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COMMITTEE II

Observations made by the Norwegian Delegation on Sections "General Commercial Provisions" and "Tariffs and Tariff Preferences". (The observations refer to Sections A and B of the suggested Charter for an International Trade Organization of the United Nations, submitted by the United States Delegation).

Article 8, paragraph 1, last sentence : The Norwegian Delegation is of the opinion, especially after having heard the discussion at the third meeting of Committee II, that there are many unclear points in the last sentence of Article 8, No.1.

As long as these unclear points have not been satisfactorily explained we cannot accept the proposal in its present form.

Article 8, paragraph 2 : It is agreed that the elimination of the system of preference in the rate of ordinary customs duty would be consistent with the aims of the planned international trade organization.

Article 9 : With the existing shortage of goods of different kinds it would seem difficult to apply without reservation the stipulations contained in this article. It has not been the rule in Norway to impose different internal charges on imported products and on like products of national origin. In the present situation when it is necessary to buy the same kind of goods from different exporting countries at different purchase prices it has proved necessary to impose internal charges in some cases in order to establish equal prices for internal consumption.

Article 15, paragraph 2 : The Norwegian Delegation desires to point out that the ordinary Norwegian tribunals are fully competent to deal with all questions of the kind mentioned in this article, and are entirely independent of the administration. Special tribunals in this matter are

thus unnecessary. We understand the clause in Article 15, paragraph 2 as entirely compatible with the system now maintained in Norway.

Article 15, Paragraph 3 : It is suggested that this paragraph should be omitted. For Norway it is of considerable fiscal interest to be able to apply new import duties to goods in bonded warehouses. It is also felt that the rule in paragraph 3 opens the door to considerable practical difficulties and could give rise to questions of interpretations of far reaching importance.

Article 17: The intention cannot be to prohibit any campaign against imports of foreign goods in general.
