

The delegation of the United States was particularly emphatic in rejecting this proposed objective which in fact, if accepted, would have "pledged" the Organization and its Members to support a general policy of control of international prices.

A similar provision, however, was added as a new subparagraph (d) to Article 72 - Functions (of the Organization), reading as follows:

"...to undertake studies on the relationship between world prices of primary commodities and manufactured products, to consider and, where appropriate, to recommend international agreements on, measures designed to reduce progressively any unwarranted disparity in those prices".

It will be noted that besides not making this proposal an objective to which Members would pledge themselves, its insertion in Article 72 as a "function" of the Organization merely provides that the Organization shall "undertake studies, consider and, where appropriate, recommend international agreements...". This provision, therefore, does not require the Organization to assume the role of controller of international prices.

Article 1 was considered as an important Article from the public relations point of view. It was realized that the lay man could hardly be expected to read such a lengthy and technical document as the Charter in its entirety. This explains, in part, the importance which was attached to the fact that the Article must contain as clear and as balanced a summary as possible of the scope of the Organization.

Furthermore, the importance of the Article within the framework of the Charter itself is given real practical significance by the fact that reference is made to it in some six or seven cases in other parts of the Charter, such as:

Article 2, para. 1: wherein Members recognize that the avoidance of unemployment or underemployment is a necessary condition for the achievement of the general purpose and the objectives of Article 1;

Article 5, sub-para. 1 (b): whereby Members and the Organization shall participate in arrangements for "studies, relevant to the purpose and objectives set forth in Article 1, concerning international aspects of population and employment problems";

Article 8: which speaks of the "Importance of Economic Development and Reconstruction in Relation to the Purpose of this Charter";

Article 46, para. 1: Under the provisions of which Article 1 is made one of the criteria basic to the whole of Chapter V of the Charter dealing with Restrictive Business Practices (see below).

Article 70, para. 1 (d): which provides that the provisions of Chapter VI shall not apply "to any inter-governmental agreement relating solely to conservation....provided that such agreement is not used to accomplish results inconsistent with... the purpose and objectives set forth in Article 1...