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

ARTICLE 18: TARIFF VALUATION

Amendment proposed by the United Kingdom Delegation

At the Thirty-Second Meeting of Commission A held on
Wednesday, 23rd July, the United Kingdom Delegate made a re­
servation regarding (1) the omission from paragraph 18 (2)(a)
(ii), as submitted by the Sub-Committee, of the words "between
independent buyer and seller" and (2) the terms of the second
note to the paragraph, in which reference is made to the
deletion of those words (E/PC/T/142, page 11).

The United Kingdom Delegation are still of opinion that
the concept of independence of buyer and seller is one which
should properly have been included in the text. In the inter­
est of unanimity on this important Article they are, however,
prepared not to insist upon this point provided they can be
given satisfaction by amendment of the note. Their suggestion,
which if accepted would enable the United Kingdom Delegation
to withdraw their reservation and, it is thought, would not
do violence to the opinion of any other Member of the Commission,
is that the note referred to should be replaced by the
following:-

"The Preparatory Committee considered that it
would be in conformity with Article 18 (2) (a) for a
member to construe the phrase "in the ordinary course
of trade", read in conjunction with "under fully com­
petitive conditions", as excluding any transaction
wherein the buyer and seller are not independent of
each other and price is not the sole consideration."