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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS

SUB-COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION AND FINANCE

SUMMARY RECORD OF FIRST MEETING

Held at Church House on FRIDAY, 3 MAY 1946, at 4 p.m.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: MR. WINIEWICZ.

Election of Chairman and Rapporteur.

Mr. WARREN (United States) nominated Mr. Turgeon (Canada) as Chairman. The nomination was seconded by the Delegate for Yugoslavia and many others; Mr. Turgeon was declared elected by acclamation and took his place in the Chair.

Sir George RENDEL (United Kingdom) nominated Mrs. Verwey (Netherlands) as Rapporteur. The nomination was seconded by the Delegate for France and many others and Mrs. Verwey was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.

Owing to the pressure of time and because of language difficulties, Mr. RATOV (U.S.S.R.) asked if Russian interpretations could be made from the floor. All the delegates represented on this sub-committee could understand English and so perhaps it would be possible to omit French interpretations.

This suggestion was accepted by the Delegates for France, the United Kingdom and the United States with the reservation that it would not be considered a precedent for other United Nations meetings.

On the understanding that the inclusion of Russian interpretations would not be regarded as a substitution of Russian for French as a working language and that all documents would appear in English and French only, the sub-committee acceded to the request of the Soviet Delegate.

The meeting rose at 5.5 p.m.