The representative of the Turkish delegation pointed out that the document submitted by the United Kingdom delegation had been distributed very belatedly and that probably most of the Working Party had read it for the first time at their opening meeting.

Commodity problems were, however, of special importance for the economically under-developed countries and those in process of development, as price differences and fluctuations between the commodities which they produced and manufactured articles had direct repercussions on the efforts of those countries to develop their economies. Such countries, therefore, had serious reasons to examine closely any proposal relating to international trade in primary commodities.

Further, the views held on the subject by the different international organizations and especially by the competent organs of the United Nations and the specialized agencies concerned must also be of considerable interest in view of the initial steps and other measures taken by them in this field.

In view of the above considerations and the lack of time, the representative of Turkey in the Working Party expressed the opinion that the Working Party should limit itself to drafting proposals of a general and preliminary nature for the definition of the main problems and the preparation of different measures, including outlines of international action.

In consequence, the representative of the Turkish delegation announced his inability to take part in an examination of the articles of the working paper, with the exception of clauses concerning relations with international organizations and especially with the United Nations and the specialized agencies.

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