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DRAFTING COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL ON THE RESOLUTION  
CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE HEALTH ORGANIZATION  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

## SUMMARY RECORD OF THE THIRD MEETING.

Held on Saturday 8 June 1946, at 10:30 a.m. at Hunter College, N.Y.

CHAIRMAN: Dr. Andrija Stampar.

Dr. Stampar explained that as Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar was unable to be present he, as Vice-Chairman of the Economic and Social Council, would provide over the meeting.

Interim Commission

The CHAIRMAN invited the observations of members of the Committee on the text of the resolution contained in document E/H/DC/W/3/Add. 1

Dr. SZE (China) felt that it would be more appropriate if the Economic and Social Council offered to place the service of the Department of Social Affairs at the disposal of the Interim Commission rather than imply that the work should be carried out by that Department.

Mr. MULLIKEN (United States) strongly supported this proposal. He also suggested that the following sentence might be added to the paragraph relating to the functions of this Commission: "and any other functions which the International Health Conference might decide." In his opinion the paragraph as originally drafted would restrict the Conference to keep on within the terms of the recommendations enumerated in the resolution of the Technical Preparatory Committee on this subject.

Mr. YATES (United Kingdom) agreed generally with the remarks made by the two previous speakers and with reference to the second point said that the functions of the Interim Commission should for instance include power to take any necessary steps in connection with the revision of the

international lists of causes of death, nomenclature diseases etc.

Mr. DEHOUSSE (Belgium) preferred that the original wording of the paragraph concerning the Secretariat should be maintained since he saw no reason why the services of the existing Secretariat should not be utilized pending the establishment of the World Health Organization. A parallel situation had arisen prior to the setting up of UNESCO and he felt that similar procedure should be followed in the case of the Interim Commission.

Mr. STOLTZ (Czechoslovakia) agreed with the Belgian Delegate and said that the services of the United Nations Secretariat should be used not for the International Health Conference but by the Interim Commission and also by the World Health Organization.

Dr. SZE (China) wished to make it quite clear that there was no question of not fully utilizing the services of the existing Secretariat, the only point to determine was whether the Economic and Social Council should offer to place the Department of Social Affairs at the disposal of the Conference or state that the Secretarial work of the Commission should be carried out by that body.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that if the Secretariat was provided by the United Nations that Organization would be responsible for the salaries of its officials and would also provide material equipment for the satisfactory functioning of the Interim Commission, whereas if an independent secretariat was created, financial assistance would have to be obtained from Governments or private organizations which he felt would be undesirable.

Mr. YATES (United Kingdom) thought that the question of finance was an important one and saw no reason why the Conference should not request the United Nations to provide the necessary funds for the Secretariat.

Mr. MULLIKEN (United States) suggested that as the Committee was unanimously of the opinion that the Department of Social Affairs would unquestionably serve the Interim Commission, the opening sentence might read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council offers the services of the Secretariat of the Department of Social Affairs of the United Nations until such time etc.."

He hoped that this wording would be adopted since his Government preferred that the Council should offer the services of the Secretariat rather than imply that the work was to be carried out by that body.

The CHAIRMAN announced that a vote would be taken on the proposals of the Delegates of China and Belgium.

Decision: The proposal put forward by the Delegate of China was carried by five votes to three.

#### DRAFT REPORT AND RESOLUTION.

The CHAIRMAN submitted the draft report and resolution to the Committee for observation (Doc. E/H/DC/W/5).

Mr. YATES (United Kingdom) referred to the second part of resolution No. 5 in the report of the Technical Preparatory Committee relating to the necessity of transferring the temporary machinery for carrying on the activities of the League of Nations Health Organization. In accordance with definite recommendation he suggested that a sentence be added in the draft report to the effect that the duties of that Organization be taken over by the Interim Commission.

Mr. SANDIFER (United States) thought that the second sentence in paragraph 5, page 2 of the draft report did not quite reflect the observations which had been made on this point and suggested the following wording:

"and preferred a procedure of a more general character as proposed in Section XIX of the Technical Preparatory Committee's Report according to which States may sign with or without reservation".

Mr. SANDIFER also suggested the following additional sentence:

"The Constitution would become effective at the time of signature in the case of States signing without reservation."

Mr. DEHOUSSE (Belgium) also referred to this sentence and stated that he had not in any way preferred to revert to the traditional method of ratification and proposed that the sentence be modified as follows: "That in view of existing national constitutional laws and regulations, it had been considered necessary at the present time to adopt a method which called for ratification."

Dr. SZE (China) drew the Committee's attention to the first paragraph of the resolution where the title of the Organization referred to as the "Health Organization of the United Nations". He felt this might cause confusion since some difference of opinion had been expressed on the question and it would be desirable therefore to adhere to the title given in the resolution of the Economic and Social Council, i.e. "single International Health Organization of the United Nations".

Mr. SANDIFER (United States) stated that he would have liked a more detailed drafting of paragraph 5 and also suggested that the word "supported" should be substituted for the word "preferred" in the second sentence of that paragraph.

Mr. DEHOUSSE (Belgium) thought that the second part of paragraph 5 should be divided into two sentences and stated that he would agree to the suggestion made by the United States Delegate if the meaning of the word "support" corresponded to "subir" in French.

Mr. LAUGIER (Assistant Secretary-General) announced that this paragraph would be redrafted by the Secretariat in the light of the observations which had been made.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the modifications which had been put forward by various members would be included in the final draft of the Committee's report to the Council.

In the discussion of the Annex of the draft report the CHAIRMAN mentioned that the observations made by the delegate of the U.S.S.R. had been omitted in which he had pointed out that the World Health Organization

should act as the co-ordinating and not the directing authority in international health work.

Dr. SZE (China) asked for an additional sentence to be inserted after paragraph I page 5, which would reflect the opinion expressed by himself and other delegates to the effect that "some members expressed the opinion that detailed discussion of the draft constitutional proposals should be left to the June Conference."

Mr. YATES (United Kingdom) referred to the many expressions of appreciation of the work accomplished by the Technical Preparatory Committee which had been made by members of the Council, and hoped that a sentence to this effect would be included in the report.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the final draft would include all the observations submitted by delegates. If members of the Committee desired any further observations to be added he asked that they should be handed to the Secretariat before noon on Monday 10 June.

The meeting rose at 11:55 a.m.

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