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COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION FROM NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

Ninth Session

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHTH MEETING

Held at Headquarters, New York,  
on Monday, 14 April 1958, at 11.10 a.m.

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PRESENT:

<u>Acting Chairman:</u>	Mr. VIXSEBOXSE	(Netherlands)
<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. LALL	(India)
<u>Members:</u>	Mr. KELLY	Australia
	Mr. PENTEADO	Brazil
	Mr. DURAISWAMY	Ceylon
	Mr. KLING	China
	Mr. KOSCZIUSKO-MORIZET	France
	Mr. ROLZ BENNETT	Guatemala
	Mr. NATARAJAN	India
	Mr. KITPANI	Iraq
	Mr. VIXSEBOXSE )	Netherlands
	Mr. VAS NUNES )	
	Mr. THORP	New Zealand
	Mr. CASTON	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
	Mr. SEARS	United States of America
	Mr. ALFONZO-RAVARD	Venezuela
<u>Representatives of specialized agencies:</u>		
	Mr. METALL )	International Labour
	Mr. PAYRO )	Organisation
	Mr. ORR	Food and Agriculture Organization
	Mr. SALSAMENDI	United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization
	Dr. SACKS	World Health Organization
<u>Secretariat:</u>	Mr. COHEN	Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and Information from Non- Self-Governing Territories
	Mr. KUNST	Secretary of the Committee

## OPENING OF THE SESSION

The ACTING CHAIRMAN declared open the ninth session of the Committee.

## ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

The ACTING CHAIRMAN called on the members of the Committee to elect a Chairman in accordance with rule 105 of the rules of procedure.

Mr. ROLZ BENNETT (Guatemala) nominated Mr. Lall (India).

Mr. SEARS (United States of America) and Mr. KITTANI (Iraq) seconded the nomination.

Mr. Lall (India) was elected Chairman by acclamation.

## ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr. DURAISWAMY (Ceylon) nominated Mr. Alfonzo-Ravard (Venezuela).

Mr. ROLZ BENNETT (Guatemala) seconded the nomination.

Mr. Alfonzo-Ravard (Venezuela) was elected Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

## ELECTION OF THE RAPPORTEUR

Mr. NATARAJAN (India) nominated Mr. Kelly (Australia).

Mr. VIXSEBOXSE (Netherlands) seconded the nomination.

Mr. Kelly (Australia) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (A/AC.35/11)

The CHAIRMAN asked if there were any comments on the provisional agenda (A/AC.35/11).

Mr. DURAISWAMY (Ceylon) suggested that inasmuch as the question of mass communications, which appeared as item 6 (c) on the provisional agenda, had an important bearing on social conditions it might be more appropriate to place it under item 4.

Mr. THORP (New Zealand) recalled that although the question had not previously constituted a separate agenda item it had been discussed by the

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(Mr. Thorp, New Zealand)

Committee in the past in connexion with education and was a matter in which UNESCO was particularly interested. He suggested that it might be possible to preserve the established pattern and at the same time accomplish the purpose which the Ceylonese representative had in mind by discussing the social aspects of mass communications under agenda item 4 (h), entitled "Other questions", leaving the matter as a whole to be discussed under item 6 (c).

Mr. DURAISWAMY (Ceylon) said that that suggestion was acceptable to his delegation.

It was so decided.

Mr. KOSCIUSKO-MOPILETT (France) said that his delegation's acceptance of the agenda did not signify that it considered all the items relevant. He would comment on certain of those items in due course.

The agenda was adopted.

Mr. COHEN (Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and Non-Self-Governing Territories) drew the Committee's attention to the Introductory Note on the Work of the Committee (A/AC.35/L.265), which referred briefly to the documentation prepared for the ninth session.

Mr. ROLZ BENNETT (Guatemala) expressed the hope that the Under-Secretary would in due course inform the Committee regarding the preparation of a report on developments connected with the association of Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community, as called for in General Assembly resolution 1153 (XII).

Mr. COHEN (Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and Non-Self-Governing Territories) said that certain United Nations bodies were making studies of the matter. The Secretariat's report, which was to take those studies into account, would be ready by the time the thirteenth session of the General Assembly convened.

Mr. NATARAJAN (India) reiterated the reservations expressed by his Government on previous occasions concerning the inclusion in the Committee's documentation of information on West Irian, which India considered a part of Indonesia.

Mr. DURAISWAMY (Ceylon) and Mr. KITANI (Iraq) associated their delegations with the Indian representative's statement.

Mr. VIXSEBOXSE (Netherlands) said that his Government had no doubts concerning Netherlands sovereignty over Netherlands New Guinea.

Mr. KELLY (Australia) said that his delegation's position with regard to Netherlands sovereignty over Netherlands New Guinea remained unchanged.

Mr. ROLZ BENNETT (Guatemala) reiterated the reservations expressed by his Government on previous occasions concerning the inclusion of the Committee's documentation of information on the Territory of Belize, which Guatemala considered a part of its own territory.

Mr. CASTON (United Kingdom) said that his Government had no doubts concerning its sovereignty over the Territory of British Honduras and wished to reserve its position with regard to the statement made by the Guatemalan representative.

The meeting rose at 12.5 p.m.