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CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT PROTOCOL FOR REGULATING THE PRODUCTION OF,  
INTERNATIONAL AND WHOLESALE TRADE IN, AND USE OF OPIUM (E/2186, ANNEX)

Third report of Sub-Committee I

1. On 19 May 1953, the Main Committee referred to Sub-Committee I the task of clarifying in the light of the views expressed in the Committee the text of the amendment on control of poppy straw which had been proposed by the representatives of India, Iran, Pakistan, Turkey and Yugoslavia (E/CONF.14/L.11).
2. The Sub-Committee, of which the representatives of India, United Kingdom, and Yugoslavia are members, considered this matter at its 3rd and 4th meetings, held on 20 and 21 May 1953 under the chairmanship of Mr. John Walker (United Kingdom). The representatives of the Federal Republic of Germany, Switzerland, Turkey, and the United States, who had been invited to attend, were also present, and the observer of Sweden attended the 3rd meeting.
3. The Sub-Committee, while achieving agreement on all but one aspect of the question referred to it, was unable to reach a unanimous decision on the inclusion of provisions relating to the import and export of poppy straw. It therefore submits for the consideration of the Main Committee the following text, in which these latter provisions have been placed in square brackets:

Parties which permit the cultivation of the opium poppy for purposes other than the production of opium (whether they also permit the production of opium or not) undertake:

- (a) To enact all necessary legislation to ensure:
  - (i) That opium is not produced from poppies so cultivated;

(11) That the manufacture of opium alkaloids from poppy straw  
[and the import and export of poppy straw] [is] [are]  
adequately controlled;

(b) To forward to the Secretary-General of the United Nations copies  
of any legislation so enacted; and

[(c) To forward annually to the Permanent Central Opium Board not  
later than .....the statistics of poppy straw imported or exported  
during the previous calendar year for any purpose whatsoever.]

4. The possibility of including the provisions relating to this amendment in  
the Final Act of the Conference was brought to the Sub-Committee's attention,  
but the Sub-Committee decided that it was not within its competence to consider  
this proposal.

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