

SIXTH COMMITTEE: ORGANIZATION

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

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE TWELFTH MEETING

Held 9 January 1948 at 3.00 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. JABBARA (Syria)

The CHAIRMAN took the sense of the meeting on the proposition that there should not be any limitation upon the number of seats to be allotted under paragraph 3(a) of the United States draft. The representatives of Argentina, Australia, Italy, Pakistan and Peru expressed themselves in favour of this proposition while the representations of Belgium, Canada, China, Cuba, El Salvador, France, India, the United Kingdom and the United States were opposed to it.

The sense of the meeting was then taken on whether a number of six should be specified in paragraph 3(a). The representatives of Argentina, Australia, Pakistan and Peru were in favour of this proposition whilst the representatives of Belgium, Canada, China, Cuba, El Salvador, France, India, the United Kingdom and the United States were opposed to it.

The sense of the meeting was then taken on the proposition that there should be a range of not less than six and not more than eight specified in paragraph 3(a). The representatives of Argentina, Australia, Cuba, Norway, Pakistan and Peru were in favour of this proposition. The representatives of Belgium, Canada, China, Cuba, El Salvador, France, India, the United Kingdom and the United States were opposed to it.

The CHAIRMAN declared that the majority of the Sub-Committee favoured the adoption of paragraph 3(a) with only the amendment consequential upon changes made in paragraph 2, namely, that the words "chief importance in international trade" should be replaced by "chief economic importance having particular regard to international trade."

Mr. GAZDER (Pakistan) requested that in the report of the Sub-Committee it should be recorded that he favoured in both paragraphs 2 and 3 the use of the phrase "chief importance in international trade" rather than "chief economic importance having particular regard to international trade."

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The Sub-Committee then considered paragraph 3(b). Seven representatives expressed themselves as opposed to the amendment presented by the representative of Cuba (document E/CONF.2/C.6/W.5/Add.2) whilst four representatives were in favour of it. The CHAIRMAN accordingly declared that the majority of the Sub-Committee was opposed to this amendment. The representatives of Cuba and Pakistan asked that this proposition and their attitude should be noted in the report of the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee then considered paragraph 3(c) and agreed, on the motion of the representative of Cuba, that the majority required should be a majority of the Members present and voting.

The Sub-Committee then turned to a consideration of paragraph 4. It was agreed that the term of office of a member should be three years and that the second sentence of this paragraph should be deleted.

Regarding paragraph 5 the representative of China asked that a sentence on the following lines should be inserted in the report of the Sub-Committee:

"The Chinese delegate hoped that when the Conference was preparing its rules of procedure its attention would be called to the desirability of making a rule in the sense that in determining the economic importance of a Member account should be taken of the basic factors of external trade, national income and population."

It was agreed that at the next meeting the Sub-Committee would consider the drafting of the annex referred to in paragraph 4.