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Article 24.

Observations by the Norwegian Delegation.

Document E/PC/T/136, dated the 29th July, 1947, has, as far as it is known, not yet been dealt with. It is, however, noted that the United Kingdom Delegation in Document E/PC/T/W/270 of the 12th August, 1947, submits certain amendments to the said paper. It is also noted that the report of the Legal Drafting Committee on Chapter I, II and VIII (E/PC/T/159) on page 20 uses texts taken from the same paper.

In order not to find themselves before a more or less accomplished fact the Norwegian Delegation deem it necessary to state that they are not in agreement with the recommendations of the Tariff Negotiations Working Party contained in document E/PC/T/136. The Norwegian Delegation could not subscribe to the fundamental alteration of article 24 which these recommendations would imply. We have worked on the assumption of the general lines of article 24 remaining intact all through the meetings in London, in New York and for four months here in Geneva and can not admit the radical change contemplated by the Tariff Negotiations Working Party.