

SIXTH COMMITTEE: ORGANIZATION

SUB-COMMITTEE ON ARTICLE 75 (COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD)

DRAFT REPORT

1. The Sub-Committee was composed of the representatives of Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, El Salvador, China, Cuba, France, Italy, India, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Syria, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States, and held sixteen meetings under the chairmanship of Mr. Jabbara (Syria).
2. In addition to Alternatives A, B and C contained in the Report of the Preparatory Committee the Sub-Committee took into consideration further proposals submitted by the delegations of Australia, France, Mexico and the United States. As a result of a long study of all the problems involved, the Sub-Committee recommend to the Sixth Committee the following text of Article 75 including an annex stating certain rules to apply at the first election:

Article 75

Composition of the Executive Board

1. The Executive Board shall consist of the representatives of eighteen Members of the Organization selected by the Conference; Provided that a customs union, as defined in paragraph 4 of Article 42, may be so elected if all of its members are Members of the Organization and if its members desire to be represented as a unit.
2. The Executive Board shall be representative of the major geographical areas included within the membership of the Organization. In selecting the members of the Executive Board, the Conference shall have regard to the objective of ensuring that the Board includes Members or customs unions of chief economic importance having particular regard to international trade, and is representative of the diverse types of economies or different degrees of economic development existing within the membership of the Organization.
3. (a) At intervals of three years the Conference shall determine, by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting, the eight
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Members or customs unions of chief economic importance having particular regard to international trade. Such Members or customs unions shall be declared members of the Executive Board.

(b) The other members of the Executive Board shall be elected by the Conference by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting.

(c) If on two consecutive ballots no member is elected, the remainder of the election shall be by a majority of the Members present and voting.

4. The term of a member of the Executive Board shall be three years, except that, at the first election, the provisions of Annex X shall apply. Any vacancy in the Board shall be filled by the Conference for the unexpired term of the vacancy.

5. The Conference shall establish rules for giving effect to the provisions of this Article.

Annex X

In the absence of the rules and regulations to be adopted by the Organization for the implementation of Article 75, and to facilitate the work of the first Conference, the following rules shall apply at the first election:

1. Six seats shall be filled, under Article 75, sub-paragraph 3 (a) and 3 (b), by representatives of Member countries in the Western Hemisphere (North, Central and South America). If five or more of these countries, eligible under sub-paragraph 3 (b), have not become Members of the Organization at the time of the election, only three of these seats shall be filled by application of the said sub-paragraph. If ten or more of the countries in the Western Hemisphere, eligible under sub-paragraph 3 (b), have not become Members of the Organization at the time of the election, only two seats shall be filled under the same sub-paragraph. The seat or seats thus unoccupied shall not be filled unless the Conference otherwise decides by a two-thirds majority vote.

2. In order to insure the election of countries under the criterion of sub-paragraph 3 (a) of Article 75, the following countries shall be deemed to fulfill the conditions set out in said sub-paragraph 3 (a), namely:

(i) The two countries in the Western Hemisphere and the three countries or customs unions in Europe participating in the Havana Conference with the largest external trade; and

(ii) The three countries with the largest population, having in view their potential importance in international trade.

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Should any of these countries not be a Member of the Organization at the time of the election, the Conference will review the situation; but the seat or seats thus unoccupied shall not be filled unless the Conference otherwise decides by two-thirds majority vote.

3. The election of Members of the Executive Board under the criterion of Article 75, sub-paragraph 3 (b), shall be conducted so as to insure the adequate implementation of the requirements of Article 75, having regard, among other considerations, to the fact that geographical groups may be representative of affinities between a number of countries, giving their group a character of distinctiveness and unity.

4. The eight Members elected under sub-paragraph 3 (a) of Article 75 shall serve for a term of three years. Of the ten Members elected under sub-paragraph 3 (b), five Members, as determined by lot, shall serve for a term of two years, and the remaining five Members for a term of four years.

3. Paragraph 3 of the Annex is intended to cover also the case of certain geographical groups, such as the Arab States, other Middle and Near East States, States in the North of Europe. It is anticipated that any one such group may deem it convenient to present a common candidate to represent the particular interests of all the countries of the group.

4. The following minority viewpoints are recorded: *

* The views of delegations wishing to have reservations entered to the Report might be recorded here. The text of such reservations should be communicated to the Secretary as soon as possible.
