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

Czechoslovak Delegation.

Article 19 of the New York Draft Charter.

The Czechoslovak Delegation suggests the following amendment:

Add a new paragraph:

(5) The Organisation shall prepare and sponsor the acceptance of an international convention relating to the simplification and standardization of customs formalities or techniques and for the elimination of unnecessary customs requirements. To this end the Organisation shall pay special attention to the effects and results of the provisions of previous conventions and agreements.

Explanatory Comment:

The majority of the Members of the Preparatory Committee are signatories of the Geneva Convention of November 3rd 1923 relating to the Simplification of customs formalities and incorporated its provisions into their own customs legislature and regulations. If no provision for a new convention would be made in the Charter, these countries would obviously be in a disadvantageous position as compared to countries which did not adhere to the Geneva Convention to whom only Art. 19 which does not cover the whole field of simplification of customs formalities would apply.