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ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT.

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS.

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1. Special difficulties relating to primary commodities:
  - 41 (a) Violent fluctuations in price, long and short term.
  - (b) Overproduction relative to demand with consequent unsatisfactory returns to producers.
  - (c) Periodical shortages relative to demand with consequent very high prices.
  - (d) Widespread unemployment.
  - (e) Threat of shortage of a food product or a vital raw material.
  - (f) Transitional adjustments to deal with e.g. technological changes, post-war shortages.
  
- 46 2. General provisions which might be applied to all inter-governmental commodity arrangements:
  - (a) Participation in commodity arrangements.
  - (b) Representation of producing and consuming countries.
  - (c) Voting arrangements.
  - (d) Expansion of consumption.
  - (e) Increasing opportunities for "efficient production".
  - (f) Non-discrimination.
  - (g) Adequate supplies to meet world needs.
  - (h) Publicity.
  - (i) Need for provisions for review and renewal of agreements, and for settlement of disputes.
  
- 45(3) 3. Types of goods to which the Commodity agreements might apply:  
"primary products"; synthetics; manufactured goods in "exceptional circumstances".
  
4. Methods which might be used in Commodity agreements:
  - (a) Buffer stocks.
  - (b) Production quotas.
  - (c) Export quotas.
  - (d) Arrangements for disposal of surpluses.
  - (e) Agreed ranges of prices.
  - (f) Any others.
  - (g) Provision of necessary finance.

- 42/3 5. Conditions precedent to the institution of negotiations for commodity agreements:
- (a) Adequate information - necessity for special commodity studies.
  - (b) Commodity Conferences.
- 48 6. Obligations of Members regarding existing intergovernmental commodity arrangements:
7. Organizational relationships:
- 47 (a) Commodity Councils.
  - 66 (b) The Commodity Commission.
  - (c) Other U.N. Agencies (including FAO)
- 49 8. Exceptions to provisions relating to intergovernmental commodity arrangements.
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