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SECOND SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE  
UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

SUMMARY RECORD

Eighth Meeting in Executive Session held on  
Thursday, 22 May 1947, at 10.30 a.m.  
at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Chairman: M. Max Suetens (Belgium)

In the continuation of the discussion of the amendment  
of Chile, Syria and the Lebanon, to Article 14 (E/PC/T/W27),

Mr. ANGEL FAIVOVICH (Chile) said he would postpone his  
decision to withdraw his amendment until a special sub-Committee  
on Articles 13, 14 and 38 presented its findings.

Mr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) thought that Article 14 should  
be maintained as it stands and when Article 38 will be discussed  
at a later stage the Chilean amendment should come again under  
consideration.

Mr. WINTHROP BROWN (United States) shared the views of the  
Delegate for Brazil and thought it unnecessary to set up a Sub-  
Committee to deal with the Chilean amendment to Article 14.

Mr. Mousa MOBARAK (Lebanon) supported the Chilean proposal  
that Articles 13, 14 and 38 should be referred to a sub-Committee.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that a Sub-Committee on Articles  
13, 14 and 38 would find itself in the same difficulty as the  
Committee itself because the Sub-Committee would not know what  
might be resolved on these Articles at a later stage.

Mr. ANGEL FAIVOVICH (Chile) thought that he could not see  
his way to withdraw his amendment and present it again when  
other Articles are discussed.

Mr. McCARTHY (Australia) thought that though the Chilean amendment could not be accepted under Article 14 a Sub-Committee should be appointed at once to examine in what way the Chilean proposal could be met by reference to other Articles.

Mr. HOLMES (United Kingdom) could not agree with the suggestion made by the Delegate for Australia. Such Sub-Committee or Working Party would face the same difficulties and much of its work might be wasted if it tried to consider the Chilean proposal in connection with Articles which still had to receive a general reading.

Mr. VAN DER POST (South Africa) thought that a small ad hoc Sub-Committee could examine the amendment of Chile, Syria and the Lebanon.

Mr. NATHAN (France) proposed that a Sub-Committee should be set up if in the course of the later discussion of Article 38 it would appear that a Sub-Committee could deal with the difficulties.

Mr. WILGREGG (Canada) explained that when the Tariff Negotiations Working Party, of which he was the Chairman, found that the reservation and the subsequent amendment made by the Chilean Delegation was an obstacle to the progress of the tariff negotiations, that Working Party recommended that the Committee considered the Chilean amendment in advance of other parts of the Charter. He agreed with the Delegates for the United Kingdom and France that the appropriate course to deal with the Chilean amendment in this Committee was to wait until Articles 13 and 38 were discussed.

Mr. ANGEL FAIVOVICH (Chile) thought that the debate had shown two aspects of the problem, that of substance and of procedure.

The Committee should definitely decide to solve the substance of the problem and not embark on discussion of procedure.

Mr. McCARTHY (Australia) repeated his proposal that a Sub-Committee should deal with Articles of the Charter other than Article 14 which were relevant to the Chilean amendment.

Mr. GUERRA (Cuba) suggested that a Sub-Committee should be set up immediately to report within twenty-four hours to the Committee whether the Chilean amendment to Article 14 should be discussed or whether it should come under Articles 13 or 38.

The CHAIRMAN asked the Committee to vote on the proposal that the Chilean amendment be accepted for consideration as an amendment to Article 14. The proposal was negatived.

The CHAIRMAN then submitted to the vote of the Committee the proposal of the Cuban Delegate to appoint an ad hoc Sub-Committee to study within 24 hours whether the proposal made by the Delegates for Chile, Syria and the Lebanon could be met by other means than Article 14 of the Charter.

The proposal was not carried.

The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the proposal made by the Australian Delegation to appoint immediately a Sub-Committee which would study the amendment of the representatives of Chile, Syria and the Lebanon in connection with Articles of the Charter, other than Article 14.

The Australian proposal was rejected by

Six for  
Eight against  
Three abstentions

Mr. ANGEL FAIVOVICH (Chile) made a formal reservation on Article 14 as it stands now and Mr. Moussa MOBARAK (Lebanon) associated himself with this reservation on behalf of Syria and the Lebanon.

The Meeting rose at 12.45 p.m.

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