

TECHNICAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE
FOR THE INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

TWENTY-FIRST MEETING

Held on Thursday, 4 April 1946, at 4.30 p.m. at the
Palais d'Orsay, Paris

Chairman: Dr. René SAND

1. Articles for Medical Journals

The CHAIRMAN announced that members who wished to write articles for medical journals including information about the Technical Preparatory Committee would be free to do so if they refrained from citing official texts.

2. Amendments to Constitutions

In the discussion on Amendments to the Constitution (E/H/PC/W/14, Page 15), Dr. CHISHOLM stated that the Drafting Sub-Committee had found it inadvisable to pattern this provision after those in the constitution of the F.A.O. or of U.N.E.S.C.O. He therefore suggested three alternative texts, but following the suggestion of Dr. DOULL the Committee decided that the question was a legal one, and that it would be sufficient to state that a provision would be necessary for amendments to a constitution and that the Committee had not proposed the wording for this Article, which should be drafted at the June Conference.

3. Membership

Dr. CHISHOLM then called the attention of the Committee to the question of whether Article 3, under Membership (E/H/PC/W/14, Page 5) was consistent with Article 1 in the same section. The problem of the admission of states not members of the United Nations was discussed at length, and it was decided to leave it, also, for the consideration and development of the June Conference, with the insertion of a footnote to that effect. This

solution was likewise adopted with regard to the extension of certain privileges to protectorates, trust territories, and colonies, not eligible for membership in the United Nations, especially with regard to adherence of certain provisions of the International Sanitary Convention.

4. Revised Provisional Agenda

In the consideration of the Provisional Agenda as revised by the Drafting Sub-Committee, Section I was adopted, with the substitution, in paragraph (1), of the words "his representative" for "if he is unable to do so, the Assistant Secretary-General for Social Affairs". In Section II, paragraph (8), "Vice-Chairman" was added to "Chairman and Rapporteur". The text of Section III (ii), was corrected with respect to a typing error (it should have included "XIII" in place of XI), and it was decided to delete the word "international" from the last paragraph. With these minor changes that part of the agenda was adopted.

5. General Advisory Committee

In the note on Page 10 of the Constitution (E/H/PC/W/14/Rev.1) Dr. LECLAINCHE observed that he would be in favour of the deletion of the word "immediately". The Committee, however, recalled the general discussion on this point, in which it had been the consensus that although it would not be desirable for the June Conference to set up such a Committee, the Organization, once established, might find it desirable to appoint one.

6. Remaining Business

It was decided to leave for the next and final meeting the consideration of the texts on the question of an Interim Commission, as well as that of the fourth part of the Agenda.

The Meeting rose at 6 p.m.