THIRD COMMITTEE: COMMERCIAL POLICY

SUB-COMMITTEE F (ARTICLES 21, 23 AND 24)

NOTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING

Held on Monday, 12 January 1948 at 6.00 p.m.

Chairman: J. MELANDER (Norway)

(Reference: E/CONF.2/C.3/7)

ARTICLE 21 - RESTRICTIONS TO SAFEGUARD THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

The delegate of Belgium made a statement in support of his proposed amendment to Articles 21 and 23 (see C.3/F/W.6). His remarks are being circulated separately.

General comments on the statement and proposed amendments were made by several delegates.

It was agreed to defer detailed consideration of the specific amendments to Article 21 proposed by Belgium until Members of the Sub-Committee had time for further study.

Items 28, 33, 44 and 46 were deferred for consideration at the next meeting.

Item 35 (Denmark)

The Sub-Committee agreed to the wording of the sentence in paragraph 3 (b) beginning "Such a Member may experience..." as submitted by a Working Party in document C.3/F/W.8. The delegate of the United Kingdom explained that the relationship of paragraph 3 (b) to certain provisions of Article 20 was under consideration by Sub-Committee E of Committee III and that such consideration might lead to requests for a further revision of paragraph 3 (b).

Item 36 (Geneva Draft Note)

The Sub-Committee agreed to the proposed deletion of the introductory words of sub-paragraph 3 (b) (1): "Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Article" as well as of the interpretative footnote relating to these words which appears on page 21 of the Geneva Draft.

Item 38 (Argentina)

The Sub-Committee considered the report of a Working Party on the last three lines of paragraph 3 (c) (11) (see C.3/F/W.10). The text of the last three lines
three lines of paragraph 3 (c) (ii) as approved by the Sub-Committee reads as follows: "...or prevent the importation of such minimum quantities of a product as may be necessary to obtain and maintain patent, trademark, copyright or similar rights under industrial or intellectual property laws; and...".

ARTICLE 23 - EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION.

The Sub-Committee entered into preliminary discussion of paragraph 1 (b) (i) and (ii) of the amendment proposed thereto.