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I

To Article 72

1. The Cuban delegation is in favor of Alternative A, contained in the Article 72.
2. As regards to the formulas for the considered vote, appearing in the Alternatives B and C, contained in the appendix as formulas A and B, the Cuban delegation wishes to make the statement since now that they shall not accept as elements for the consideration of the vote (in the event that it shall be necessary to establish such a voting system in extraordinary cases), those mentioned in the above specified form, inasmuch as they are ruled through a criterion of general economy, in lieu of limiting themselves to the international commerce.
3. The Cuban delegation considers that before the Conference decides between between the equalizing vote and the weighted vote, it must be clarified, as a previous question, which shall be the indexes that shall form the international commercial criterion.

They therefore, propose the following indexes be examined:

- (a) That of imports and exports in absolute value, mentioned in a sole currency;
 - (b) That of the percentage of the export in connection with the respective national incomes;
 - (c) That of the percentage of the import and export articles "not manufactured" or "manufactured" respectively;
 - (d) That of the "per capita" percentage of the international commerce of each country;
 - (e) That of the percentage of the geographical concentration of international commerce of every country; and
 - (f) That of the tonnage of the respective merchant marines.
4. Before deciding between the weighted and the equalizing vote, the statistical experts of the Conference should be entrusted with the
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composition of tables based upon each of said indexes and in the conjunction of all or part of them.

The Cuban delegation will present, as soon as it is finished, an analysis of the various indexes and the reasons that justify the proposition it is making.

II

To Article 75

The Cuban delegation declares itself in favour of Alternative B, on the composition of the Executive Board, with the following amendments:

1. The Executive Board shall consist of representatives of not less than fifteen nor more than eighteen Members of the Organization, elected by the Conference by the affirmative vote of two thirds of the Members present and voting, taking in consideration the different geographical economical regions of the world.

Half of said Members may be re-elected at the expiration of the term for which they have been elected.

2. The actual text is accepted.
3. The actual text is accepted.

III

To Article 81

3. Each one of the Members represented in the Tariff Committee will have one vote.
4. All the decisions will be taken by a simple majority of votes of the Members present and voting, except that it be otherwise specified in the Charter or agreed by the Conference.
