SECOND COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING

Held at the Capitol, Havana, Cuba on 18 March 1948 at 6.00 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. BETETA (Mexico)

CONSIDERATION OF REDRAFT OF ARTICLE 13 PROPOSED BY CENTRAL DRAFTING COMMITTEE (E/CONF.2/C.8/19, E/CONF.2/C.8/19/Corr.1 (English text) and E/CONF.2/C.8/19/Corr.2 (French text)).

On the suggestion of Mr. EVANS (United States of America), it was agreed to delete the sub-titles placed against the letters A, B and C but to retain the letters A, B and C and place them in the middle of the text.

Typographical errors were pointed out by Mr. RODRIGUES (Brazil), Mr. CATUDAL (United States of America) and Mr. ROGER (France) and these were subsequently corrected in Annex VII of the Report of the Committee to the Conference (E/CONF.2/69).

Following a proposal by Mr. SAENZ (Mexico) it was agreed to accept the words "any other" in place of "another" in paragraph 3 as renumbered in the second line on page 3 of E/CONF.2/C.8/19 and the word "any" in place of the word "the" in paragraph 4 (a) as renumbered in the fourth line on page 6 and in paragraph 9 as renumbered in the sixth line on page 22 and to delete the words "the provisions of" appearing in paragraph 3 as renumbered in the fifth line on page 3 and the words "any provision of" in paragraph 5 as renumbered in the third line from the bottom of page 9.

On the suggestion of Mr. HEWITT (Australia) the words "with a view to obtaining agreement" and "en vue de réaliser un accord" were deleted from paragraph 8 (a) appearing on page 17 of E/CONF.2/C.8/19 in order to conform with the decision of the Central Drafting Committee concerning paragraph 3 (a) as renumbered.

Article 13 as proposed by the Central Drafting Committee and amended at this meeting was approved by the Committee.


On the proposal of Miss FISHER (United Kingdom) the amendment to /paragraph 1
paragraph 1 of Article 14 proposed by her delegation was approved with the changes as set out in E/CONF.2/C.2/49 and E/CONF.2/C.2/49/Corr.1 as regards the English text. With regard to the French version of this amendment, set out in E/CONF.2/C.2/Rev.1, it was agreed to ask the Central Drafting Committee to prepare a French version incorporating the changes made at this meeting and it was further agreed that it would not be necessary for this version to be referred back to Committee II.*

Mr. RODRIGUES (Brazil) withdrew the reservation of his delegation with regard to Article 14 indicated in the last sentence of paragraph 13 of the Report of Sub-Committee C of Committee II (E/CONF.2/C.2/41).

Article 14 as proposed by the Central Drafting Committee and amended at this meeting and subject to the reference of the French text back to the Central Drafting Committee was approved by the Committee.


Mr. BRUDZINSKI (Poland) enquired as to the reason for a number of modifications made by the Central Drafting Committee including the addition of the words "and requirements" after the word "conditions" appearing in paragraph 6 (a) and elsewhere in Article 15. He also drew attention to the discrepancy which existed between "Preferential Agreements" in the title of Article 15 and "preferential arrangements" in the text of the Article.

Mr. SUETENS (Belgium) argued in favour of the retention of the words "and requirements" after "conditions". On the suggestion of Mr. EVANS (United States of America) it was agreed to amend the title by substituting "Agreements" for "Arrangements". It was also agreed that at the end of the fourth line of paragraph 6 (b) in the English text the word "prescribed" should be substituted not by "shall prescribe" as indicated in the corrigendum but simply by "prescribe".

Article 15 as proposed by the Central Drafting Committee and amended at this meeting was approved by the Committee.

Mr. MULLER (Chile) said that now that the work of the Committee had been concluded he wished to thank the Chairman for the efficiency and energy with which he had conducted that work. The Committee concurred.

The meeting rose at 7.45 p.m.

* The French text of Article 14 amended by the Central Drafting Committee in accordance with this decision is contained in Annex VII of E/CONF.2/69.