SECOND SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT.

Summary Record of the 43rd Meeting of Commission A held on Monday, 18 August 1947 at 2.30 p.m. in the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Chairman: H.E. Erik Colban (Norway)

Continued discussion of ARTICLES 14, 15, 15 B and 24.

Article 14.

The Commission resumed the discussion of Article 14.

On Annex B it was agreed to insert the territories of the "French Establishments in India" which had been inadvertently omitted. Annex B was then approved.

On Annex C the Delegates of the UNITED KINGDOM and the UNITED STATES remarked that in view of the statements by the Governments of Belgium-Luxembourg and the Netherlands contained in document E/PC/T/63 Rev.1 which did not specify the products enjoying preferences, they had to reserve their position provisionally.

The Delegate of BELGIUM explained the history of these preferences and quoted from the agreement establishing these preferences. He agreed to the insertion of a footnote stating that they applied exclusively to imports to the metropolitan territories of the Customs Union.

Annex C was then approved.

Annex D was approved.

The Delegate of CUBA withdrew his reservation because this was covered by the general reservation on paragraph 2.
On Annex E the Delegate of CHILE proposed to add to the list of territories the names of Argentine and Bolivia, but did not insist in view of the general reservation made by the Delegate of Chile on Article 14.

Annexes E and F were approved without change.

The Commission accepted the suggestion of the Delegate of Australia as Chairman of the Sub-Committee to examine certain comments contained in the introductory part of the Sub-Committee's Report and, in relation to Article 14, associated itself with the view of the Sub-Committee concerning certain types of customs action which may result in an increase of the margin of preference.

Article 15.

The Delegate for NORWAY entered a reservation on the whole of the Article.

The Delegate of CHILE explained that his reservation referred to the second and third sentences of paragraph 1. Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 were approved without change, the Delegate of Chile reserving his position also on paragraph 3.

In paragraph 4 it was decided to adopt the proposal contained in the Report of the Special Sub-Committee on Films (E/PC/T/175) for a new sub-paragraph (a) and to insert in the former sub-paragraph (a), now (b), the word "other" after the first word "any".

The Sub-Committee could not agree to a proposal by the Delegate for NEW ZEALAND to delete from sub-paragraph (b) the words "shall not be modified to the detriment of imports and" and to add a further sentence. The Delegate for New Zealand reserved his position, his proposal being incorporated in a footnote.

Paragraph 5 was deleted.
The Delegate for NORWAY did not insist on the retention of the note concerning the date in sub-paragraph (b), considering it covered by the general reservation.

At the end of the French text of paragraph 6, now becoming paragraph 5, the word "nationaux" was substituted for "domestiques".

This provision was approved without further change.

On examining the comments in the Report relating to Article 15, the Commission endorsed the views expressed by the Sub-Committee regarding differential transport charges; charges connected with the international transfer of payments; the application of a reduced rate of duty on a product to be mixed with a domestic product; and regulations directed against the domestic production and importation of one product even though incidentally protecting another domestic product.

**Article 15 B.**

The insertion of this Article as drafted by the Special Sub-Committee on Films (E/PC/T/175) was approved, the only change being the insertion of the word "exposed" before the words "cinematograph films" in the preamble.

The Delegates for CZECHOSLOVAKIA, the NETHERLANDS and the UNITED KINGDOM reserved their position provisionally.

The Delegate for FRANCE reserved his position, in particular on the duration of the quota system.

**Article 24.**

Upon the proposal of the Delegate of NORWAY, the words "that such agreements are consistent with the relevant principles of Article 17 and" were inserted after the word "provided" in the footnote to this Article.
The text of the preamble of paragraph 1 was approved without change.

Sub-paragraph (a) was deleted and an explanatory note to be attached to this Article was agreed to.

Sub-paragraph (b), now sub-paragraph (a), was approved, the only change being the substitution of the word "chacun" for the words "l'un ou l'autre" at the end of (iii) in the French text.

As a consequence of the deletion of sub-paragraph (a), the Delegate for CUBA agreed to the omission of his note to this sub-paragraph.

In sub-paragraph (c), now sub-paragraph (b), the words "le maintien conventionnel" were replaced by the words "la consolidation" in the French text.

In both the English and French texts the word "Geneva" was deleted.

In paragraph 2 the French text was brought into conformity with the English text in so far as the word "Directeur Générale" was replaced by the word "Organization" and a small change of style made.

Except for these changes, the rest of Article 24 was approved.

The meeting rose at 7.45 p.m.