SIXTH COMMITTEE: ORGANIZATION

SUB-COMMITTEE ON ARTICLE 1

NOTES ON FIRST MEETING

Held 10 February 1948 at 6.00 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. COLBAN (Norway)

The amendment to the preamble suggested by the delegation of Uruguay (document E/CONF.2/C.6/12, page 28) was accepted in principle and the representatives of the United States and Uruguay were asked to prepare an appropriate draft.

There was no support in the Sub-Committee for the amendment to the preamble suggested by the delegation of El Salvador (document E/CONF.2/C.6/12/Add.11). However, as the representative of El Salvador was absent, it was agreed that this amendment would be considered at a later meeting.

The amendment to paragraph 1 proposed by the delegation of Italy (document E/CONF.2/C.6/12) was withdrawn, the representative of Italy reserving his right to give an explanation in plenary session.

After some discussion the amendment to paragraph 2 proposed by the delegation of Ecuador (document E/CONF.2/C.6/12) was referred to a working party composed of the representatives of Ecuador, the United Kingdom, the United States and Uruguay.

The amendment to paragraph 2 suggested by the delegation of Norway (document E/CONF.2/C.6/12) was withdrawn on the understanding that the point in question had been covered elsewhere in the Charter.

The amendment to paragraph 4 presented by the delegation of Mexico (document E/CONF.2/C.6/12/Add.12) gained the support of only two members of the Sub-Committee. It, together with the amendment to this paragraph proposed by the delegation of Uruguay (document E/CONF.2/C.6/12) was also referred to the working party which had already been set up.

It was suggested that the proposal by the delegation of Mexico to add a new paragraph between the present paragraphs 3 and 4 (document E/CONF.2/C.6/12/Add.12) might be met by the insertion in paragraph 3 of the words "raw materials" between "markets" and "products". Discussion on this amendment was deferred until a later meeting.