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Report of Joint Sub-Committee of Committees II and VI
on Mexican Amendment to Article 9

1. At its first meeting on 14 December the Joint Sub-Committee of Committees II and VI considered the amendment proposed by Mexico to delete from Article 9 the words "through measures consistent with the other provisions of this Charter".
2. No member of the Sub-Committee desired that Article 9 impose an absolute obligation on members, i.e. to take action contrary to other provisions of the Charter. On the other hand some Members felt that there might be neutral measures which were neither consistent nor inconsistent with other provisions of the Charter, which might be prohibited by the present form of words.
3. It was also suggested that if the words "through measures consistent with the other provisions of this Charter" were necessary in this Article they would equally be necessary in other Articles in the Charter.
4. It was accordingly agreed
 - (a) that the question of whether it was necessary to include any words after "productivity" be referred to the Central Drafting Committee and
 - (b) that, if some form of words were required, the words "through measures not inconsistent with the other provisions of this Charter" should be used.
5. The above report was approved at the seventh meeting of the Joint Sub-Committee of Committees II and VI on 27 December 1947.

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