THIRD COMMITTEE: COMMERCIAL POLICY

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

AGENDA

Monday, 22 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. Purpose of negotiations - Continuation of Discussion
   Item 29 - (Philippines)

2. Amendments to rules for negotiations
   Items 30 and 46 - prior international commitments (Cuba and Geneva Note)
   Items 31, 33 (11) 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 (1) - 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)

3. 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)

4. Failure to negotiate; role of Organization (Tariff Committee)
   Item 26 - second sentence (Uruguay)

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Item 38 - (Uruguay)
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5. Relationship of new or existing bilateral agreements to obligations under Article 17
   Items 45 and 47 - (Norway and Geneva Note)

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