SIXTH COMMITTEE: ORGANIZATION

SUB-COMMITTEE ON ARTICLES 96, 98, 99 AND 100

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE FOURTH MEETING

Hold on 14 January 1948 at 3.00 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. FAWCETT (United Kingdom)

CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION ON ARTICLE 98

The delegate of Mexico stated that he must continue to support his amendment on the principle of majority to the first part of paragraph 2 of Article 98.

In view of this position, the Chairman stated that this Sub-Committee could not report agreement on this question to the Sixth Committee and summed up the position of the delegations represented on the Sub-Committee as follows:

In favour of the Geneva text of Article 98 (first part of paragraph 2):
Belgium, France, India, Italy, United Kingdom and the United States;

In favour of the joint Mexican-Uruguayan amendment:
Argentina, Mexico and Uruguay;

In favour of a compromise number:
Czechoslovakia.

The following proviso was adopted by the Sub-Committee to replace the proviso in paragraph 2 of Article 98:

"Provided that, if this Charter shall not have entered into force by 30 June 1949, the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall institute consultation among those governments which have deposited acceptances to determine whether, and on what conditions, they desire to bring the Charter into force."

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 100

After some discussion, the Sub-Committee came to the conclusion that the object of this amendment could be best decided at a later stage in the plenary sessions of the Sixth Committee and the Conference. At the same time, the Sub-Committee decided to inform the Sixth Committee that it had found no precedent in other organizations for the object aimed at in the proposed amendment.