

THIRD COMMITTEE: COMMERCIAL POLICY

SUB-COMMITTEE E (ARTICLES 20 and 22)

NOTES ON THE NINTH MEETING

Held on Monday, 9 February 1948 at 3.00 p.m.

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

1. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF WORKING PARTY NO. 1 (E/CONF.2/C.3/E/W.18)

The Sub-Committee provisionally agreed that the substance of paragraphs I, II, III and IV of the report of Working Party No. 1 should be included in the report of the Sub-Committee to the Third Committee, together with that part of paragraph V which referred to the Swedish amendment, and that part of paragraph VI which referred to the Norwegian amendment.

The Sub-Committee approved the text of paragraphs 2 (c) and 3 (b) and of the interpretative note which refers to price consultation as set forth in the Working Party Report. It approved the text of paragraph 3 (c) with the alteration of the word "specific" to "specified". In regard to the interpretative note on "special factors" the representative of Cuba requested that the words "but not changes artificially.... representative" be deleted. The Sub-Committee agreed to this and the representative of the United Kingdom was requested to draft an explanatory note for inclusion in the Sub-Committee report.

The representative of the United States proposed and the Sub-Committee agreed, that the words "inter alia" should be inserted after the word "includes" and that the insertion of these words be brought to the notice of the Central Drafting Committee. It was further agreed that this interpretative note should not be incorporated in the text.

The delegate of Mexico agreed to withdraw the reservation which he made in the first section of paragraph IX if the following note were inserted in the Sub-Committee report:

"The Sub-Committee agreed that the freedom given to a Member to apply restrictions in terms of Article 20 (2) (c) did not free such Members from a prior obligation to any individual Member".
