

SIXTH COMMITTEE: ORGANIZATION

SUB-COMMITTEE ON ARTICLE 75 (COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD)

SUMMARY RECORD OF NINTH MEETING

Held 6 January 1948 at 3.00 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. JABBARA (Syria)

Mr. AMADOR (Mexico), upon the invitation of the Chairman, presented his delegation's redraft of paragraph 1 of Article 75 (document E/CONF.2/C.6/W.17).

It was agreed that this proposal might be discussed at a later stage when delegates had had further time to study it.

The sub-committee then considered the redraft of paragraph 2 prepared by the working party consisting of the delegates of France, Peru and the United States which had been set up at the last meeting (document E/CONF.2/C.6/W.16).

Mr. MACHADO (Cuba) criticized this redraft on the grounds of obscurity and suggested the following text:

"2. The Executive Board shall be representative of the major geographical areas included within the membership of the Organization.

"In selecting the Members of the Executive Board, the Conference shall ensure that:

"(a) It includes Members of chief economic importance with particular regard to international trade; and

"(b) It is representative of the diverse types of economies or different degrees of economic development existing within the membership of the Organization."

Mr. WUNSZ-KING (China) proposed the following text which he thought was preferable to the redraft prepared by the working party:

"2. The Executive Board shall be representative of the major geographical areas included, and of the diverse types of economies or different degrees of economic development existing, within the membership of the Organization, and shall include Members of chief economic importance having particular regard to international trade."

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The sub-committee agreed to accept provisionally the text of paragraph 2 prepared by the working party on the understanding that it would be re-examined by the drafting group which would be later appointed to prepare an appropriate text for the whole of Article 75. This drafting group would then take into account the alternative texts proposed by the delegates for Cuba and China.

It was agreed that at the next meeting the sub-committee would commence discussion of paragraph 3 of the United States draft.

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