SIXTH COMMITTEE: ORGANIZATION

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

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE THIRTEENTH MEETING

Held 10 January 1948 at 3.00 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. JABBARA (Syria)

The Sub-Committee had before it document E/CONF.2/C.6/W.29, being a working paper prepared by the Secretariat upon the question of the annex referred to in paragraph 4 of the United States draft.

Mr. STINEBOWER (United States) was in favour of the annex containing a list of the states or customs unions of chief economic importance having particular regard to international trade to be elected at the first session of the Conference, together with a provision such as that mentioned in paragraph 3 of the Secretariat paper. He also favoured the inclusion in the annex of a provision to the effect that should one of the eight states or customs unions listed not be a Member of the Organization at the first session of the Conference, the seat allotted to that state or customs union should remain vacant until the second session when it would be filled. He suggested that the eight states or customs unions should be: the "Benelux" Customs Union, Canada, China, France, India, the United Kingdom, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States.

Opinions were evenly divided in the Sub-Committee as to whether a list such as that proposed by the representative of the United States or a full list of all the Members to be elected at the first session of the Conference should be included in the annex. In the circumstances the Chairman announced that the question of the list would be further considered at a later stage.

The representatives of Australia, Belgium, Peru and the United States were appointed as a working party to draft appropriate language for Article 75 upon the basis of the decisions already reached by the Sub-Committee. The working party was also charged with preparing a draft annex containing only the procedure to be followed at the first election.