

SECOND COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SUB-COMMITTEE A

Second Meeting of Sub-Committee on Article 8

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Sub-Committee on Article 8 re-inforced by Committee II at its sixth meeting (E/CONF.2/C.2/SR.6) to consist of delegates from Argentina, Iran and New Zealand in addition to those of Australia, China and United Kingdom, met at 10.30 a.m. 15 December 1947 under the Chairmanship of Mr. LIEU (China). The following persons represented these delegations on the Sub-Committee: Mr. Moresco (Argentina), Mr. Hewitt (Australia), Mr. Lieu (China), Mr. Entezam (Iran), Mr. Nash (New Zealand) and Mr. Shackleton (United Kingdom).

2. In addition to the Members of the Sub-Committee the following representatives of other delegations were present:

Afghanistan	Mr. A. G. Amini
Haiti	Mr. Le Roy
Italy	Mr. d'Anna
Mexico	Mr. Luna Olmedo and Mr. Robles

3. The Sub-Committee had before it several suggestions by the representatives of the United Kingdom and Argentina.

4. It was agreed to accept a text proposed by the United Kingdom delegate, with a change in order suggested by the representative of New Zealand.

This text reads as follows:*

"The Members recognize that /all countries have a common interest in/ the productive use of the world's human and material resources is of concern to and will benefit all countries, and that the industrial and general economic development of all countries,"

It was furthermore agreed that the phrase "is of concern to all countries" is to be understood in a completely general sense, i.e. that all countries have a collective concern in the development of resources of the world at large. It in no way implies a right of interference in the internal affairs or national policy of a Member, either on the part of any other individual Member or Members generally. The Sub-Committee suggests that

* / / signify deletions from the Geneva text
 signify additions to the Geneva text

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in the event of the acceptance by the Committee of the text proposed above, this interpretation be incorporated in the summary record of Committee II.

5. The delegation of Argentina accepted the above text subject to a satisfactory translation of the word "concern" into Spanish.

6. It was agreed that Mr. Shackle (United Kingdom) should report to the Committee on the conclusions of the Sub-Committee.