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DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE UNITED NATIONS OPIUM CONFERENCE (E/CONF.14/13):
PROCEDURE IN THE PLENARY CONFERENCE REGARDING THE DRAFT TEXT OF THE PROTOCOL
SUBMITTED BY THE MAIN COMMITTEE (E/CONF.14/L.32)

The PRESIDENT invited the Conference to determine the procedure it proposed to follow when considering the draft protocol. He suggested that it should follow the recommendations submitted to it by the Business Committee and adopt the procedure set out in document E/CONF.14/L.32. He invited the Conference to consider the three paragraphs of that document one by one.

Paragraph (a)

Paragraph (a) was adopted without discussion.

Paragraph (b)

Mr. OR (Turkey) expressed the wish that the amendments should be not only handed in, but also circulated, the day before they were to be considered.

Mr. NIKOLIC (Yugoslavia) proposed that representatives should be asked to hand in amendments two days before they were to be considered, so that the Secretariat would have time to circulate the texts.

Mr. VAILLE (France) preferred the procedure recommended by the Business Committee, which respected the representatives' rights without unduly holding up the work of the Conference.

Paragraph (b) was adopted.

Paragraph (c)

The PRESIDENT explained that the Business Committee had acted on a suggestion of the representative of Iran and had adopted the principle of rule 67 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly in its draft of paragraph (c). That rule safeguarded the rights of the minority and should expedite the work of the Conference.

Mr. GHOREAL (Egypt) proposed that the author of an amendment should have the opportunity to submit his amendment before the Conference decided whether or not to discuss it.

The PRESIDENT, replying to a question by the representative of India, stated that any representative might move the discussion of an amendment, but that the amendment would not be discussed unless the motion was approved by at least one-third of the members present and voting.

Mr. ARDALAN (Iran) pointed out that his proposal did not relate to amendments, but to the draft protocol submitted by the Drafting Committee. However, he saw no reason why the same procedure, modified as suggested by the representative of Egypt, should not be applied to amendments.

The procedure described in paragraph (c), as amended in the manner suggested by the representative of Egypt, was adopted.

The PRESIDENT submitted for the approval of the Conference the draft rules of procedure (E/CONF.14/13) as completed by the rules set out in document E/CONF.14/L.32.

The draft rules of procedure, as amended, were adopted.

The meeting rose at 4 p.m.