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FIRST SESSION

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE FIRST MEETING

Held at Lake Success, New York, on Monday, 27 January 1947
at 11:15 a.m.

Present:

Mr. H. Marshall	(Canada)
Mr. G. Darnois	(France)
Mr. P. J. Idenburg	(Netherlands)
Mr. E. D. G. Allen	(United Kingdom)
Mr. T. S. Malyshev	(USSR)
Mr. S. A. Rice	(United States)

Mr. Erichsen was present as observer for Mr. G. Jahn
of Norway.

Representatives of Specialized Agencies:

Mr. R. M. Woodbury	(ILO)
Mr. C. Tasuber	(FAO)
Mr. S. V. Arnaldo	(UNESCO)
Mr. S. Hicks	(International Monetary Fund)

Representatives of Non-Governmental Organizations:

Mr. L. Teper	(AFL)
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Secretariat:

Mr. A. D. K. Owen	(Assistant Secretary-General)
Mr. W. J. Bruce	(Secretary to Commission)

Opening of the Session by the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Affairs.

Mr. A. D. K. Owen, the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Affairs, welcomed the members of the Statistical Commission. He called the members' attention to the terms of reference of the Commission and to several of the items on the provisional agenda.

It was announced that Mr. G. Jahn was unable to be present at the meeting, but that Mr. E. Erichsen would sit as an observer for Mr. Jahn.

/Mr. P. C. Mahalanobis

Mr. P. C. Mahalanobis and Mr. D. K. Lieu had been delayed in arriving in New York and were not able to attend the first meeting. The Commission was informed that Mr. S. Inan, Advisor to the Director General of Statistics, had been nominated by the Government of Turkey for membership on the Statistical Commission. Subject to confirmation by the Economic and Social Council he will participate with full voting privileges in the deliberations of the Commission upon his arrival.

Election of Chairman

After discussion it was agreed that the Commission would elect a Chairman pro tempore for the meeting: This would allow time for the other members to arrive and to be present when the Commission made its decision: Mr. H. Marshall was elected Chairman pro tempore.

Adoption of Provisional Rules of Procedure E/CN.3/147.

The attention of the Commission was drawn to the desirability of postponing the adoption of proposed amendments until the second session of the Commission in order that the Secretariat might collate and compare such amendments with those of other Commissions.

The Provisional Rules of Procedure as set forth in document E/CN.3/14 were adopted with the following proposed amendments referred to the Secretariat:

Rule 2. to read:

"The Commission, with the concurrence of the Secretary-General shall fix the date of its next session. Should it fail to do so the date of such session shall be fixed by the Chairman with the concurrence of the Secretary-General."

Rule 5 to read:

Each session shall be held at the seat of the United Nations unless another place is designated by the Commission, or by the Chairman under Rules 3 and 4, with the concurrence of the Secretary-General.

Rule 6 to be amended by deleting the last phrase "unless the Chairman shall otherwise determine".

Rule 10 to read:

The notice summoning each session and the provisional agenda shall be sent simultaneously to Members of the Commission, to all Members of the United Nations, and to the Specialized Agencies.

Participation by the Specialized Agencies and the Non-Governmental Organizations

The Secretariat was asked to report to the Commission on the procedure established for sending papers and reports of the Commission to the Group A Members of the non-governmental organizations brought into relationship with the United Nations.

When the question was raised regarding the status of the Specialized Agencies the Chairman said he would report on the procedure under which the representatives of the Specialized Agencies could participate in the deliberations of the Statistical Commission.

The meeting rose at 1:00 p.m.
