING PARTIES for a decision on the matter."

At the end of paragraph 2(b) insert the following sentence:

"If a contracting party affected by these measures of retaliation considers that the concessions withdrawn are more than substantially equivalent, it may apply to the CONTRACTING PARTIES for a decision on the matter."

The Cuban Delegation has also proposed to the Working Party a general discussion on the interpretation of Article XXVIII and on the precise scope of the procedure established in this Article for the adjustment of the tariff concessions.