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Mexico: Note on Article 75

The delegation of Mexico, although not represented on Sub-Committee C (Article 75) of the Sixth Committee, has nevertheless followed with great interest the progress so far made by this Sub-Committee. In the general discussion the Mexican delegation supported Alternative B of the Geneva Draft.

Nevertheless, in view of the considerations put forward in the Sub-Committee regarding the amendments submitted there, especially the text proposed by the United States delegation (document E/CONF.2/C.6/W.5), and prompted by the desire to contribute once again towards a satisfactory solution by the Conference of the problem of the final drafting of Article 75, the Mexican delegation proposes the following text of paragraph 1 of Article 75:

"1. The Executive Board shall consist of the representatives of eighteen Members of the Organization, elected by the Conference by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present and voting. Six of the Members ranking highest in volume of international trade shall be declared, by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting, elected as Members of the Executive Board at the first election and shall continue thereafter as Members of the Board until, at the time of any subsequent election, the Conference determines, by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting, that any such Member of the Board has ceased to occupy one of the six highest places in the volume of international trade and declares elected in its stead another Member. The other twelve Members of the Board shall be selected among the other Members, having regard to the desirability of ensuring that the Board is representative of the various degrees of economic development and of the major geographic areas included in the membership of the Organization".

Havana, Cuba, 5 January 1948.
