

THIRD COMMITTEE

Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Questions

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH MEETING

Held at Flushing Meadow, New York, on Tuesday, 20 September 1949, at 12.45 p.m.

Acting Chairman: General Carlos P. RÓMULO (Philippines).

Election of the Chairman

1. Mr. STIKKER (Netherlands) nominated Mr. Stolk (Venezuela).
2. Mr. HOUDEK (Czechoslovakia) and Mr. DE

FREITAS-VALLE (Brazil) seconded the nomination.

In the absence of any other nomination, Mr. Stolk (Venezuela) was elected Chairman.

The meeting rose at 12.50 p.m.

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST MEETING

Held at Lake Success, New York, on Friday, 23 September 1949, at 11.10 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. Carlos E. STOLK (Venezuela).

Election of the Vice-Chairman

1. Mr. VAN HEUVEN GOEDHART (Netherlands), seconded by Mr. DE MARCHENA (Dominican Republic) and by Mr. RODRÍGUEZ FABREGAT (Uruguay), nominated Mrs. Lindström (Sweden).

Mrs. Lindström (Sweden) was elected Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

Election of the Rapporteur

2. Mr. DAVIES (United Kingdom), seconded by Mr. NORIEGA (Mexico) and Mr. DEMCHENKO (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic), nominated Mr. Vrba (Czechoslovakia).

Mr. Vrba (Czechoslovakia) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.

7. The United Kingdom delegation considered that the postponement would be desirable for a second reason: some members of the Committee who would take part in the discussion of the draft convention were also to sit on the Social Commission, which was not meeting till December.

8. The CHAIRMAN said that the observations of the representatives of the United Kingdom were justified.

9. He therefore suggested that no decision should be taken on item 3 before the outcome of his discussions on the subject with the Chairman of the Sixth Committee were known.

It was so decided.

The agenda was adopted with the foregoing modifications and reservation.

Adoption of the agenda (A/C.3/L.1)

3. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Committee should study the provisional agenda (A/C.3/L.1).

4. He pointed out that the General Council of the International Refugee Organization was to meet in October and suggested the advisability of postponing the study of item 4 (Refugees and stateless persons) till after that of item 6. Moreover, the Executive Board of the International Children's Emergency Fund was meeting at the beginning of November.

5. He therefore proposed that item 7 (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) should be placed last on the agenda.

It was so decided.

6. Mr. DAVIES (United Kingdom) thought it would also be advisable to postpone the discussion of item 3—the draft convention for the suppression of traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others. It would be expedient to ask the Sixth Committee first of all to consider the clauses of that draft convention which were of a legal nature.

Programme of meetings

10. Mr. NORIEGA (Mexico), seconded by Mr. ICHASO (Cuba) and Mrs. VIAL DE SEÑORET (Chile), said that it was not absolutely necessary for the Committee to meet on Saturday afternoon. He believed that that respite would enable representatives to make better preparation for their work.

11. Mr. BAROODY (Saudi Arabia) hoped that the Committee would also decide against night meetings. He believed that the results achieved by meetings held at night were out of all proportion to the overwork and fatigue involved.

12. The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the General Assembly has approved the report of the General Committee which provided for night meetings if they were required to enable them to keep to the date fixed for the close of the session.

13. As regards meetings on Saturday afternoons, the Committee might, in principle, decide against them, unless the programme of the work during the week showed such a meeting to be necessary.

The Chairman's proposal was adopted.

The meeting rose at 11.45 a.m.