He recalled that in Geneva this question was considered finally in the Commission B of that Conference. It was felt in certain quarters that after the partition of India it might or might not occupy the position of sufficient economic importance as to warrant its inclusion in the permanent seats allotted in the Executive Board under Alternative A.

The India representative on 17 August, that is two days after the partition, stated that the new Dominion of India as it stood, did continue to occupy a position of equal economic importance and in recognition of that fact, and after full consideration of the position, the relevant Commission in which this question came up did decide that the Dominion of India deserved a permanent seat allotted under Alternative A.

He wished to clarify the position for the Members who were not present in Geneva and he made that statement to make it understood that the Indian delegation did not accept the validity of the statement which the delegate of Pakistan made on that subject.