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UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

VERBATIM REPORT.

FIFTEENTH MEETING IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
HELD ON THURSDAY, 12 JUNE 1947, at 2.30 P.M. IN THE
PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA

Mr. MAX SUETENS (Chairman) (Belgium)

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CHAIRMAN (Interpretation)

/ We are meeting first in Executive Committee in order to study the Report E/PC/T/92, dated 9th June, of the Tariff Negotiation Working Party. I suppose you have all had this Report. Are there any observations?

(No observations) The Report is approved.

The Executive Secretary, Mr. Wyncham-White.

Mr. WYNDHAM WHITE (Executive Secretary, Preparatory Committee)
Mr. Chairman, following the decision taken by the Preparatory Committee to afford an opportunity for discussion of the statement made by the Belgian Delegate at the last meeting of the Preparatory Committee in Executive Session, the Secretariat have circulated a notice which suggested that Monday afternoon, June 16th, should be set aside for this purpose. Since circulating that notice, however, representations have been made to me by some Delegations in favour of postponing that discussion until later in the week. If that view is acceptable to the Preparatory Committee, I would like to suggest a consequent modification in the programme of meetings for next week as set down by the Charter Steering Committee. I would propose that the discussion in Commission B of Article 30 should be advanced to Monday and Tuesday of next week instead of Tuesday and Wednesday, and the discussion of the Belgian statement should then take place on the afternoon of Wednesday, 18th June.

Mr. ERIK COLBAN (Norway): I cannot oppose it because we all have to help each other to get things moving, but it is of some considerable inconvenience to my delegation as I will not have the expert I need for the discussion of Article 30 on Monday, but I will not make any objections though I may be forced, in the course of the discussion on Monday, to reserve the position of the Norwegian delegation on Article 30 until I get the necessary expert advice.

CHAIRMAN (Interpretation): The proposal made by the Executive Secretary was that Commission B, which was to meet on Tuesday and Wednesday, will meet instead on Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. ERIK COLBAN (Norway): The discussion of Article 30 will have to take place one day sooner, however I do not insist.

CHAIRMAN (Interpretation): Therefore the date of Wednesday, the 18th, will be reserved for the debate on the Belgian proposal.

The meeting of the Executive Committee is now adjourned, and we start the meeting of Commission A.

The meeting rose at 2.55 p.m.
