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

ITO PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FINAL MEETING AND SIGNING OF FINAL ACT AND OF PROTOCOL OF PROVISIONAL APPLICATION

- 1. The Final Meeting of the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment was held in public session in the Council Chamber of the Palais des Nations at 10.00 AM on October 30, under the chairmanship of H.E. M. Max Suetens (Belgium). The following vicechairmen of the Committee were present: H.E. Dr. Erik Colban (Norway), Mr. Sergio I. Clark (Cuba) and Hon. L.D. Wilgress (Canada).
- 2. The Chairman of the Tariff Agreement Committee reported that the Tariff Agreement Committee had completed its work and today submitted to the Preparatory Committee a Final Act to be signed on behalf of all those countries which participated in the tariff negotiations. This Final Act authenticates the text of a General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade together with its accompanying Annexes and Schedules and also a Protocol of Provisional Application. A total of 123 negotiations between pairs of countries were completed during the course of the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee and the results of these negotiations are embodied in the Schedules to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.
- 3. The Chairman, M. Suetens, then addressed the Committee. The full text of his remarks is contained in Press Release No.475.
- 4. The Chairman of the Sub-committee of the Tariff Agreement Committee, on Credentials, Dr. Erik Colban (Norway) then submitted his peport and announced that all credentials were satisfactory.
- 5. The Chairman, M. Suetens, then announced that the Final Act was open for signature, and the following representatives signed in alphabetical order:

For the Commonwealth of Pour le Commonwealth d'Australie: Australia:

Mr. C.E. MORTON

For the Kingdom of Belgium: Pour le Royaume de Belgique: Mr. P.A. FORTHOMME

For the United States of Pour les Etats-Unis du Brésil: Brazil: Mr. A. de V. FERREIRA BRAGA

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Pour la Birmanie: For Burma: Mr. U. NYUN For Canada: Pour le Canada: Hon. L.D. WILGRESS Pour Ceylan: For Ceylon: Mr. G.C.S. COREA Pour la République du Chili: For the Republic of Chile: Mr. A. FAIVOVITCH For the Republic of China: Pour la République de Chine: H.E. Dr. WUNSZ KING Pour la République de Cuba: For the Republic of Cuba: Mr. Sergio I. CLARK For the Czechoslovak Republic: Pour la République tchécoslovaque: H.E. Dr. Z. AUGENTHALER For the French Republic: Pour la République française: Mr. P. BARADUC For India: Pour l'Inde: Mr. S. RANGANATHAN Pour le Liban: For Lebanon: Mr. MIKAOUI For the Grand-Duchy of Pour le Grand-Duché de Luxembourg: Luxemburg: Mr. J. STJRM For the Kingdom of the Pour le Royaume des Pays-Bas: Netherlands: Dr. A.B. SPEEKENBRINK For New Zealand: Pour la Nouvelle-Zélande: Mr. J.P.D. JOHNSEN For the Kingdom of Norway: Pour le Royaume de Norvège: H.E. Mr. E. COLBAN For Pakistan: Pour le Pakistan: Mr. H.I. RAHIMTOOLA For Southern Rhodesia: Pour la Rhodésie du Sud: Mr. K.M. GOODENOUGH For Syria: Pour la Syrie: Mr. H. JABBARA For the Union of South Africa: Pour l'Union Sud-Africaine: Mr. PARMINTER ·

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For the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: Mr. T.M. SNOW Pour le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord:

For the United States of America: Pour les Etats-Unis d'Amérique: Mr. Winthrop G. BROWN

6. The Chairman, M. Suetens, then announced that the Protocol of Provisional Application was open for signature, and the following representatives signed in alphabetical order:

> Belgium Canada Luxembourg Netherlands United Kingdom United States

Note to Press representatives: The countries named in the Protocol are: Australia, Belgium, Luxembourg, Canada, France, Netherlands, United Kingdom and United States. The release of the General Agreement together with the schedules on November 18 by the Secretary General depends on his having received signatures to the Protocol of all the above named countries by November 15. The signatures of Australia and France must therefore be received within the next 15 days.

7. Exchange of Notes. Notes, or instruments, were exchanged between the following countries and were signed in duplicate by their representatives. These Notes are concerned with the relationship between existing trade agreements and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

> Czechoslovakia - Australia United States - United Kingdom Canada France Cuba Brazil Belgium Netherlands

8. Chairman's closing remarks. The Chairman read the text of a telegram received today from the Secretary General of the United Nations: "I am heartened to loarn of successful conclusion of tariff negotiations begun under auspices Preparatory Committee in April. Successful conclusion of these negotiations is encouraging evidence of intention of United Nations to take common action to press on with the economic organisation of peace with a view to attaining the higher standards of living and economic progress envisaged in Article 55A of the UN Charter. Stop. Your agreement in Geneva is also a happy augury for successful outcome to the UN Conference on trade and employment which is to open in Havana next month."

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The Chairman made the following announcement of invitations issued to attend the Havana Conference.

Acceptances received up to October 24: Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Haiti, Liberia, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Afghanistan, Sweden, Pakistan, Portugal, Switzerland, Trans-Jordan through Iraq, Indonesia, Burma, Ceylon, Southern Rhodesia.

Refusals received up to October 24: Byelo-Russia, Ethiopia, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine, USSR, Yugoslavia, Siam, Bulgaria.

The proceedings then terminated and the Second Session of the Preparatery Committee was concluded.

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