THIRD COMMITTEE: COMMERCIAL POLICY

SUB-COMMITTEE F (ARTICLES 21, 22 AND 24)

NOTES OF SIXTH MEETING

Held on Thursday, 15 January 1948, at 3.00 p.m.

Chairman: J. MELANDER (Norway)

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ARTICLE 21 - RESTRICTIONS TO SAFEGUARD THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

The delegate of Brazil having indicated the interest of his Government in Article 21, it was agreed to add Brazil to the Working Party on Article 21 established at the Fifth Meeting.

The CHAIRMAN called attention to the Norwegian amendment to paragraph 5 (C.3/F/4) which should have appeared on the Agenda.

On the suggestion of the CHAIRMAN the Sub-Committee agreed that Items 28 and 33 (Australia) should be referred to the Working Party on Article 21 without discussion.

ARTICLE 23 - EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Item 75 (Argentina) found little support.

The Sub-Committee considered paragraph 1, sub-paragraph (b) in the light of the amendments to it proposed by France, Belgium and Norway. After discussion these amendments were referred to a Working Party to be established to consider amendments to Article 23.

On the invitation of the CHAIRMAN, the delegate of Uruguay explained his Government's position on its amendments to Article 23. He stated that the amendments proposed to paragraphs 1 and 3 (Items 62 and 70) were dependent on Uruguay's amendment to Article 21 and since the latter had not been supported by the Sub-Committee, he considered that Items 62 and 70 were similarly disposed of. However, he reserved the right to reopen consideration of Items 62 and 70 in full Committee. The delegate of Uruguay also explained his position on Item 72 (Uruguay), but it was agreed by the Sub-Committee that the Geneva text was preferable.

The CHAIRMAN stated that Working Party of Sub-Committee A of Committee III dealing with Article 16 might have recommendations which would affect paragraph 5 (b)
paragraph 5-(b) of Article 23 and that such recommendations would be taken into account by Sub-Committee F in due course.