Delete the summary of the statement by Mr. Muller (Belgium) on page 3 and substitute the following text:

M. MULLER (Belgium) said that he accepted the Note as a basis for discussion. His delegation was not, in principle, opposed to the establishment of an Economic Development Committee. However, he would be sorry to see the powers of the Tariff Committee reduced. In this respect he supported the view of the United Kingdom representative.

As to the proposal regarding the Tariff Committee, he did not agree that this Committee should be considered an interim body. He thought that if this Committee were to go out of existence it should subsequently be replaced by a Permanent Committee on Commercial Policy. In regard to paragraph (c), he asked that if the Economic Development Committee were granted a right of consultation in the work of the Tariff Committee, a reciprocal right should be provided for. In respect of paragraph (d) he asked that if an appeal were provided for against the decisions of the Tariff Committee by a Member not represented on that Committee, provision should also be made for a right of appeal by a Member represented on the Tariff Committee.

Regarding the Economic Development Committee, he first stated his agreement with the view of the French representative: this Committee must be a Committee on Economic Development and Reconstruction. Moreover, he thought that paragraph (b) which provided for a kind of appeal procedure against the decisions of the Economic Development Committee, should be made more specific, so as to maintain a better balance between the two Committees.

In regard to the proposed amendments to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, he did not believe that his delegation had the necessary powers to make those amendments.