

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

SUMMARY RECORD

COMMITTEE IV.

INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS

First Meeting

18 October 1946 at 3.45 p.m.

1. Opening of Session by Temporary Chairman

The Temporary Chairman, Mr. J. A. LACARTE, Deputy Executive Secretary declared the meeting open and introduced the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. P. R. JUDD, and associate secretaries. He mentioned that the Rules of Procedure allowed Committees to simplify the system of interpretation should they wish to do so at any stage.

2. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman:

Mr. J. R. C. HEMMRE (United Kingdom) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee on the proposal of M. HERVE ALPHAND (France).

On the motion of Mr. E. MCCARTHY (Australia), Mr. BJARNE ROBBESTAD (Norway) was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

3. Correspondence from the International Chamber of Commerce:

A letter from the International Chamber of Commerce regarding attendance at Committee meetings was circulated to delegates and it was decided that this matter should be placed on the Agenda of the next meeting.

4. Preliminary Consideration of Agenda.

Mr. OLIVER WILSON (United States) suggested that the following Agenda might be used for the work of the Committee. He stated that the headings had been taken from the "Suggested Charter for an International Trade Organization" but that certain modifications had been made in it.

H. General policy regarding inter-governmental commodity arrangements in relation to the objectives of an International Trade Organization.

(i) Special difficulties in primary commodities.

(ii) Objectives of intergovernmental commodity arrangements.

B. Principles and requirements of intergovernmental commodity arrangements.

C. Principles governing the institution of intergovernmental commodity arrangements.

D. Obligations of members regarding intergovernmental commodity arrangements.

E. Procedure preliminary to the establishment of an intergovernmental commodity arrangement.

(i) Special commodity studies.

(ii) Commodity conferences.

F. Organizational relationships.

(i) Commodity Councils.

(ii) The Commodity Commission.

G. Exceptions to provisions relating to intergovernmental commodity arrangements."

On the motion of M. HERVE ALPHAND (France) discussion of the suggested Agenda was postponed until the next meeting so that the delegate would have an opportunity to give consideration to it.

5. Records of Committee Meetings:

The Deputy Executive Secretary MR. J. A. LACARTE, suggested the following arrangements for the recording of the private proceedings of the Committee:

A. A verbatim report to be taken of each meeting and distributed to the delegations, specialized agencies and observers from countries which are Members of the United Nations.

B. A Summary Record (précis) to be prepared of each meeting and also distributed to the delegations, specialized agencies, and observers from countries which are Members of the United Nations.

C. A brief statement on each meeting to be inserted in the Journal. This would be prepared by the Secretariat having regard to the

nature of the discussions and would be submitted for approval to the Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee agreed to the suggested arrangements.

6. Next Meeting

The Committee decided to hold its second meeting on Saturday 19 October 1946 at 10.30 a.m.

7. The meeting closed at 4.20 p.m.
