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COMMITTEE V: INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMODITY AGREEMENTS

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE SECOND MEETING

Held at Havana, Friday, 28 November 1947 at 5.15 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. George HAKIM (Lebanon)

In opening the meeting, the CHAIRMAN thanked the representatives for the honour they had done his country and himself in electing him Chairman. He hoped that with their co-operation the work of the Committee would be brought to a successful conclusion.

Selection of Vice-Chairman

Mr. MAURITZ BONOW (Sweden) was chosen as Vice-Chairman.

Interpretation

In reply to an intervention by Mr. STEWARD (Uruguay) requesting interpretation into Spanish when the system of consecutive interpretation was used, Mr. LACARTE (Deputy Executive Secretary) drew the attention of delegates to Articles 39 and 40 of the Rules of Procedure (E/CONF.2/2/Rev.4) which had been unanimously adopted by the full Conference. These Articles only provide for interpretation into English and French. However, future meetings of Committee V would probably take place in a Committee room wired for simultaneous interpretation, and interpretation into and from English, Spanish and French would then be available.

Public or Private Meetings

It was decided that in principle, the meetings of the Committee should be public, but that in the interests of speeding up the work, the Committee might decide that particular meetings should be held in closed session.

Agenda

The CHAIRMAN announced that in order to facilitate the work of the Committee a preliminary annotated agenda would be prepared and circulated early the following week. If any delegation wished to include amendments in this preliminary statement, they should submit them in three copies to the Executive Secretary not later than Monday, 1 December.

/Mr. JUDD

Mr. JUDD (Secretary) announced that the following documents would be prepared for members of the Committee:

- (1) A General Document containing
 - (a) the report of the relevant committee of the Geneva Conference, and
 - (b) a general statement of the principles of Chapter VI.This document would be available 29 November.
- (2) The Preliminary Annotated Agenda, referred to by the Chairman. This would be issued about 2 December. This would contain amendments submitted up to 1 December.
- (3) The complete Annotated Agenda. This would be issued about 8 December, and would contain all amendments, submitted by the due date approved by the Conference, 6 December.

Records

In reply to a question the CHAIRMAN announced that Summary Records of the Meetings of the Committee would be prepared and circulated to delegations.

The next meeting would take place on Monday at 10.30 a.m.

The meeting rose at 5.50 p.m.
