

product or products, it shall, at least three months before the expiration of such period, give notice in writing to the Organization, requesting a specific extension of the period. Such notice shall be accompanied by a complete analysis of the system in question and the effects justifying it. It shall then be determined whether the extension requested should be made.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article, any Member may subsidize the exports of any product to the extent and for such time as may be necessary to offset a subsidy granted by a non-Member affecting the Member's exports of the product. However, the Member shall, upon the request of the Organization or of any other Member which considers that its interests are adversely affected by such action, consult with that Member or with the Organization with a view to reaching a satisfactory adjustment of the matter.

## Article 27

### *Special Treatment of Primary Commodities*

1. A system for the stabilization of the domestic price or of the return to domestic producers of a primary commodity, independently of the movements of export prices, which results at times in the sale of the product for export at a price lower than the comparable price charged for the like product to buyers in the domestic market, shall be considered not to involve a subsidy on exportation within the meaning of paragraph 1 of Article 26, if it is determined :

- (a) That the system has also resulted in the sale of the product for export at a price higher than the comparable price charged for the like product to buyers in the domestic market, and
- (b) That the system is so operated, either because of the effective regulation of production or otherwise, as not to stimulate exports unduly or otherwise seriously prejudice the interests of other Members.

2. In any case of subsidization of a primary commodity, if a Member considers that its interests are seriously prejudiced by the subsidy or if the Member granting the subsidy considers itself unable to comply with the provision of paragraph 3 of Article 26 within the time limit laid down therein, the difficulty may be deemed to be a special difficulty under Chapter VI, and in that event the procedure laid down in that Chapter shall be followed.

3. If the measures provided for in Chapter VI have not succeeded, or do not promise to succeed, within a reasonable period of time, either because no agreement has been reached or because the agreement is terminated, any Member adversely affected may apply for exemption

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### Article 26.

The Cuban Delegation reserved its position.