

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

WORKING PARTY ON TECHNICAL ARTICLES

Summary Record of the Seventh Meeting held on
Saturday, 17 May 1947, at 10.30 a.m. in the
Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Chairman: H.E. Erik Colban

During the course of the meeting the CHAIRMAN expressed the opinion that the Working Party should, at a later stage, appoint a Sub-Committee of French-speaking Delegates to examine the French text of the Technical Articles. A similar Sub-Committee might be established for considering the consistency of the English text as compared with the French. He said that the final responsibility for accurate documents must rest with the Committee itself.

1. Article 20 - Marks of Origin.

The report of the Sub-Committee on paragraph 7 (Document W/80), substituting a new paragraph for that contained in the Report of the Drafting Committee, was approved without discussion.

2. Article 16 - Freedom of Transit.

Paragraph 1. Adopted without further discussion.

Paragraph 2. The Delegate for INDIA stated that he did not wish to press for the change proposed by his Delegation as recorded in the Report of the Drafting Committee. The proposal

of the UNITED KINGDOM (Document W/89) was discussed and the paragraph was adopted subject to the deletion of the words "the nationality of persons".

Paragraph 3. A proposed change in the French text (document W.33) was noted and the paragraph was then adopted.

Paragraph 4. Adopted subject to the insertion of the words "in transit" after "traffic" in the second line.

Paragraph 5. It was agreed to alter the word "rules" in the first line to "regulations".

The WORKING PARTY then discussed the proposal of the Czechoslovak Delegation (W/63) to add the following at the end of the paragraph:

"This rule, however, shall apply to any special provision regarding transport charges only in cases where like products are being transported on the same route, in the same direction and under the same conditions."

Delegates expressed understanding of the problems posed by the Czechoslovak Delegate and it was agreed to appoint a sub-committee to decide upon a suitable amendment. Accordingly, arrangements were made for a sub-committee composed of the Delegates for Belgium, Czechoslovakia, United Kingdom and the United States to meet at 3 p.m. on Monday, May 19th.

Paragraph 6. The CHAIRMAN noted that the Delegates for FRANCE and BENELUX proposed the deletion of the sixth paragraph (Document W/32) while the Delegates for Cuba and the United States proposed the deletion of the second sentence (Documents W/29 and W/23). The proposal that the paragraph should be deleted was discussed at length and was eventually referred to the sub-committee appointed to prepare the amendment of the

fifth paragraph. The Delegates for Australia and France were added to the sub-committee.

3. Sub-Committee on Article 19.

Mr. R.J. Shackle was appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Article 19, and arrangements were made for a meeting to be held at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, May 19th.

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, May 19th.

The meeting rose at 12.50 p.m.