FOURTH COMMITTEE: RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES

SUMMARY RECORD OF TWELFTH MEETING

Held at the Capitol, Havana, Cuba, Friday 30 January 1948, at 10.30 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. CHARLONE (Uruguay)
Mr. De BARROS (Brazil)


As the Chairman was unable to attend the whole meeting and as the Vice-Chairman was unavoidably absent, the Committee unanimously elected Mr. De BARROS (Brazil) as ad hoc chairman.

Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22 and 23 of the Report were approved by the Committee without comment.

Mr. GELDERMAN (Netherlands) said that he had not formally reserved the position of his delegation with respect to Article 50, but only as regards Article 18 (a).

The CHAIRMAN said that paragraph 5 of the report would be corrected accordingly.

Mr. LEQUERICA (Colombia) recalled that during the discussion of Article 50, he had reserved the position of his delegation with respect to the scope of that Article.

The CHAIRMAN said that the reservation of the Colombian representative would be duly noted in paragraph 5 of the Report.

At the suggestion of Mr. MADJID (Afghanistan), it was agreed that the wording of the third sentence in the English version of paragraph 10 would be brought into conformity with the French text of that sentence by adding the words "in that product" after "international trade".

Mr. NGOIQA-MORALIS (Guatemala) drew attention to the decision which had been taken by the Committee to record the fact that electricity both as a product and a service was covered by Article 50, and by Chapter V as a whole (E/CONF.2/C.4/SR.7). A statement to that effect should be included in paragraph 18 of the Report.

The CHAIRMAN said the point would be included in the Report.

/Mr. FORTHOMME
Mr. FORTHOMME (Belgium) drew attention to the omission of the heading “Article 51” in the French text of the Report. He also expressed some doubts as to the clarity of the wording of paragraph 21 although he would not press the point.

With these changes paragraphs 5, 10 and 18 were also approved.


After a short discussion in which several representatives requested that consideration of the final text be postponed until a later meeting, the Committee agreed to that procedure.

Consideration of the Note of the Sub-Committee on Chapter VIII on the Relationship between that Chapter and Other Parts of the Charter (document E/CONF.2/C.6/49).

Mr. COUILLARD (Canada), Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Chapter VIII, announced that the Sub-Committee had decided to give further consideration to the text of the note.

Consideration of that subject in connection with paragraph 8 of the Report was, therefore, also postponed.

The meeting rose at 12.00 p.m.