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FIRST SESSION

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE TWENTY-THIRD MEETING

Held at Lake Success, New York, on Wednesday, 5 February 1947, at 2:45 p.m.

Present:

Chairman:	Mr. R. Frisch	(Norway)
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. R. Wilson	(Australia)
	Mr. A. P. Morozov	(Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
Rapporteur:	Mr. I. Lubin	(United States of America)
	Mr. Woulbroum	(Belgium)
	Mr. J. Guimaraes	(Brazil)
	Miss H. D. Burwash	(Canada)
	Mr. T. Y. Wu	(China)
	Mr. E. P. Cisneros	(Cuba)
	Mr. L. Radimsky	(Czechoslovakia)
	Mr. R. K. Nehru	(India)
	Mr. R. L. Hall	(United Kingdom)

Representatives of Specialized Agencies:

Mr. E. J. Riches	(ILO)
Mr. C. F. Fraser	(UNESCO)
Mr. G. de Fleurieu	(International Bank)
Mr. A. G. B. Fisher	(International Monetary Fund)
Mr. Ezekiel	(FAO)

Representatives of Non-Governmental Organizations:

Miss C. Day	(WFTU)
Mr. J. Minter	(ICC)

Secretariat:	Mr. D. Weintraub	(Commission Secretary)
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Consideration of the Draft Report of the Economic and Employment Commission

The CHAIRMAN called the Commission's attention to the draft Report (document E/CN.1/W.9).

Regarding page 3, paragraph 4, it was agreed to delete the word "fully".

On the same page paragraph 6 was reworded to read: "The meetings of the Commission were also attended by representatives from inter-governmental

organizations.

organizations: EECE, and for the purpose of consultation, by representatives from the following non-governmental organizations: WFTU, etc."

1. Rules of Procedure

Regarding the Rules of Procedure (page 4) it was agreed to redraft the last sentence which now reads: "The Commission agreed to use these rules provisionally with the understanding that it will adopt rules at its next session in the light of its own experience and of the recommendations of the Secretary-General based on the experience of other Commissions of the Council".

2. Regarding Part V (page 8), Addresses by the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Affairs and by the Chairman of the Nuclear Economic and Employment Commission

Mr. LUBIN (United States of America) suggested that this be put in the introductory section. This suggestion was accepted.

3. Composition of Sub-Commissions and Participation of Experts in the Work of the Sub-Commissions Part VI (Agenda Items Nos. 7, 8 and 9) pages 9 to 10, paragraph 4

Mr. WEINTRAUB (Secretariat) indicated that the paragraph should be deleted since the Commission had taken no decision.

Mr. LUBIN (United States of America) supported this proposal, or alternatively suggested the deletion of the words "with the understanding that the Sub-Commissions may hold executive sessions" since the Sub-Commissions would in any case adopt their own Rules of Procedure. In reply to a question by Mr. CISNEROS (Cuba) Mr. LUBIN said he had been in consultation with the Assistant Legal Counsel, and it appeared that Agreements with Specialized Agencies did not necessarily apply to Sub-Commissions. This did not of course mean that Sub-Commissions would not continue to co-operate with Specialized Agencies.

The CHAIRMAN added that the Commission on Human Rights had voted to exclude UNESCO from some of its work which might lead to a re-interpretation of the Agreements.

Mr. HALL (United Kingdom) favoured deletion of the paragraph, a view supported by Mr. WILSON (Australia) because of the doubts which he entertained

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regarding the legal interpretation, and the fact that this question concerned all Commissions. The subject might be resumed at the next session by which time there might be a clarification of the matter.

Mr. EZEKIEL (FAO) pointed out that the Agreements were written to cover the Organization as such and should therefore cover all bodies. The agreements did not explicitly mention Sub-Commissions because the Sub-Commissions had been created after the Agreements had been drawn up. In the spirit of co-operation, they should apply to Sub-Commissions as well as to other subsidiary bodies. If this view was not taken for granted, the re-negotiations of Agreements might become necessary.

The Commission agreed to delete paragraph 4, page 10, in its entirety.

Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) asked whether the term "indeed" in the third line of paragraph 3, page 10, actually expressed the majority view, since the Commission had refrained from taking a decision on questions of principle. He pointed out that he had taken a different view on the method of selecting members to serve on the Sub-Commissions.

Mr. LUBIN (United States of America) explained that the wording of paragraph 3 had no bearing on the selection of members, but was merely a method of collecting names, a view which was endorsed by the CHAIRMAN.

