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NOTE

Subject: Comments on points 5 to 7 of the note from the  
Chairman of Working Party IV (BR/GT IV/42/71)

Source: Norwegian delegation

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of the note from the Chairman of Working Party IV

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Re. point 5:

The rate of interest to be paid under Article 44, paragraph 5 of the Convention, in connection with repayment of loans, should be low and standard for all member States. A rate of interest fixed at one per cent would be acceptable.

Re. point 6:

It is considered reasonable that a State which accedes to the Convention at a later stage may pay an entrance fee to cover part of the investments already undertaken. This fee, however, could be fixed at a level which would not unreasonably limit the possibilities for other States later to accede to the Convention. A member State which ceases to be a party to the Convention should not pay any contribution or fees after it's membership has effectively been terminated since it is difficult to see how an obligation, if it were to be extended, could be effectively controlled. Neither would there be any possibilities for sanctions against such a State in case of non-fulfillment of its obligations.

Re. point 7:

The Chairman's proposal to restrict the revision of the report of the Working Party IV and annexes (BR/57/70) to those amendments which are a consequence of the draft Convention as it stands after the 5th meeting of the Conference in January 1972, is acceptable. Other changes which may be necessitated by alterations in salary scales, fees, exchange rates, etc., can be left aside until the first meeting of the Working Party IV after the February meeting.

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