

SECOND SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE
UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENTOBSERVATIONS BY THE FRENCH DELEGATION
ON DOCUMENT E/PC/T/103
(Record of work performed by working
party on technical articles.)

The French Delegation desires to make the following observations affecting both the French and English texts of document E/PC/T/103.

Article 16: 1 (Comments, page 3).

It might have been advisable to state that:

"The Netherlands Delegation enquired whether the principle of freedom of transit was applicable to goods of foreign origin arriving in a country without the final destination being known at the time and subsequently consigned to a third country after being in bond in the country in question. By a majority vote, the Working Party considered that the answer to this question was in the affirmative. (See Summary Record of 16 May 1947 - E/PC/T/WP.1/SR.6, page 4.)"

Article 16: 6 (Comments, page 5).

The following sentence might be added at the end:

"In this connection see document E/PC/T/W/141 (Observations by the French Delegation), and the discussion which took place at the Seventh Meeting of Commission A on 3 June 1947 (E/PC/T/A/PV/7 pages 7 - 12 and A/SR/7, pages 1 - 3)."

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Article 20: 5 (Comments, page 29).

It would be desirable to add a reference to the meeting of the Working Party on 10 May 1947 (E/PC/T/WP.1/SR.2, page 2) and to emphasise the importance attached by the Working Party to the word "early" in this paragraph.

Article 21: 1 (Comments, page 33).

The following paragraph should be added, as suggested at the meeting of the Working Party on 12 May 1947 (E/PC/T/WP.1/SR.3, pages 2 and 3):

"The Drafting Committee considered that the Organization should be responsible for collecting, analysing and publishing in the most accessible form all laws, regulations and decisions concerning foreign trade and for the periodical collection, in the form of detailed studies, of information concerning the regulations of member States on a given point (E/PC/T/34, page 16). This idea was re-stated in an amendment proposed by the Delegations of France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg (E/PC/T/W.42). The Working Party noted this suggestion but in view of the provisions of sub-paragraph (a) of Article 61 considered it unnecessary to include it in paragraph 1 of Article 21."