

THIRD COMMITTEE: COMMERCIAL POLICY

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE SECOND MEETING

Held at the Capitol, Havana, Cuba on 29 November 1947 at 10.30 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. D. L. WILKINSON (Canada)

1. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Mr. SPEEKERINK (Netherlands) proposed and Mr. MOLINARI (Argentina) seconded the nomination of Mr. Walter Muller (Chile) for Vice-Chairman.

Mr. RYDER (United States of America) stated that his delegation had wished to nominate Mr. Valdes (El Salvador), but inasmuch as it was not possible for him to serve, he would support the nomination of Mr. Muller.

The CHAIRMAN declared Mr. Muller elected unanimously as Vice-Chairman of Committee III.

The CHAIRMAN stated Mr. Muller would take his chair as Vice-Chairman at the next meeting.

2. DECISION ON WHETHER MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD IN PUBLIC OR PRIVATE

It was agreed that, in general, Committee III meetings would be public, but that any member might request a private meeting if that would expedite the work.

The CHAIRMAN suggested the Committee adopt the rule that in general documents be Unrestricted, unless a member proposed that a particular document be Restricted, at which time the Committee would decide in the light of the circumstances at the time.

Mr. SHACKLE (United Kingdom) suggested it might be more practical, considering the deadlines for submission of documents, that the Member decide whether his document should be Restricted or Unrestricted.

Mr. RYDER (United States of America) thought it preferable that the Committee should decide.

There being no further comment, the proposal of the CHAIRMAN was accepted.

3. OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

The CHAIRMAN called attention to the Note to Delegations Regarding Amendments to the Charter (E/CONF.2/11) which proposed that a preliminary edition of the annotated agenda be issued including amendments received by 6.00 p.m. on 1 December. He noted that formal proposals and amendments

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would be accepted up to 6 December, but urged that insofar as possible they be submitted by the earlier date.

The proposals regarding the preliminary edition were approved.

The CHAIRMAN announced the next meeting of the Committee was to be held on Tuesday, 2 December, at 10.30 a.m. He felt that general discussion of Chapter IV as a whole might be concluded in one, or possibly, two meetings; after that, there would be a second reading of the Chapter, Article by Article and paragraph by paragraph. Sub-Committees should be kept to a minimum; it probably would be necessary to form a sub-committee for each of the six sub-sections of Chapter IV, as well as ad-hoc sub-committees to resolve points of view on certain questions. He thought it best, however, not to establish sub-committees now, but as the work progressed.

Mr. AUGENTHALER (Czechoslovakia) asked that the members of the Committee be supplied with the working papers of all sub-committees.

The CHAIRMAN stated this was the intention, for both Restricted and Unrestricted documents, and declared the procedure of work as outlined approved.

The meeting rose at 11.05 a.m.

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