

SECOND AND THIRD COMMITTEES

JOINT SUB-COMMITTEE ON TARIFF PREFERENCES

Notes on Ninth Meeting, Held on Wednesday, 7 January 1948

Chairman: Mr. S. Sahlin (Sweden)

The delegates of Belgium, Canada, Poland and Sweden stated their views on the proposals to permit new preferential arrangements under Article 16. Other delegates joined in the discussion and the Sub-Committee then agreed to proceed at the next meeting with the discussion of the proposals on Article 42.

The delegate of Portugal addressed the Sub-Committee in support of his proposal (Item 7 in the Revised Annotated Agenda E/CONF.2/C.3/6) that a new Annex be inserted with reference to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 16 exempting from most-favoured-nation treatment the preferences in force exclusively between Portugal and Portuguese overseas territories. The Sub-Committee agreed to recommend that the proposed Annex be inserted in the Charter.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chairman proposed that the Working Party, to examine the details of the proposals which had been submitted to the Conference, should be established without further delay, and he suggested that it should be composed of the delegates of Chile, France, Poland, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States. Five other delegates expressed their desire to serve on the Working Party, and the Chairman decided to defer its appointment until the next meeting.

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