

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

COMMITTEE II

PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE CUBAN DELEGATION TO
SUB-COMMITTEE I

According with the statement made in the Meeting of Committee II held on Friday, 25 October, the Cuban delegation proposes:

- (a) That after paragraph 1 of Article 8 of the suggested Charter, and before paragraph 2, be inserted a new paragraph, which shall be numbered 2, that reads as follows:

"In order that any member may enjoy the most favoured import tariff granted to another member, it shall be necessary that any such member maintains wages, working conditions and social insurance benefits for its labours similar to those of said other member".

- (b) That at the end of former paragraph 2, which according to our amendment (a) now will become paragraph 3, the words "and shall be subject to the process of elimination pursuant to the provisions of Article 18" be deleted.

- (c) That a new paragraph, which will be numbered 4, be added after paragraph 3, reading as follows:

"4. The preferences to which paragraph 3 (now numbered thus as a result of our amendment (a) refers can only be reduced or eliminated by the proceeding established in Article 18, as long as the treaties or conventions which created such preferences remain in force, if the country which enjoys such preferences gives its consent for their reduction or elimination".

- (d) That at the end of sub-paragraph (a), paragraph 1, of Article 18, after the word "preferences", be added the following words: "except as determined in paragraph 4 of Article 8".

(e) That at the end of sub-paragraph (b), paragraph 1, of Article 18, the following words be added: "Provided: The situation of any member with respect to the member enjoying the most-favoured-nation import tariff is that contemplated in paragraph 2 of Article 8".

(f) That at the end of paragraph 1, Article 18, (as modified by our previous amendments) a new sub-paragraph, (c), be added, reading as follows:

"(c) The relative real level of tariff's rates of each country in relation to the rates of other members, shall be appraised, taking into consideration the special situation of those countries which are in the early stages of their industrial development. The latter countries shall be permitted to maintain at an adequate level those rates directed to protect certain items of their agricultural and industrial production showing in their internal commerce an index indicative of being basic products in their economies, or which are essential to maintain high levels of employment and real income".
