

- (c) Essential to the orderly liquidation of temporary surpluses of stocks owned or controlled by the government of any contracting party or of industries developed in the territory of any contracting party owing to the exigencies of the war which it would be uneconomic to maintain in normal conditions : Provided that such measures shall not be instituted by any contracting party except after consultation with other interested contracting parties with a view to appropriate international action.

Measures instituted or maintained under Part II of this Article which are inconsistent with the other provisions of this Agreement shall be removed as soon as the conditions giving rise to them have ceased, and in any event not later than January 1, 1951 : Provided that this period may, with the concurrence of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, be extended in respect of the application of any particular measure to any particular product by any particular contracting party for such further periods as the CONTRACTING PARTIES may specify.

## ARTICLE XXI

### *Security Exceptions*

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed—

- (a) To require any contracting party to furnish any information the disclosure of which it considers contrary to its essential security interests ; or
- (b) To prevent any contracting party from taking any action which it considers necessary for the protection of its essential security interests—
- (i) Relating to fissionable materials or the materials from which they are derived ;
  - (ii) Relating to the traffic in arms, ammunition, and implements of war and to such traffic in other goods and materials as is carried on directly or indirectly for the purpose of supplying a military establishment ;
  - (iii) Taken in time of war or other emergency in international relations ; or
- (c) To prevent any contracting party from taking any action in pursuance of its obligations under the United Nations Charter for the maintenance of international peace and security.

## ARTICLE XXII

### *Consultation*

Each contracting party shall accord sympathetic consideration to, and shall afford adequate opportunity for consultation regarding, such representations as may be made by any other contracting party with respect to the operation of Customs regulations and formalities, anti-dumping and countervailing duties, quantitative and exchange regulations, subsidies, State trading operations; sanitary laws and regulations for the protection of human, animal, or plant life or health, and generally all matters affecting the operation of this Agreement.