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SECOND AND THIRD COMMITTEES

JOINT SUB-COMMITTEE ON TARIFF PREFERENCES

NOTES ON EIGHTH MEETING

Held on Tuesday, 6 January 1948

Chairman: Mr. S. SAHLIN (Sweden)

Article 16

The delegates of Haiti, United States, Cuba and France participated in the discussion of the proposals of the Dominican Republic and Haiti concerning the existing preferences between the United States and Cuba and new preferences in the Caribbean area. The delegate for El Salvador supported the proposal of Central American countries that new preferences among those countries should be allowed, and the delegate for Turkey supported his delegation's proposal that preferences which may be granted by Turkey to countries which formed part of the Ottoman Empire prior to 1923, in terms of a special clause contained in Turkey's commercial treaties concluded since 1923, should be accepted under Article 16.

The delegate for Brazil suggested that the negotiation of preferences should be compulsory, and that those at present in force should be eliminated by a certain date or should be referred to the Organization for its decision as to their maintenance, reduction or removal. To this the delegate for the United Kingdom replied that a death warrant on existing preferences could not be accepted by his delegation.

The general discussion of the proposals on Article 16 will be concluded at the next meeting.

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