RESUME OF THE CHAIRMAN AFTER THE FIRST READING

OF THE SCHUMAN PLAN WAIVER

The Chairman, summing up the discussion, pointed out that the following problems will have to be dealt with when the working party resumes its work during the latter part of next week:

1) Problems concerning the general economic policy of the Community towards other countries. Outside countries would like to obtain certain guarantees that the result of the economic integration of coal and steel and increased production in the Community would not lead to a tendency to isolation of the Community from third countries but on the contrary, to a further development of trade between the Community and third countries.

2) Consideration of the question of whether the preamble to the decision should specifically refer to the provision of the Schuman Plan treaty which relates to trade with third parties.

3) Problems relating to restrictive business practices vis-à-vis the outside world. Some countries have expressed the desire to obtain certain guarantees that the Community would not develop into a super cartel.

4) A decision should be reached as to whether a general waiver along the lines of Section 1 of the Draft Decision should be included or not.

5) A decision should be reached as to whether a proviso should be devised to supplement the provision contained in part 2 of Section 1 and in Sections 4 and 7, as regards the conditions under which quantitative restrictions (including balance-of-payment restrictions) could be introduced.

6) The question of equitable supplies (in case of shortages) should be further considered.

7) Section 11 of the draft relating to the amendment procedure will have to be considered.

8) The rearrangement of the draft Decision will have to be considered; some parts of the preamble may have to be shifted to the business part of the decision.
9) The relationship of the Community and of the High Authority with the CONTRACTING PARTIES will have to be clarified (possibly along the lines of the suggestions of the United States representative W.7/11).

10) The working party will have to consider whether some machinery within the framework of the GATT possibly on a permanent basis, will have to be set up to deal with the specific problems arising out of the functioning of the Community.