

SIXTH COMMITTEE: ORGANIZATION

SUB-COMMITTEE ON ARTICLE 1

NOTES ON SECOND MEETING

Held 11 February 1948 at 10.30 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. COLBAN (Norway)

The delegations of Argentina, Belgium, Ecuador, Italy, Norway and the United Kingdom supported the proposal by the delegation of France to add a paragraph between the present paragraphs 4 and 5 (document E/CONF.2/C.6/12). The delegations of Egypt and the United States considered that Article 1 was not the proper place in the Charter for this amendment. The following redraft was tentatively accepted pending consultation within delegations:

"to achieve progressively greater freedom of trade by assisting in the establishment and development of economic units wider in character than those determined by political frontiers."

The Sub-Committee unanimously agreed with the principle contained in the proposal by the delegation of Argentina to add a new paragraph between the present paragraphs 5 and 6 (document E/CONF.2/C.6/12). However, the Sub-Committee considered that it would not be appropriate to include this paragraph in the specific objectives of the International Trade Organization. The delegations of Argentina and Uruguay reserved their right to reopen this question in the Sixth Committee. It was agreed that the results of the discussion should be recorded in the report of the Sub-Committee.

The delegations of Argentina, Ecuador, Italy and Uruguay supported the proposal of the delegation of Norway to change the title of the Organization to "International Trade and Employment Organization". The delegations of Belgium, the United Kingdom and the United States opposed this proposal, whilst the delegations of Egypt and France expressed themselves as indifferent. It was agreed that this result should be recorded in the report of the Sub-Committee.

After discussion of the rearrangement of Article 1 proposed by the delegation of Costa Rica (document E/CONF.2/C.6/12/Add.20) it was agreed that the delegation of Costa Rica had not intended to remove the very clear and desirable distinction which had been made in the Geneva text between

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"the purpose" and "the objectives" of the Organization. In view of this it was thought that the arrangement of the Geneva text should be retained although the phrase "the states parties to this Charter" in the second paragraph of Article 1 should be amended to read "the parties to this Charter".

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