

SECOND SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE  
UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT.WORKING PARTY ON TECHNICAL ARTICLES

Summary Record of the Fourth Meeting held on  
Tuesday, 13th May 1947, at 10.30 a.m. in the  
Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Chairman: H.E. Erik Colban

On opening the meeting the CHAIRMAN announced that he wished to mention four questions of procedure:

- (1) Sub-Committee on Article 20. The Ad Hoc Sub-Committee appointed the previous day would meet at 3 p.m. that afternoon.
- (2) Non-governmental organizations. The Chairman had been asked whether the views expressed in the memorandum distributed by the International Chamber of Commerce could be mentioned in the annotated agenda for the Charter discussions. The WORKING PARTY agreed with the Chairman that the agenda should include only the proposals of Delegations.
- (3) Agenda for subsequent meetings. The WORKING PARTY agreed with the suggestion of the Chairman that when the examination of Articles 19/22 had been completed, 23 should be taken next, followed by 16, 17 and 18, and Articles 15 and 37 be left until the last.
- (4) Next Meeting. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Working Party would be held at 10.30 a.m. on the following day in spite of the clash with the meeting of the Chairman's Committee (Heads of Delegations).

1. Article 21. - Publication and administration of trade regulations - Advance notice of restrictive regulations.

Paragraph 2. The Delegate for the United States recalled that the Canadian Delegation's amendment to paragraph 2 had been approved at the previous meeting subject to further consideration of its interpretation during the Second Reading; the United States Delegation had now prepared the amendment which it wished to propose and this could be read to the meeting or distributed as the Chairman desired. The CHAIRMAN said that he preferred to

distribute the amendment to the Delegations and that it would then receive consideration during the Second Reading of Article 21. It was agreed that this should be done.

Paragraph 3. The WORKING PARTY proceeded to discuss the proposal of the Czechoslovak Delegation to substitute a new paragraph for paragraph 3 (see document W/51). After a discussion during which it appeared that the Working Party were divided in opinion in choosing between the paragraphs proposed by the Drafting Committee and the Czechoslovak Delegation, the CHAIRMAN accepted the suggestion of the United Kingdom Delegate that the proposed new paragraph should be referred to the legal adviser of the Secretariat to consider to what extent the main intention of the Czechoslovak Delegation was, or could be, covered by paragraph 1 of the Article. The WORKING PARTY agreed to this procedure and the CHAIRMAN stated that there would be no further discussion of this paragraph pending receipt of the Secretariat's report.

The meeting rose at 1.20 p.m.

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