SIXTH COMMITTEE: ORGANIZATION

SUB-COMMITTEE ON ARTICLE 75 (COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD)

Proposal by the Delegation of Australia for Consideration by the Sub-Committee

Article 75

Executive Board.

1. The Executive Board shall consist of the representatives of 18 Members of the Organization elected by the Conference. A customs union as defined in paragraph 4 of Article 42 shall be eligible for a seat on the Executive Board, if all of its members are Members of the Organization and if its members desire to be represented as a unit.

2. In electing the members of the Executive Board the Conference shall provide:

(a) reasonable representation of the diverse types of economy and of the major geographic areas existing within the membership of the Organization;

(b) membership for Members or Customs Unions which have the largest external trade, the number of such members elected being determined by the Conference in the light of the requirements of paragraph 2 (a).

3. The Conference shall arrange to receive a report and recommendations on the implementation of paragraph 2 and shall regularly establish on a comparative basis the size of the external trade of each of the Members of the Organization and of customs unions composed wholly of Members.

4. The members of the Board shall be elected, and the determinations required by this Article shall be made by a two-thirds majority of Members present and voting. If on two consecutive ballots no Member is elected the remainder of the election shall be by a majority of the Members of the Conference present and voting.

5. The term of membership of the Board shall be three years unless the Conference determines otherwise. A retiring member shall be eligible for immediate re-election.