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SUB-COMMITTEE C ON ARTICLES 13 AND 14

NOTES ON THE FIRST MEETING

Held at the Capitol, Havana, Cuba, on  
Tuesday, 6 January 1948, at 3.00 p.m.

The Sub-Committee was called to order and proceeded to the election of its Chairman. The representatives of Norway and Cuba were nominated to the post of Chairman, and their nominations seconded, but due to the absence of the Cuban representative, it was decided to postpone the election of the Chairman until the next meeting.

It was unanimously agreed that Mr. ADARKER (India) should take the Chair provisionally.

Called upon by the temporary Chairman, the Secretary of the Sub-Committee explained the general lines of the amendments submitted to Articles 13 and 14. The Sub-Committee then commenced discussion of its plan of work.

The Chairman explained that at the present time, Sub-Committee E of the Third Committee, concerned with Articles 20 and 22, still had under discussion amendments proposing that, for the purpose of economic development, some exceptions be allowed to the obligation to eliminate quantitative restrictions. He suggested, therefore, that it would be advisable for this Sub-Committee not to discuss amendments to Article 13 which applied to obligations incurred under the provisions of Chapter IV, other than those assumed through negotiations.

After a short debate, it was agreed to start with consideration of the amendments to Article 13 concerning negotiated commitments. It was further decided to limit the discussion at this stage to the general principle implied in the respective amendments and to avoid discussion of specific phraseology.

The representatives of Uruguay, Mexico, China and Argentina explained their amendments, which aimed at permitting the adoption of measures conflicting with negotiated commitments for the purpose of economic development without the prior approval of the Organization.

/The representative

The representative of Cuba reserved his position concerning all the amendments, pending the decision of the Sub-Committee on the Cuban amendment.

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