THIRD COMMITTEE: COMMERCIAL POLICY

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

NOTES ON THE SECOND MEETING

Held on Wednesday, 7 January 1948, at 4.45 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. J. MELANDER (Norway)

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

Article 21 - Restrictions to Safeguard the Balance of Payments

1. Item 36 - A proposal by the United States delegate, that the introductory words of sub-paragraph 3 (b) (i): "notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Article" as well as the note to the Geneva Draft should be deleted, found considerable support. Final decision, however, was deferred until discussion of the Belgian draft.

2. Item 37 - In the absence of the delegate of Ceylon discussion was deferred.

3. Item 38 - The Argentine delegate suggested the last phrase of sub-paragraph 3 (c) (ii) to read: "or prevent the elements necessary for the registration or the commencement and continuation of the exploitation of patents, trademarks or copyrights". The delegates of the Argentine and United States were requested to prepare an agreed draft for study by the Sub-Committee.

A proposal by the delegate of Brazil to insert the word "unreasonably" after "prevent" in the seventh and ninth lines was not adopted.

4. Item 39 - Little support being forthcoming for the deletion of sub-paragraph 4 (a) it was decided to retain it. It was agreed that the delegate of Ceylon who was not present would be given an opportunity at a later meeting to present his proposal.

5. Items 40, 41 and 42 - The amendments submitted by Argentina, Italy and Uruguay not finding approval, the present text was maintained.

6. Items 43 and 44 - No support forthcoming, the amendments of Uruguay were not adopted.

7. Items 44 and 45 - In the absence of the delegate of Venezuela discussion was deferred.
7. **Item 47** - The Italian amendment found no support.

8. **Items 48 and 49** - There being no support for either proposal, sub-paragraphs 4 (d) and (e) were maintained without change.

9. **Item 50** - The Belgian reservation was left in abeyance pending submission of the new Belgian draft text.