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Replace the summary of the statement of Mr. METALL (International Labour Organisation) by the following text:

"Mr. METALL (International Labour Organisation) stated that collaboration between the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations was an established fact by reason of the agreement concluded between the two organisations. The explanations presented by Mr. Benson had given a clear idea of the steps taken to ensure that collaboration in practice.

Nevertheless, the position of the ILO differed from that of the other specialized agencies. Under the terms of articles 19 and 22 of its Constitution, Member States were required to transmit reports to the International Labour Office on the application of International Labour Conventions when such conventions had been ratified and when they had not been ratified. Those reports were given detailed study by a Committee of Experts, whose conclusions were first approved by the Administrative Council and then transmitted to the International Labour Conference, which proceeded to study the reports and conclusions at each of its sessions. Each one of those organs attached special importance to the study of reports submitted by Administering Powers concerning Non-Self-Governing Territories.

The decision of the Committee of Experts to proceed in 1950 to a detailed study of the application of the Conventions in Non-Self-Governing Territories had been approved by the Administrative Council. The Committee would prepare a report which would be made public and would be available to members of the Special Committee, who would be particularly interested in it.

Mr. Metall recalled that the ILO had already devoted considerable attention to the various questions referred to by certain members of the Committee: the question of wages had been included in the agenda of the

forthcoming session of the Conference; an industrial commission had been established to study the question of labour on plantations; the food of workers had been the subject of studies published by the International Labour Office; occupational diseases were covered by a Convention, on the application of which annual reports were submitted; the tremendous programme undertaken by the ILO on the subject of labour, and in particular the establishment of regional offices for occupational training, employment services and the migration of workers, were not unknown to the members of the Special Committee. The adoption of two Conventions on freedom of trade unions had already been brought to the attention of the United Nations.

He was glad that the Special Committee had again drawn attention to those problems, the importance of which was recognized by the ILO. By virtue of the close collaboration established with the Secretariat, the Committee would, at its forthcoming session, profit by the results of the work undertaken by the ILO."