THIRD COMMITTEE: COMMERCIAL POLICY

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

AGENDA

Friday, 19 December 1947, 10.30 a.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. Initiation of and participants in negotiations - continuation of discussion.
   - Item 25 - first part ending with the words "the other Members" (Argentina)
   - Item 26 - first sentence (Uruguay)
   - Item 27 - first amendment (Mexico)
   - Item 28 - first sentence (Haiti)

2. Purpose of negotiations
   - Item 27 - second part beginning with the word "negotiations" (Argentina)
   - Item 27 - second amendment beginning with the word "conclusion" and third amendment beginning with the words "in order to secure" (Mexico)
   - Item 29 - (Philippines)

3. Amendments to rules for negotiations
   - Items 30 and 46 - prior international commitments (Cuba and Geneva Note)
   - 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 4)
     (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 4)
   - 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 18 and 35
(Venezuela) (see document E/CONF.2/C.3/6, Corr.2)

4. 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)

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

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

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