

FOURTH COMMITTEE: RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES

SUMMARY RECORD OF FOURTEENTH MEETING

Held at the Capitol, Havana, Cuba, 3 March 1948, 7.00 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. BANERJI (India)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 8 OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE
(E/CONF.2/C.4/18)

Mr. FORTHOMME (Belgium) said that the proposed amendment was the result of informal discussions. It was confined to a statement of fact and would leave to the Organization to decide what particular formula should be applied in connection with this complex matter.

The representatives of Chile, the United Kingdom and Mexico expressed satisfaction with the new text.

Mr. OFTEDAL (Norway) agreed with the representative of Belgium that decisions on this matter should be left to the Organization. In his opinion, therefore, the second paragraph of the proposal amendment went somewhat too far. He suggested that the first two sentences of the new text should be maintained, to which could be added the note contained in Section 8 of the Report.

Mr. LECUYER (France) understood the misgivings of the Norwegian representative but pointed out that some comment had to be made in the light of the note from the Sixth Committee. The proposed amendment was cautiously worded and he was prepared to support it.

Mr. MUNOZ (Chile) felt that the fears of the Norwegian representative were unfounded, and as no support had been given to his point of view, the latter withdrew his amendment.

Mr. COUILLARD (Canada) drew attention to three drafting changes which would have to be made in the French text of the new proposal.

The English text of the proposed new Section 8 was approved unanimously and it was agreed to have circulated a revised French text. Should any further changes be needed in the French text, it could be referred to the Central Drafting Committee.

The meeting rose at 7.35 p.m.
