

THIRD COMMITTEE: COMMERCIAL POLICY

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE B (PROPOSED NEW ARTICLE 18A)

1. Sub-Committee B was established at the eleventh meeting of the Third Committee, held on 16 December 1947, for the purpose of studying, and making recommendations regarding the Norwegian proposal for a new Article 18A.
2. Delegates for Argentina, France, Greece, India, Norway, the Union of South Africa, United Kingdom and Venezuela were appointed members.
3. At the first meeting Dr. J. E. HOJLOWAY (Union of South Africa) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Sub-Committee which held five meetings.
4. The Sub-Committee discussed fully and in great detail the Norwegian proposal (document E/CONF.2/C.3/6, page 16) as well as an alternative proposal submitted by the United Kingdom delegation.
5. It also had the benefit of hearing the views of representatives of Australia, Brazil, Ireland, New Zealand, Sweden and Switzerland.
6. Before the deliberations of the Sub-Committee were concluded, the International Maritime Conference met in Geneva and decided upon the establishment of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Organization the functions of which cover the purpose of the proposed Article 18A as well as of Chapter V insofar as it relates to shipping.
7. In view of this the Sub-Committee arrived at the opinion that in order to avoid an overlapping of functions and a possible conflict of activities between the two organizations it would be advisable not to deal with questions of shipping in the Havana Charter.
8. According, the Sub-Committee agreed to recommend to Committee III
 - (a) that Article 18A should not be inserted in the Havana Charter, the countries having made and supported the proposal not insisting upon its insertion, and
 - (b) to recommend to Committee IV that shipping be excluded from the provisions of Chapter V by adding to Article 50 a new paragraph as follows:

"5. The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to shipping."
9. The representative of Venezuela reserved the position of his delegation on the decision of the Sub-Committee.