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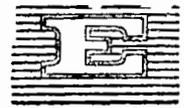
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PRESENT:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. VAILLE	France
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY	India
<u>Members:</u>	Mr. SHARMAN	Canada
	Mr. LIANG	China
	Mr. ISMAIL	Egypt
	Mr. PANOPOULOS	Greece
	Mr. ARDALAN) Mr. ESFANDIARY)	Iran
	Mr. RABASA	Mexico
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	Mr. FORYS	Poland
	Mr. OZKOL	Turkey
	Mrs. VASILYEVA	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
	Mr. WALKER	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
	Mr. ANSLINGER	United States of America
	Mr. NIKOLIC	Yugoslavia
<u>Also present:</u>	Mr. MAY	Permanent Central Opium Board

Representative of a non-governmental organization:

Category B and Register:

	Mr. PENCE	World's Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations
<u>Secretariat:</u>	Mr. YATES	Director, Division of Narcotic Drugs
	Mr. PASTUHOV	Secretary of the Commission

DRAFT REPORT OF THE RAPPORTEUR (E/CN.7/L.61 and Corr.1, L.61/Add.1 to 6, Add.6/Corr.1, Add.7, Add.8 and Corr.1, Add.9 to 15; E/CN.7/L.83, L.84)
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Draft report (E/CN.7/L.61) (continued)

Mr. PASTUHOV (Secretary of the Commission) read a communication sent to the Secretary-General by the Minister of the Hungarian People's Republic to the United States of America, dated 10 May 1954, which stated that Mr. Janos Boldog, Second Secretary of the Hungarian Legation to the United States of America, had been appointed as Hungarian observer to attend the Commission's discussions concerning the manufacture of narcotics from poppy straw.

The CHAIRMAN asked the Rapporteur to amend the draft report (E/CN.7/L.61) accordingly.

Illicit traffic (E/CN.7/L.61/Add.8 and Corr.1)

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY (India), Rapporteur, proposed that the sentence referring to Australia should be deleted from paragraph D for the reasons stated in document E/CN.7/L.61/Add.8/Corr.1.

It was so decided.

Mr. OZKOL (Turkey) asked that paragraph O should be corrected by the replacement of the words "only 157 kg was identified as being of Turkish origin" by "589 kg of which was attributed to Turkey, 499.899 kg consisted of raw opium seized in Turkey itself".

It was so decided.

Mr. ARDALAN (Iran) asked that paragraph Q should be amended to state that the Iranian Government was actively engaged in controlling the cultivation and purchase of opium poppy and in stamping out the internal and external illicit traffic, and did not merely wish to do so.

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY (India), Rapporteur, proposed that the words "wished to" in paragraph Q should be replaced by "was taking steps to".

It was so decided.

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY (India), Rapporteur, proposed the insertion of the words: ", Bahrein being an integral part of Iran," after "observed that" in the footnote to paragraph R.

It was so decided.

Mr. WALKER (United Kingdom) requested that in the same footnote, after the words "stated that", a new sentence should be included pointing out that the United Kingdom was responsible for the foreign relations of certain territories in the Persian Gulf, including Bahrein.

In reply to a question from Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY (India), Rapporteur, Mr. WALKER (United Kingdom) said that he had submitted a corrigendum to the summary record of the meeting in question (E/CN.7/SR.241). He had made then the point now covered by his verbal amendment and had also said that it was well known that the United Kingdom was responsible for the foreign relations of those territories; that the French text concerning the "enquiry" gave a somewhat exaggerated account of what had actually happened; and that the necessary information had reached the Commission too late for illicit traffic in those territories to be discussed at the previous session. He had, however, made enquiries, the results of which appeared in paragraph R.

It was decided to include the United Kingdom verbal amendment.

Mr. RABASA (Mexico) proposed that, subject to the consent of the United States representative, the second sentence in paragraph S should be amended to read:

"The quantities seized in the United States originated, according to the reports of this Government, from Mexico, India, Turkey and Iran."

The object of his amendment was to make it plain to the reader of the report that the countries mentioned were stated to be the places of origin of opium, not by the Commission but by the country of seizure in its reports.

Mr. ANSLINGER (United States) accepted the Mexican proposal.

The Mexican proposal was adopted by 12 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY (India), Rapporteur, said that, following the decision to re-draft the reference to four countries as the countries of origin of seized opium, the logical inference was that all references in the draft report, on the basis of seizure reports, to countries of origin should be similarly re-worded.

Mr. ANSLINGER (United States of America) pointed out that the nature of all such references could be clarified by the inclusion of an explanatory note at an appropriate point in the report.

