

SECOND SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE
UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE TWENTY FOURTH MEETING

held on Wednesday, 2 July 1947, at 2.15 p.m.
in the Palais des Nations.

Chairman: H.E. Erik Colban,

Article 17 - Anti-dumping and countervailing duties.

The delegate for Cuba referred to the Note (b) in the General Comments on page 7 of document E/PC/T/103 which at the previous meeting the Commission had decided to delete, and stated that the reservation would have to be maintained for the moment while he consulted with his delegation. He said that he might be able to withdraw it later.

The Commission then continued its discussion of Paragraph 2. The text was approved and the comment was revised by substitution of the word "practices" for "rates" and by the addition of the following: "; by multiple currency practices is meant practices by governments or sanctioned by governments."

Paragraphs 3 and 4. The texts were approved.

Paragraph 5. The text was approved. The delegate for Czechoslovakia asked that the name of his delegation should be added to those associated with Note (a) and it was agreed that this note should be maintained. It was agreed to delete Notes (b) and (c) but to maintain Note (d) pending the decision on the final wording of Articles 50 and 66.

Paragraph 6. The text was approved but the Commission decided to maintain Note (a) to the effect that unanimity had not been

* No Summary Records of the 22nd and 23rd Meetings have been prepared: please refer to the Verbatim Reports (E/PC/T/A/PV/22 and 23).

reached, 12 delegates being in favour of the new paragraph and four being opposed. The delegate for Brazil requested the maintenance of Note (b) but agreed to the deletion of Note (c).

Article 18 - Valuation for Customs Purposes.

The delegate for Australia, supported by the delegate for the United Kingdom, requested that consideration of Article 18 should be deferred for at least a week in order to allow his delegation to consider new instructions received from its Government.

Agreed.

Article 19 - Formalities connected with Importation
and Exportation.

The change in the title of the Article, formerly "Customs Formalities", was agreed.

Paragraphs 1 and 2. The texts were approved but the Chairman drew the attention to the use of the words "is authorized to" in paragraph 2 whereas in similar circumstances these words had been altered to "may" in paragraph 1 of Article 18. The Chairman suggested that the use of these words should be referred to the Legal Drafting Committee.

Paragraph 3. The text was approved. As there was no representative for China present, the Secretariat was asked to enquire of the Chinese delegation whether they wished to maintain Note (a).

At the request of the representative of the International Monetary Fund, the word "taxes", where it appears the last two times in Note (b), was changed to "fees" and it was agreed that the note should be maintained.

Note (c) was deleted.

Paragraphs 4 and 5. The texts were approved.

Article 20 - Marks of Origin.

Paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4. The texts of these four paragraphs were approved and the delegate for the United States agreed to

the deletion of the note on paragraph 3 although he said that his delegation still preferred the word "shall" to "should".

Paragraph 5. The text was approved and it was agreed to maintain the note subject to the deletion of the first two-and-a-half lines referring to the use of the word "study" and subject to the addition of a reference to the word "early" in accordance with the request of the French delegation in document T/109.

Paragraph 6. The text was approved and the United States delegate agreed to the deletion of the note; he said that the use of the word "shall" was even more desirable in this paragraph than in paragraph 3 in view of the use of the phrase "as a general rule"; nevertheless his delegation would not insist on this reservation.

Paragraph 7. The text was approved and the proposal that the three paragraphs should either be numbered or amalgamated into one paragraph, was referred to the Legal Drafting Committee. The delegate for Chile stated that he would have to maintain his reservation at least for the time being until he received instructions. The Chairman said that he hoped that it would be possible for Chile to withdraw the reservation before the end of the Session.

Article 21 - Publication and Administration of
Trade Regulations - Advance Notice of Restrictive
Regulations.

Paragraphs 1 and 2. The texts were approved. The proposal of the French delegation to insert a note in the Commentary on paragraph 1 (T/109) was rejected and it was agreed to delete the note on paragraph 2.

Paragraph 3. It was agreed that the note should be deleted. The Commission reserved its decision till the next meeting with regard to the proposal of the delegate for New Zealand that the following sentence should be added to this paragraph:

"Nothing in this paragraph shall require the elimination or substitution of existing procedures which conform fully to the principles of this paragraph."

The meeting rose at 5 p.m.