4. Recommendations Related to Economic Development Part VIII (Agenda Items Nos. 11, 14, 15, 17 and 18), page 12

Mr. EZEKIEL (FAO) asked to have "Viscount Bruce" last line of paragraph 2, changed to "The Right Honourable S. M. Bruce", since Mr. Bruce had not yet assumed his title.

Regarding the same item (page 14) Mr. LUBIN (United States of America) asked to have the word "The Sub-Commission" on line 6 changed to "its Sub-Commission".

Mr. CISNEROS (Cuba) pointed out and it was agreed that the word "as" occurred too many times in paragraph C.1, page 15, and the paragraph should be edited.

/Mr. WEINTRAUB

Mr. WEINTRAUB (Secretariat) asked whether the English text in the last sentence in paragraph C.1 met the views of the member from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, to which Mr. MOROSOV replied in the affirmative.

5. Recommendations Related to Activities of the Economic and Employment Commission in the Field of Economic Stability and Full Employment Part IX (Agenda Item No. 12). pages 18, 19 and 20

Mr. RICHES (ILO) said that in some earlier drafts on this subject, reference had been made to co-operation with Specialized Agencies, but that such reference had now been deleted on page 19.

Mr. LUBIN (United States of America) pointed out that this matter was covered on page 18, paragraph A.

Mr. RICHES (ILO) suggested that the instructions should be more specific, a view supported by Mr. HALL (United Kingdom).

The Commission agreed that the first line on page 19 should read "The Economic and Employment Commission instructs the Sub-Commission, taking into account the responsibilities of the various international agencies,

1. To report to the Commission as early as possible
2. To report to the Commission at its early convenience".

Miss DAY (WFTU) asked that mention should also be made of non-governmental organizations. She pointed out that the WFTU, for example, was especially interested in the problems of full employment and economic development.

It was agreed to insert in paragraph A, page 18, fourth line after the word Commissions "and in the non-governmental organizations".

Mr. FISHER (International Monetary Fund), with reference to item 12, pointed out that his Organization had definite responsibilities regarding the collection of information, and could not very well have these functions allocated again.

The CHAIRMAN thought that the Commission could not again go into the substance of the matter, and pointed out that the draft as presented expressed the Commission's previous agreement. Mr. CISNEROS (Cuba) thought that the point had in any case been covered in paragraphs 1 and 2, page 19.

/Mr. WU (China)

Mr. WU (China), regarding paragraph 2 (iii), asked that the fifth line should be changed to read "as well as the expansion of....", omitting "the timing". This was agreed to.

6. Recommendations Related to Reconstruction of Devastated Areas Part X (Agenda Item 13)

The section was approved.

7. Observation Concerning Co-ordination of the Work of the Economic and Employment Commission and the Sub-Commissions, with the Work of the Specialized Agencies Part XI (Agenda Items Nos. 11, 12 and 13)

Mr. WILSON (Australia) asked that the word "all" in the fourth line of paragraph 2, page 21.d., should be changed to the word "substantial". The section was then approved in full.

8. Observations Concerning the Economic Aspects of Housing and Town Planning Part XII (Agenda Item 16)

Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) thought that it would be imprudent to mention the various aspects of the problem without having examined its substance. He was against adopting such a statement without previous discussion.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that paragraph 1 represented the report to the Commission on the agreements reached by the two Chairmen; it was not part of the Commission's report.

Mr. WILSON (Australia) suggested that in paragraph 1, line 5, the word "his" should be changed to "a".

Mr. LUBIN (United States of America) suggested that in line 11 of the same paragraph the phrase "between the two Chairmen" should be inserted after the word "agreed".

Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) proposed that the paragraph should end after the words "economic aspects of the problem" (lines 13 and 14 of the paragraph).

After some discussion of Mr. Morozov's proposal, the Commission agreed to end the paragraph with the words "economic aspects of housing".

/Mr. MOROZOV

Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), not having been able to study Part XI sufficiently, reserved the right to comment on it later.

In reply to a further question by Mr. MOROZOV regarding the phrase in paragraph 1: "in relation to other urgent needs and working out a priority schedule on a quantitative basis", the CHAIRMAN replied that according to the agreement of the Chairmen the Social Commission would study the demand side of the problem. Housing needs would be considered in relation to other needs such as food, clothing, etc., and a priority schedule on a quantitative basis would be worked out accordingly. Following that, the Economic and Employment Commission would study the other aspect of the problem.

