THIRD COMMITTEE: COMMERCIAL POLICY

SUB-COMMITTEE A (ARTICLES 16, 17, 18, 19)

AGENDA

Tuesday, 23 December 1947, 4:00 p.m.

(Note: References are to items in Revised Annotated Agenda, Section A, document E/CONF.2/C.3/6)

ARTICLE 17 - REDUCTION OF TARIFFS AND ELIMINATION OF PREFERENCES

1. Amendments to rules for negotiations

   Items 31, 33 (ii) and 35 -
   (a) prior equalization of tariff levels (Mexico)
   (b) special consideration for devastated, under-developed and
debtor countries (Colombia, Mexico and Peru) (See also
   Agenda Item 2 below)
   (c) ad valorem basis (Mexico)

   Items 32 and 33 (i) - automatic tariff reductions through currency
depreciation (Colombia and Peru)

   Item 34 - revenue tariffs (Ceylon) (See also Agenda Item 2 below)

   Item 36 - revision of negotiated agreements (Mexico)

   Item 42 - adjustment of customs duties to compensate for internal
taxes or charges reduced or eliminated under Articles 16 and 35
(Venezuela) (see document E/CONF.2/C.3/6, Corr.2)

   Suggested new sub-paragraph 1 (e) and new paragraph 4 (United States)
   (E/CONF.2/C.3/A/W.7)

   Suggested redraft of Article 17 (Australia)
   (E/CONF.2/C.3/A/W.9)

2. Exemptions from requirement to negotiate; criteria for determining
   failure to negotiate

   Item 28 - economic development and revenue tariffs (Haiti)

   Item 41 - revenue tariffs (El Salvador)

   Item 40 - economic development, balance of payments, monetary reserves
   and revenue tariffs (Chile)

   /3. Failure
3. Failure to negotiate; role of Organization (Tariff Committee)
   Item 26 - second sentence (Uruguay)
   Item 38 - (Uruguay)
   Item 39 - (Peru)
   Item 43 - (Peru and Uruguay)

4. Relationship of new or existing bilateral agreements to obligations
   under Article 17
   Items 45 and 47 - (Norway and Geneva Note)

5. Relationship of negotiations leading to General Agreement on Tariffs
   and Trade to obligations under Article 17
   Item 44 - (United States)