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

WORKING GROUP ON "TECHNICAL" ARTICLES

Summary Record of Meeting of the AD HOC SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED FOR THE DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE 16, PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 6 (19 May 1947, 3.00 p.m.)

Chairman: Mr. SHACKLE

Present for Article 16, paragraph 5: the delegates for Belgium, Czechoslovakia, United Kingdom, United States, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa also attending;

for Article 16, paragraph 6: the former with the addition of Australia and France.

After an exchange of views on paragraph 5 of Article 16, the Czechoslovak delegate provisionally approved the version as it appeared in the Report of the Drafting Committee. It was decided that the following note should be included in the Report to the Working Party on "Technical" Articles:

"With regard to transport charges it would be understood that the principle of paragraph 5 refers to like products being transported on the same route under like conditions."

In the debate on paragraph 6, the delegate for France stressed the necessity of changing the present text in view of the fact that the French ports will not be fully usable for some years to come. Several amendments suggested during the meeting to solve the difficulty did not meet with unanimous approval. Mr. LEDDY (United States) urged the Committee either to include paragraph 6 in its present form or to delete it from Article 16, and discuss this point in connection with Article 14. No agreement could be reached but it appeared that the majority favoured the retention of paragraph 6 in its present form. The delegate for FRANCE declared his reservation against the inclusion of the second sentence of the paragraph.

It was decided to submit the following Report of the Ad hoc Sub-Committee to the Working Group on "Technical" Articles with regard to Article 16, paragraph 6:

"The Sub-Committee were in favour of the retention of this paragraph in the New York text, subject to a reservation by the French delegate who will raise this matter when Article 14 will be discussed."