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Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Wednesday, 15 March 1961, at 3.15 p.m.

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PRESENT:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. JHA	(India)
later,	Mr. ERMACORA	(Austria)
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mr. DELGADO)	Philippines
	Mr. BRILLANTES)	
<u>Members:</u>	Mr. PAZHWAQ	Afghanistan
	Mr. ABREU	Argentina
	Mr. ZENKER	Austria
	Mr. TSAO	China
	Mr. MADSEN	Denmark
	Mr. JUVIGNY	France
	Mr. BHADKAMAR)	India
	Mr. NATH)	
	Miss KAMAL	Iraq
	Mr. BEAUFORT	Netherlands
	Mr. HAKIM	Pakistan
	Mr. ILLUECA	Panama
	Mr. WYZNER	Poland
	Mr. NEDBAILLO	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
	Mr. SAPOZHNIKOV	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
	Sir Samuel HOARE	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
	Mrs. TREE	United States of America
	Mr. ARRAIZ	Venezuela
<u>Also present:</u>	Mrs. LEFAUCHEUX	Commission on the Status of Women
<u>Observer from a Member State:</u>		
	Mr. NAGASHIMA	Japan
<u>Representatives of specialized agencies:</u>		
	Mr. ZMIROU	International Labour Organisation
	Mr. AKRAWI	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
<u>Secretariat:</u>	Mr. HUMPHREY	Director, Division of Human Rights
	Miss SEYMOUR	Senior Budget Officer
	Mr. DAS	Secretary of the Commission

DRAFT REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
(E/CN.4/L.590 and Add.1) (continued)

The CHAIRMAN invited the Commission to resume consideration of that part of its draft report which was contained in document E/CN.4/L.590/Add.1.

Paragraphs 22 to 28

Paragraphs 22 to 28 were adopted.

Paragraph 29

Mr. AKRAWI (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) said that the report which his agency was requested to prepare might deal with measures such as the establishment of regional training centres. He hoped that that would not give rise to objections, in view of the emphasis which had been placed during the discussion on the need to develop national information media.

Mr. PAZHWAQ (Afghanistan) said that he had no objection to reference being made to such measures in UNESCO's report, provided that the stated aim of developing information media which were national in character was always borne in mind.

Paragraph 29 was adopted.

Paragraphs 30 to 32

Paragraphs 30 to 32 were adopted.

The part of the draft report contained in document E/CN.4/L.590/Add.1, as amended, was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN invited the Commission to consider, paragraph by paragraph, that part of its draft report which was contained in document E/CN.4/L.590.

Paragraphs 1 to 18

Paragraphs 1 to 18 were adopted.

Paragraph 19

Mr. BHADKAMKAR (India) proposed that the words "primarily in the legal field" should be added at the end of the first sentence.

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Sir Samuel HOARE (United Kingdom) suggested, as an alternative, the addition of the words "in a limited field".

The United Kingdom representative's suggestion was adopted.

Paragraph 19, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 20

Paragraph 20 was adopted.

Paragraph 21

Sir Samuel HOARE (United Kingdom) said that the first sentence of the paragraph should be modified, as it gave the erroneous impression that all members of the Commission were committed to the idea of holding an international seminar.

Mr. BEAUFORT (Netherlands) suggested that the words "an international" in the same sentence should be replaced by the words "a universal".

Mr. BHADKAMKAR (India) proposed that the sentence should refer to the desirability of holding "an international seminar on a subject of universal interest".

Following a discussion of the wording of the first sentence, the CHAIRMAN suggested that the sentence should be amended to read as follows: "Some members were agreed in principle on the desirability of holding an international seminar on a subject of universal interest."

It was so decided.

Paragraph 21, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraphs 22 to 24

Paragraphs 22 to 24 were adopted.

Paragraph 25

Mr. PAZHWAQ (Afghanistan) pointed out that the present text of paragraph 25 failed to reflect either the actual views of the sponsors of the draft resolution (E/CN.4/L.578) or the text of the resolution itself. He therefore proposed that the third sentence beginning "The sponsors explained ..." should be

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(Mr. Pazhwak, Afghanistan)

deleted and that the last two sentences should be combined into one sentence, which would read: "All that the draft resolution sought to do was to request the Secretary-General to make a study of other possible means of action 'in the light of resolution 926 (X).'"

Sir Samuel HOARE (United Kingdom) felt that the balance of the paragraph would be upset by the deletion of the third sentence. The first two sentences recorded that some members had had doubts and misgivings concerning paragraph 1 (a) of the draft resolution and some account must surely be given of the attempts made by the sponsors to allay those feelings. The final sentence proposed by the Afghan representative might be further clarified if the words "through advisory services", which had actually been added to the text of the draft resolution, were inserted after the words "other possible means of action".

Mr. ARRAIZ (Venezuela) suggested that the third sentence should be deleted, as the Afghan representative had proposed, but that the beginning of the fourth sentence should be amended to read: "The sponsors explained that the 'other effective measures' which the Secretary-General ...".

Mr. BRILLANTES (Philippines), Rapporteur, said that he would redraft paragraph 25 to meet the Afghan representative's points and also incorporate the suggestions made by the United Kingdom and Venezuelan representatives.

Mr. Ermacora (Austria) took the Chair.

Paragraphs 26 to 33

Paragraphs 26 to 33 were adopted.

PLACE OF MEETING OF THE NEXT SESSION OF THE COMMISSION (E/CN.4/L.601 and Add.1.)
(continued)

The CHAIRMAN invited the Commission to consider draft resolution E/CN.4/L.601 and drew attention to the statement of financial implications (E/CN.4/L.601/Add.1).

Sir Samuel HOARE (United Kingdom) inquired whether the provision in paragraph 2 (e) of General Assembly resolution 1202 (XII) had been applied in the case of the decision to hold at Rome in 1962 the joint meeting referred to in paragraph 2 of document E/CN.4/L.601/Add.1.

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Miss SEYMOUR (Secretariat) pointed out that no host State was involved in the holding of the meeting in question at Rome.

Mr. JUVIGNY (France) inquired whether the decision to hold that meeting at Rome in 1962 was final and by what body it had been taken.

Miss SEYMOUR (Secretariat) said that the proposal to hold that meeting had been endorsed by the Economic and Social Council, and that the General Assembly, at its fifteenth session, had noted without objection the relevant arrangements proposed by the Secretary-General. That action had been interpreted as constituting advance approval of the budgetary and programming arrangements for the holding of that meeting in 1962.

Mr. JUVIGNY (France) said that while he did not have any objection to the holding of the joint meeting, he considered it unreasonable to assume that the holding of another meeting of a functional commission in Europe in 1962 was entirely precluded thereby. Moreover, it would seem that no decision had been taken on this point.

Draft resolution E/CN.4/L.601 was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 7 abstentions.

The meeting rose at 5 p.m.