

Section of International Law (Midyear Meeting 1978)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges the United States Government to seek, during the current trade negotiations in Geneva, reform of the procedures for resolving disputes between nations concerning the application or interpretation of internationally agreed rules for the conduct of trade between nations, such reforms to be achieved through an international agreement creating a new set of procedures which include the following features; features;

The procedure should place great reliance on an adjudication by an impartial panel;

All adjudications should result in a reasoned opinion which will be published, to insure that the opinions can be subjected to informed criticism and can serve as precedents for future world trade practices; and

The procedure should be understandable to the public, and should contain provisions which guarantee its integrity and impartiality, so that public and political acceptance of it will steadily increase.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges the United States representatives to the current multilateral trade negotiations to impress upon other national representatives the desirability of completing the agreement suggested in the preceding paragraph as a matter of substantial priority.