The meeting was suspended at 3.20 p.m. and resumed at 3.25 p.m.

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY (India), Rapporteur, proposed that the Commission should modify its last decision, re-adopt the original wording of the second sentence in paragraph S and insert a new paragraph after paragraph C stating that it was understood that attributions of origin in the report were based on the statements made by the Governments reporting the seizures under articles 21 and 23 of the 1931 Convention.

The proposal was adopted.

Mr. RABASA (Mexico) said that his Government attached importance to paragraph T, which substantially reproduced his own statement to the Commission but omitted those of the United States representative and the Chairman. He therefore proposed the addition of a text at the end of the paragraph referring to the appreciation expressed by the United States representative and by the Chairman of the work done by the Mexican Government.

The proposal was adopted.

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY (India), Rapporteur, requested that the words "in his country" should be added after the word "ceased" in the first line under the sub-heading "Italy" on page 7.

It was so decided.

Mrs. VASILYEVA (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) proposed the deletion of paragraphs EE and FF, which constituted a political attack, unsubstantiated by any documents before the Commission, against the People's Republic of China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The CHAIRMAN drew the Soviet Union representative's attention to paragraph KK, in which her delegation's views were recorded.

Mrs. VASILYEVA (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that she would not object to the deletion of paragraph KK if her proposal were adopted.

The proposal was rejected by 9 votes to 2, with 3 abstentions.

Mr. WALKER (United Kingdom) proposed the addition of a sentence in paragraph OO expressing his appreciation of a statement by the United States delegate on the work of the local preventive services in Hong Kong.

The proposal was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that document E/CN.7/L.61/Add.8/Corr.1 recommended that paragraph VV should be omitted.

The recommendation was adopted.

Mr. WALKER (United Kingdom) said that certain Governments had supplied the information referred to in the eleventh line of paragraph ZZ in the normal course of their seizure reports. He accordingly suggested that the words "with their annual reports" should be replaced by "in other forms".

It was so decided.

It was decided to retain the full text of paragraph FFF, and to omit the brackets.

Mrs. VASILYEVA (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) proposed that the last line of paragraph HHH, "said that this allegation should not be accepted", which was inaccurate, should be replaced by "expressed some doubts as to the data regarding Bulgaria".

The proposal was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN invited the Commission to defer consideration of document E/CN.7/L.61/Add.8 to take up the draft resolution on scientific research on opium submitted by the Rapporteur.

Scientific research on opium (E/CN.7/L.83 and L.84)

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the Egyptian representative had submitted amendments (E/CN.7/L.84) to the Rapporteur's draft resolution on the question of scientific research on opium (E/CN.7/L.83).

Mr. NIKOLIC (Yugoslavia) observed that in the third paragraph of the preamble the Commission expressed its conviction that the programme was one of the factors essential to the suppression of illicit traffic. The programme, while an important factor, was hardly an essential one.

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY (India), Rapporteur, disagreed. Unless the programme was considered essential, there was hardly any purpose in adopting a specific resolution on the subject.

Mr. ISMAIL (Egypt) pointed out that his amendment to the second paragraph of the preamble of the draft resolution did not affect the substance of the paragraph.

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY (India), Rapporteur, accepted the amendment.

The Egyptian amendment to the eighth and ninth operative paragraphs was adopted.

Mr. NIKOLIC (Yugoslavia) wondered whether there was any purpose in requesting Governments to submit to the Secretariat samples of opium from each of their producing districts for several successive harvests. It was his impression that, except for evaporation, opium remained unaffected by age.

Mr. PANOPOULOS (Greece) disagreed. Opium was subject to fermentation and oxidization. It was therefore useful to have samples from successive harvests.

Mr. RABASA (Mexico) proposed the insertion of the words "notwithstanding their bona fide and intensive efforts to suppress it" after "illicit production" in the eleventh operative paragraph.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY (India), Rapporteur, explained, with reference to the twelfth operative paragraph, that the word "important" had been inserted before "opium seizures" in order not to compel Governments to furnish samples of every seizure of opium effected in their territory. Moreover, the word "international" before "illicit traffic" meant that Governments need not submit samples of locally-produced opium seized on the domestic illicit market.

Mr. ISMAIL (Egypt) proposed the insertion of the words "in adequate quantities" after "requests for samples" in the thirteenth operative paragraph. Samples should not be so small as to preclude analysis.

The amendment was adopted by 9 votes to 1, with 4 abstentions.

The draft resolution as a whole, as amended, was adopted by 13 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

The meeting rose at 5 p.m.