1. The CHAIRMAN moved discussion on Chapter VII of the Draft Report concerning inter-governmental commodity arrangements. As a result certain changes have been made both in the text of the Chapter and in the commentaries.

(a) Changes in the Text:

On the suggestion of the Australian delegate it was decided to replace the present title of Section A "General Considerations" by "Inter-governmental Commodity Arrangements in General" and to omit the present Section B altogether and accordingly to change Section C and D to Section B and C respectively.

In Article 52 it was decided to include the word "primary" in the first line of sub-paragraph (a) which now reads as follows:

"a burdensome surplus of a primary commodity has developed..."

The wording of sub-paragraph (c) of Article 53 was changed in order to clarify its meaning, viz., that individual countries who are at the same time producers and consumers might according to their interests side either with the Consumers or with the Producers, it being understood that one country cannot side with both.

The other changes brought to the text were minor drafting changes and will be incorporated in the final Report.

(b) Changes Made in the Commentaries.

The Committee decided to change the wording of the first and
fourth general comment. It was agreed to omit the comment referring to Article 52, sub-paragraph (a) altogether. As to the suggested additional paragraph of Article 52 it was decided to state in the Report that this question was raised by the FAO Observer, and to add that it was recognized that the matter was one for consideration in Geneva.

With regard to sub-paragraph (e) of Article 53, the Committee decided on the suggestion of the Cuban delegate to include in the Report the following sentence: "It was felt that the phrase substantial progress toward solution of the problem" should cover an agreement formulated to impede a deterioration of the situation.


Mr. IACARTE (Executive Secretary) stated that after the Committee had dealt with this Chapter and decided upon amendments a new corrected mimeographed document will be issued before the end of the week for most of the delegates to take home with them. The confidential character of the Report was again stressed.

In this meeting Articles 14-27 and 37 were discussed.

The text of the Articles was adopted with minor verbal changes and corrections.

In paragraph 2(a) of Article 16 three alternative texts were introduced, of which one represents the wording from the United States Draft Charter, in an attempt to clarify and define for purposes of tariff valuation the expression "actual value".

The delegates indicated whether or not their reservations and observations were maintained.

The Commentary elaborated by the Secretariat was adopted with certain changes, deletions and additions, which will be incorporated in the revised Report.

The Committee adjourned at 11:30 p.m.