SECOND COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SUB-COMMITTEE C ON ARTICLES 13 AND 14

NOTES ON THE EIGHTH AND NINTH MEETINGS

Held at the Capitol, Havana, Cuba on Monday, 26 January 1948, at 10.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. GUTIERREZ (Cuba)

The general discussion on the procedure which should be established concerning non-negotiated commitments inconsistent with the provisions of Chapter IV was continued during the eighth and ninth meetings of the Sub-Committee.

At the conclusion of the general discussion, a third Working Party was established, composed of the representatives of Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, India, Mexico, Philippines, the United Kingdom and the United States. The terms of reference of the Working Party were to determine the procedure to be followed in respect of measures concerning non-negotiated commitments which might be inconsistent with Chapter IV. Its work would be based on the Geneva Draft, the statement made by the Colombian representative at the eighth meeting, the proposal put forward by the Brazilian representative at the same meeting, and any amendment which might prove to be acceptable.

The Working Party was also asked to examine the text which it would prepare to see whether it covered the case of measures inconsistent both with Chapter IV and a negotiated commitment. In the event that it did not do so, the Working Party would prepare a text to cover such a case.

Any Member of the Sub-Committee which was not represented on Working Party 3 would be entitled to present to it his point of view and to follow its discussions.

The meetings rose at 1.00 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. respectively.