SIXTH COMMITTEE: ORGANIZATION

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

Redraft of Article 75 Suggested by the Working Group
in Accordance with the Instructions of the Sub-Committee

Article 75
Composition of the Executive Board

1. The Executive Board shall consist of the representatives of eighteen Members of the Organization selected by the Conference; Provided that a customs union, as defined in paragraph 4 of Article 42, may be so elected if all of its members are Members of the Organization and if its members desire to be represented as a unit.

2. The Executive Board shall be representative of the major geographical areas included within the membership of the Organization. In selecting the members of the Executive Board, the Conference shall have regard to the objective of ensuring that the Board includes Members or customs unions of chief economic importance having particular regard to international trade, and is representative of the diverse types of economies or different degrees of economic development existing within the membership of the Organization.

3. (a) At intervals of three years the Conference shall determine, by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting, the eight Members or customs unions of chief economic importance having particular regard to international trade. Such Members or customs unions shall be declared members of the Executive Board.
   
   (b) The other members of the Executive Board shall be elected by the Conference by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting.
   
   (c) If on two consecutive ballots no member is elected, the remainder of the election shall be by a majority of the Members present and voting.

4. The term of a member of the Executive Board shall be three years, except that, at the first election, the provisions of Annex X shall apply. Any vacancy in the Board shall be filled by the Conference for the unexpired term of the vacancy.

5. The Conference shall establish rules for giving effect to the provisions of this Article.

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Of the ten members elected to the Executive Board at the first election under sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 3 of Article 75, five members, as determined by lot, shall serve for a term of two years, and the remaining five members for a term of four years.