

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

Committee III

First meeting held on Friday,  
18 October 1946, at 5 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. LECUYER, Deputy Executive Secretary;  
Later: Mr. DIETERLIN (France)

1. Opening of session by temporary Chairman

The temporary Chairman opened the session by introducing the Secretariat:

Secretary	- Mr. O. H. KORICAN
Associate Secretary	- Mr. A. P. RENOUF
Assistant Secretary	- Miss C. W. JENHEIMER

He stated that the suggested rules of procedure of the Preparatory Committee (Document E/PC/T/2) as amended by the Preparatory Committee would be valid for the work of this Committee and referred particularly to Rule 57 on the simplification of language arrangements.

2. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Mr. WILCOX (United States of America) proposed Mr. DIETERLIN (France)

Mr. STEYN (South Africa) seconded this proposal.

The Chairman announced that Mr. DIETERLIN (France) had been elected Chairman, and invited him to take the chair.

The CHAIRMAN, Mr. DIETERLIN (France), stated that Mr. LECUYER (France) would succeed him as head of the French delegation.

The CHAIRMAN proposed Mr. GONZÁLEZ (Chile) as Vice-Chairman.

Mr. HOLMES (United Kingdom) seconded this proposal.

The CHAIRMAN declared Mr. GONZÁLEZ (Chile) elected as Vice-Chairman.

3. Preliminary consideration of Agenda and Programme of work

The following Agenda, suggested by the United States delegation, was submitted for the approval of members:

- (a) Policy toward restrictive business practices
  - (i) In relation to the objectives of the International Trade Organization
  - (ii) With reference to specific practices
- (b) Procedure with respect to complaints
- (c) Studies and conferences relating to restrictive business practices
- (d) Obligations of Members
- (e) Supplementary enforcement measures
- (f) Continued effectiveness of domestic measures against restrictive business practices
- (g) Exceptions to provisions relating to restrictive business practices

Mr. WILCOX (United States of America), in reply to a query by the CHAIRMAN, stated he had no remarks to add to the suggested agenda. He explained that the items on the agenda corresponded to the headings of the United States Government's Suggested Charter for an International Trade Organization.

Mr. HOLMES (United Kingdom) asked whether this agenda should be regarded as a provisional one to be currently amended as occasion arose.

The CHAIRMAN approved the proposed agenda, due regard being paid to the observation of Mr. HOLMES (United Kingdom).

Mr. STEYN (South Africa) supported the adoption of the agenda.

The CHAIRMAN declared the proposed agenda adopted. He declared that Item 1 of the agenda was a principle and that the other items were concrete applications of this general principle. He therefore suggested the work of the Committee comprise two divisions:

- (a) A discussion of the general principle, each delegation making general observations thereon
- (b) After agreement on the above, a discussion of the practical aspects

At the suggestion of Mr. MCGREGOR (Canada) and Mr. DMO (China), the CHAIRMAN decided to postpone consideration of his suggested work programmes until the next session.

4. Dissemination of records

The SECRETARY stated that three types of records would be produced in respect of private meetings:

- (a) Verbatim reports of restricted circulation, of which each delegation would receive a copy
- (b) Minutes of restricted circulation, of which each delegation would receive a copy
- (c) Short procedural summaries for publication in the Journal

Mr. HOLMES (United Kingdom) proposed that the provisions should be made to ensure that proposals, opinions, resolutions, etc., should not be attributed to specific delegations in the summaries specified in paragraph 3 above.

The CHAIRMAN supported this proposal.

The proposal of Mr. HOLMES (United Kingdom) regarding summaries was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN recommended a letter from the International Chamber of Commerce (Document E/PC/T/W.17) to the attention of members and suggested that it should constitute Item 1 of the agenda at the next meeting on Monday, 21 October 1946 at 5 p.m. in Committee Room IV - "G".

The meeting rose at 5.50 p.m.