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**DRAFT REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE B (PROPOSED NEW ARTICLE 18A)**

1. Sub-Committee B was established at the eleventh meeting of the Third Committee, held on 16 December 1947, for the purpose of studying, and making recommendations regarding the Norwegian proposal for a new Article 18A.
2. Delegates of Argentina, France, Greece, India, Norway, the Union of South Africa, United Kingdom and Venezuela were appointed members.
3. At the first meeting Dr. J. E. Holloway (Union of South Africa) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Sub-Committee which held four meetings.
4. The Sub-Committee discussed fully and in great detail the Norwegian proposal (document E/CONF.2/C.3/6, page 16) as well as an alternative proposal submitted by the United Kingdom delegation as follows:

"1. Members shall not require exports to or imports from any other country to be shipped or insured by enterprises of any prescribed nationality.

2. The Organization shall make an arrangement under Article 84 with any inter-governmental organization having wide international responsibilities in the fields referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, to deal with all matters relating to this Article which may be referred to the Executive Board or the Conference under Articles 89 and 90".

5. It also had the benefit of hearing the views of representatives of Australia, Brazil, Ireland, New Zealand, Sweden and Switzerland.

6. Since the proposed Article provided for new obligations to be assumed by Members, the Sub-Committee was aware from the outset that a recommendation for its adoption could only be made if substantial support were forthcoming.

In the course of the discussion it became clear that a majority of Members were opposed to Banking being considered in relation with any provision of the kind under consideration. The subsequent discussion, therefore, was mainly concerned with the principle of the proposal as applied to Shipping and Insurance services.

7. The discussion in full Committee had disclosed an approximately equal division of views which proved to be accurately reflected in the composition

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of the Sub-Committee. In spite of all efforts to produce a solution acceptable to the Sub-Committee, it did not succeed in effecting a reconciliation of these views in respect of either draft under consideration. The Sub-Committee accordingly regrets that it is unable to recommend either the adoption or rejection of a provision dealing with the problems which have given rise to the Norwegian proposal.

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