Mr. WILSON (Australia) proposed that paragraph 2, line 1, should be changed to read "this Commission expects to give attention to these problems at future meetings...".

Paragraph 1 and 2, as amended, were adopted.

9. International Controls and Allocation of Commodities in Short Supply and the Problem of Surplus Commodities in Prospect Part XIII (Agenda Item 19)

Mr. LUBIN (United States of America) noted that there had not been sufficient time and material to study the problem adequately. In view of the importance of the matter, he proposed that the item should remain on the Agenda of the Commission's next meeting.

Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) supported the proposal.

Mr. WEINTRAUB (Commission Secretary) suggested the following text: "The Commission decided to postpone the consideration of this problem until the next session. The Secretariat was requested to collect and analyze such data as may be appropriate for the consideration of this matter".

Mr. NEHRU (India) thought that the reason for the postponement should be stated. However, after a short discussion, the Commission decided to adopt the proposed text for Part XII.

10. Recommendation Concerning Corresponding Members of the Economic and Employment Commission Part XIV (Agenda Item 20)

Mr. HALL (United Kingdom) accepted Part XIII on the understanding that he could raise the question again at the next session.

Mr. WILSON (Australia) proposed that paragraph 2 should be amended to read: "The Commission considered this provision and recommends to the Economic and Social Council that the Council defer making any decisions in regard to the appointment of corresponding members to this Commission until the Commission has had an opportunity to consider the question of such appointments in the light of its own experience and its future needs".

The Commission adopted Part XIII as amended.

11. Representation on the Population Commission Part XV (Agenda Item 21)

Mr. HALL (United Kingdom), supported by Mr. CISNEROS (Cuba) and Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) suggested that action on the item should be deferred until later when more members would be present.

After further discussion the Commission adopted the following text: The first paragraph before the quoted passage was to read as follows: "The resolution of the Economic and Social Council establishing the Population Commission states, in part, that", the quoted text to be maintained. The last two lines to be deleted and replaced by: "in view of the fact that several of its members who would have been qualified to represent the Commission were unable to be present at the first session, the Commission decided to defer the appointment of its representatives to its second session".

12. Time and Place of Next Meeting of Economic and Employment Commission Part XV (Agenda Item 24)

The CHAIRMAN stated that the fact should be mentioned that the time and place of the Commission's next meeting depended on the budgetary situation.

In reply to Mr. WILSON (Australia), Mr. WEINTRAUB (Commission Secretary) said that the text was based on the assumption that the Commission's next meeting would be set probably in relation to the Economic and Social Council's Fifth Session. However, the Commission's next meeting did not necessarily depend on it.

/Mr. CISNEROS

Mr. CISNEROS (Cuba) felt that many important questions such as the appointment of Sub-Commission members had been deferred to the next session; therefore, in deciding the time of the next meeting, the future Agenda should also be considered. He stressed that the Commission's next session should be held before the Council convened.

Mr. WILSON (Australia) preferred the end of May, July and August, but not June. He suggested that paragraph 1 of Part XV should be deleted with the understanding that the Chairman would consult the Secretary-General on the matter and convey the decision to other members at the earliest possible time.

The CHAIRMAN announced that in making a decision he would consult all members of the Commission.

After the various members had stated their own preference for the time of the next meeting, the CHAIRMAN concluded that the majority seemed to favour May. He requested the members to submit a note stating the time they preferred.

The Commission decided to delete paragraph 1 and adopted paragraph 2 without modifications.

13. New Business

The CHAIRMAN then turned to a final review of the Agenda (E/CN.1/21/Rev.1) and pointed out that Items 19, 20, 21 and 22 would be considered at the next session.

Mr. WILSON (Australia) stated that not all documents listed under Item 12 - among them a document submitted by himself - had been discussed. He requested and it was agreed that document E/CN.19 should be placed on the Agenda of the next session.

Mr. LUBIN (United States of America) complimented the Chairman on his contribution to the Commission's work and also expressed appreciation of the services rendered by the Secretary and the Secretariat Staff.

/s/ Mr. MOROZOV

Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and Mr. HALL (United Kingdom) wished to associate themselves with this tribute, and also expressed their appreciation to Mr. Lubin as Rapporteur of the Commission.

The Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics reserved the right to raise at the next opportunity certain questions on which there had been disagreement. He also expressed the wish that the Secretariat should prepare and circulate, well in advance, the documents for the next session, so as to give members time to study them.

The session adjourned at 5:25 p.m.
