
The CHAIRMAN felt that since the Informal Working Party had been unable to find a generally acceptable alternative to the insertion of a provision in the Charter along the lines of the United States amendment, the Sub-Committee was faced now with the decision on the United States amendment itself.

The representative of the UNITED STATES stated that in view of the opposition which the United States amendment encountered, he was prepared to withdraw that amendment.

The representative of the UNITED KINGDOM said that the objection of his delegation had been less to the substance than to the time and place of introduction of the United States amendment. The United Kingdom recognized the burden of the United States taxpayer. He stated that it was not merely their wish, but that they felt moral obligation to do what could be done to alleviate that burden.

The representative of FRANCE associated himself with the comments of the representative of the United Kingdom.

The representative of DENMARK said that his country and other neighbouring countries were interested in restoration of trade relations with areas under military occupation, and expressed the hope that the occupying powers would take advantage of the new clause suggested for inclusion in Article 68.

The representative of CHINA thanked the United States representative for his spirit of co-operation and assured him that his delegation viewed with sympathy the real objective of the United States proposal which was, he believed, to find the means to alleviate the heavy burden on the United States taxpayer. He said that he would call the attention of the Chinese representative on the Far Eastern Commission to this problem.
The representative of FRANCE requested that a corrigendum be issued to the French text of the report of the Informal Working Party, replacing the word "variante" by the words "solution alternative".

The representative of POLAND stated that as yet he had not received instructions concerning the text agreed upon by the Informal Working Party. Therefore, he was unable to take any definite position.

The representative of CZECHOSLOVAKIA stated that he reserved his position pending the receipt of instructions from his government.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that, in order to avoid delay and to give opportunity to delegates who might wish to consult with their governments on the suggested inclusion of a new paragraph in Article 68, the Sub-Committee submit a preliminary report to Committee VI including the text suggested by the Working Party for insertion in Article 68.

The representative of POLAND suggested that the consideration of that text by the Sub-Committee be suspended pending the receipt of instructions from his government.

The representative of the UNITED STATES believed that a preliminary report should be submitted to Committee VI. Representatives who had not received instructions from their governments could reserve their position.

The representative of CHINA agreed with the representative of the UNITED STATES.

The representative of FRANCE said that the Sub-Committee in its preliminary report should recommend that the Committee examine the text submitted by the Informal Working Party.

The representative of DENMARK moved the closure of the discussion.

The CHAIRMAN consulted the sense of the meeting, which was in favour of closure of the discussion on that subject.

It was agreed that the Sub-Committee would submit a preliminary report to Committee VI, on the UNITED STATES amendment to Article 99, including the suggestion of the Informal Working Party to insert a new clause in Article 68.