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| <u>Chairman:</u> | Mr. R. WILSON | Australia |
| <u>Members:</u> | Mr. J. WOULBROUN | Belgium |
| | Mr. J. Nunes GUIMARAES | Brazil |
| | Mr. V. P. SMOLIAR | Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic |
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| | Mr. J. NOSEK | Czechoslovakia |
| | Mr. J. RUEFF | France |
| | Mr. R. R. SAKSENA | India |
| | Mr. S. BOE | Norway |
| | Mr. R. L. HALL | United Kingdom |
| | Mr. I. LUBIN | United States of America |
| | Mr. A. P. MOROZOV | Union of Soviet Socialist Republics |

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Secretariat:

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| Mr. H. E. CAUSTIN | Secretary of the Commission |
| Mr. D. V. VARLEY | Assistant Secretary |

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. DEUTSCH (Canada) moved that the Commission should retain the officers of the previous session.

Mr. RUEFF (France) and Mr. GUIMARAES (Brazil) seconded the motion.

The CHAIRMAN declared the existing officers re-elected, namely:

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| Chairman: | Mr. R. Wilson | Australia |
| First Vice-Chairman: | Mr. A. P. Morozov | Union of Soviet Socialist Republics |
| Second Vice-Chairman: | Mr. F. Ho | China |
| Rapporteur: | Mr. I. Lubin | United States of America |

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (E/CN.1/64)

Mr. LUBIN (United States of America) suggested that, since items 5 and 7 of the agenda both dealt with the same subject, they might be combined.

Mr. BOE (Norway) supported the United States suggestion. He also suggested that representatives of the specialized agencies and the regional economic commissions might give brief statements on the world economic situation, presenting the latest information available. In particular he suggested that a summary of the report on the subject under preparation by the Food and Agriculture Organization would be useful.

Mr. LUBIN (United States of America) supported that suggestion and asked whether the Secretariat could provide a summary of the recently

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issued report by the Economic Commission for Europe which he thought would prove both useful and important.

Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) supported by Mr. SMOLIAR (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) opposed the United States suggestion for combining items 5 and 7. The Commission was not discussing the substance of items, and since those two items could not be considered identical, the United States proposal would only complicate the work of the Commission.

Mr. LUBIN (United States of America) could not agree and thought the two items were very closely related.

The CHAIRMAN suggested, as a compromise, that the two items should not, for the time being be combined, but that item 5 should be considered after item 7.

It was so agreed.

The CHAIRMAN suggested, in connexion with the Norwegian representative's proposal, that the Secretariat should be asked to consult with representatives of the specialized agencies with a view to obtaining their assistance.

Mr. CAUSTIN (Secretariat) drew the Commission's attention to document E/CN.1/68, page 11, paragraph 5, and in particular to the report on "Inflationary and Deflationary Tendencies, 1946 to 1948", and to the FAO document, entitled "Recent Changes in Economic Conditions and in Demand for Farm Products." He was willing to invite representatives of the specialized agencies to meetings of the Commission, and said that the International Monetary Fund had already agreed to contribute orally to the Commission's discussions.

Mr. BOE (Norway) wished to make it clear that members of the Commission had the right to consider under item 5 the question of co-ordinating the specialized agencies and of the recommendations to them.

The CHAIRMAN said that that was understood.

With the reservation that the order of items might be changed, the provisional agenda was adopted.

ITEM 3: REPORT OF THE COMMISSION'S REPRESENTATIVE, MR. JOHN DEUTSCH,
ON THE POPULATION COMMISSION (E/CN.1/70)

Mr. DEUTSCH (Canada) presented the Report and drew particular attention to the suggestion on page 9, paragraph 9. He stressed the advisability of having a member of the Secretariat report to the Commission on meetings of the Population Commission, in view of the expense of sending a representative of the Commission to Geneva.

That did not, however, preclude consultation between the Economic and Employment Commission and the Population Commission if that was necessary for any specific reason.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the Commission was represented on the Population Commission by invitation, and read the terms of the Economic and Social Council Resolution 3 (III), paragraph 2.

