

THIRD COMMITTEE: COMMERCIAL POLICY

SUB-COMMITTEE E (ARTICLES 20 AND 22)

NOTES ON THE TENTH MEETING

Held on Tuesday, 10 February 1948 at 10.30 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. J. E. HOLLOWAY (South Africa)

1. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF WORKING PARTY NO. 6 (E/CONF.2/C.3/E/W.16 and E/CONF.2/C.3/E/W.16/Add.1).

After a prolonged debate, the Sub-Committee approved the text of the proposed new paragraph 3 (a) with the substitution of the phrase "domestic supplies of which are available during only part of the year" for the phrase "the supply of which is subject to seasonal variation".

It was agreed further at the request of the representative of Canada that a new interpretative note should be inserted which would make clear that the proposed new sub-paragraph did not widen the scope of Article 20. The representative of Canada agreed to draft such a note.

The Sub-Committee agreed at the request of the representative of Canada to revise the wording of the interpretative note on "in any form". At the request of the representative of the United States, the Sub-Committee agreed that an explanatory note of the word "utilization" should be inserted in the report of the Sub-Committee to the Third Committee.

2. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF WORKING PARTY NO. 9 (E/CONF.2/C.3/E/W.19).

At the request of the representative of India, the Sub-Committee agreed that the note designed to meet the objectives of the Indian amendments to Article 22 should appear as an interpretative note to the text of the Article. The Sub-Committee approved the text of the proposed new sub-paragraph 3 (d) and agreed that the last paragraph of the Working Party's report should be inserted in the report of the Sub-Committee to the Third Committee.

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF WORKING PARTY NO. 3 (E/CONF.2/C.3/E/W.14).

The Sub-Committee approved this report.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF WORKING PARTY NO. 4 (E/CONF.2/C.3/E/W.15).

The Sub-Committee approved this report.

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5. REPORT OF WORKING PARTY NO. 2.

The representative of Chile explained that the Informal Working Party set up to consider the amendments of Chile (Item 1) and Argentina (Item 2) had reached agreement on the basis of a suggested amendment to, and detailed interpretation of, Article 21. He did not wish, however, to withdraw the amendment until the terms of Article 13 were finally settled, and he therefore reserved his position.

The representative of Ceylon stated that the proposed solution was unacceptable to his delegation, and he, therefore, reserved his position on Article 20 until the final terms of Article 13 were known.

6. ITEM 3 (China and Lebanon).

The representative of China maintained his reservation until the final terms of Article 13 were known. It was agreed that the representatives of China and Lebanon should be informed of the nature of the deliberations of the Informal Working Party mentioned above.

7. ITEM 5 (Cuba).

There was no support for this amendment. The representative of Cuba reserved his position.

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