The Sub-Committee discussed paragraph 3 (a) of the United States draft. Mr. COLBAN (Norway) suggested the following wording:

"3 (a) At intervals . . . . . . voting, up to a number of eight Members or customs unions, etc."

Messrs. COOMBS (Australia) and MONDELLO (Italy) opposed the specification of the number of seats to be given to Members of chief importance in international trade. Mr. Coombs favoured the setting up by the Conference of machinery of the type of a nominations committee which would determine and recommend the composition of the Board.

Mr. FORTHOMME (Belgium) was opposed to the establishment of machinery such as that suggested by the representative of Australia.

Mr. MACBADO (Cuba) suggested a range of not less than six but not more than eight Members of chief economic importance in international trade be prescribed.

Mr. WUNS-Z-KING (China) proposed that paragraph 3 (a) be adopted on first reading, between square brackets if necessary. The phrase "chief importance in international trade" should be amended to "chief economic importance having particular regard to international trade."

Messrs. MARTEN (United Kingdom) and STINEBOWER (United States) favoured paragraph 3 (a) as it stood, Mr. Stinebower arguing that to specify a range of Members of chief importance in international trade was of little practical use when any one figure prescribed could be amended under Article 95 just as easily as a Board could be elected.