Mr. LUBIN (United States of America) tabled a draft resolution moving the adoption of the report; secondly, that the Commission should no longer be represented at meetings of the Population Commission and that the Secretary-General should be requested to make available to each session of the Commission any data, recommendations or material emanating from the Population Commission that might be pertinent to the terms of reference of the Commission.

Mr. BOE (Norway) and Mr. HALL (United Kingdom) supported the United States proposal.

Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) stated that he wished to have the text of the United States proposal in writing before taking any decision on it.

The Commission decided to defer consideration of the United States proposal to the following meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES (INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE SECOND AND THIRD SESSIONS OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

The CHAIRMAN asked the Secretary of the Commission to read out the relevant extract from the note prepared by the Secretariat on the ^{various} items on the

Commission's agenda (E/CN.1/68). He asked him, however, to omit paragraph 6, dealing with the question of technical assistance for economic development, as that matter was being considered by the Secretariat. During the discussion on the economic development of underdeveloped countries, the Commission would decide whether, in view of the circumstances he had mentioned, it wished to examine that particular point in detail.

Mr. CAUSTIN (Secretary of the Commission) read the relevant extracts from document E/CN.1/68.

Mr. LUBIN (United States of America) asked the Secretary whether the Secretariat's report mentioned in paragraph 7(f), dealing with the measures already involved by the Economic and Social Council and specialized agencies to promote economic development and to raise the standards of living of underdeveloped countries, would be made available to members of the Commission.

He emphasized the need for the most realistic approach to the problem of economic development and said that the Commission should not discuss general principles without full knowledge of all concrete facts pertaining to the problem. The Commission would therefore need all the information available on the work being performed by the specialized agencies and the United Nations itself in that field.

Mr. CAUSTIN (Secretary of the Commission) replied that the report on the assistance rendered by the United Nations and the specialized agencies for the promotion of the economic development of underdeveloped countries (E/CN.1/Sub.3/24) had been issued and would be circulated to members of the Commission. That report contained full information on the assistance rendered up to the end of 1948. Regarding the other report mentioned by the United States representative, the Secretariat had asked all the specialized agencies concerned for information on their activities in the field of economic development after the end of 1946 for inclusion in that report which should be completed by 21 May 1949. It would then be circulated to all Member States. Some of the material was already available and the Secretariat would therefore be in a position to outline broadly the activities of the United Nations and specialized agencies in that field. It would not be able, however, to supply a detailed report before the date he had mentioned.

Mr. RUEFF (France) also emphasized the need for a realistic approach to the problem of economic development and asked whether the question of Haiti's request for assistance was included in the documents mentioned by the Secretary of the Commission. Without full information on that point, the only concrete case in hand, the Commission would be merely discussing economic development in the abstract.

Mr. WOULBROUN (Belgium) pointed out that the mission which had been sent to investigate the situation in Haiti had completed its work the previous year and that some information on the question should therefore be available.

Mr. CAUSTIN (Secretary of the Commission) said that the document he had mentioned in his reply to the United States representative would include information on the action taken by the Secretariat following Haiti's request for assistance. The report on that question, however, was not yet complete and covered only the following points: the nature of Haiti's request, the nature of the ~~arrangements~~ made with the Government of Haiti, the composition of the mission of investigation and its terms of reference. He thought it would not be difficult to arrange for the head of that mission to attend the relevant discussion in the Commission to make a statement on the matter and answer questions. It would be his responsibility, however, as head of the mission, to submit his recommendations to the Secretary-General who would decide whether they were acceptable and then make appropriate proposals to the Haitian Government.

Mr. RUEFF (France) said that the reply given by the Secretary of the Commission raised a most important question, that of the respective responsibilities of the Secretariat and of the Commission itself. In his view it was a most vital matter which he wished the Commission to examine at its following meeting.

The meeting rose at 1 p.m.