

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

JOINT HARMONIZING SUB-COMMITTEE OF COMMITTEES III AND V

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE SECOND MEETING

Hold on 9 July 1945, at 4:30 P.M. at
Hunter College, New York

CHAIRMAN: MR. TIMMERMAN (The Netherlands)

Members Present: All except Dr. Mani (India) and Dr. Stampar (Yugoslavia)

Presentation of texts

Mr. SANDIFER (United States) was called upon to present the texts drawn up by the Delegates for China, France, the United Kingdom, and the United States, on the basis of the morning's discussion. He submitted and briefly discussed the following drafts:

1. Formula for the participation of non-self-governing territories in regional agencies.

Territories which are not responsible for the conduct of their international relations shall have the right to be represented in and to participate in regional agencies.

The nature and extent of the rights and obligations of such territories in such regional agencies shall be determined by the Assembly in consultation with the states having responsibility for such territories and with the Member States of the region.

2. Formula for the participation of non-self-governing territories in the central organization.

Territories or groups of territories which are not responsible for the conduct of their international relations may be admitted as Associate Members by the World Health Assembly upon

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application made on behalf of the territory or groups of territories by the Member or other authority having responsibility for their international relations. Unless the Assembly otherwise decides, the number of such Associate Members shall not exceed twenty.

The nature and extent of the rights and obligations of Associate Members shall be determined by the Assembly in consultation with the States having responsibility for such territories.

Agreement as to Principle

The CHAIRMAN stated that before these texts could be considered, the Committee would first have to decide whether non-self-governing territories should be represented as associate Members of the central organization. This principle was adopted by a vote of 9 to 2.

Adoption of text on Participation in the Central Organization

The text on the problem of participation in the central organization was considered first. Mr. VALLAT (United Kingdom) proposed its adoption for submission to the drafting legal sub-committee, and Dr. SZE (China) seconded this proposal.

Dr. TOGBA (Liberia) asked whether it might not be appropriate to include in this text his proposal that these members be chosen from among the native population of the territories, and Dr. SZE replied that it had been considered that this principle might best be determined by the Assembly.

The text was then unanimously adopted and referred to the drafting sub-committee of Committee III.

Adoption of Text on Participation in Regional Agencies

Dr. MOLL (El Salvador) proposed that the wording in this text be made to conform to that of the other proposal: i.e., to the word "territories" there should be added "or groups of territories".

After some discussion, it was decided by a close vote that this should be done. Attention was called to other parts of the texts to which these words should be added for the sake of conformity, but it was decided to leave these changes to the drafting committee.

Mr. VALLIAT (United Kingdom) made a reservation for his Delegation that the drafting of this proposal should be made to conform with the rest of the Section on Regional Arrangements, and the text was then unanimously adopted and referred to the drafting sub-committee of Committee V.

Subjects referred to Drafting Committees

The CHAIRMAN then brought up the question of the establishment of regional agencies. It was pointed out, however, that this subject was one for the drafting committee of Committee V, and that the joint sub-committee in adopting these two texts had fulfilled its terms of reference.

Dr. GROMASHEVSKY (U.S.S.R.) felt that a clear distinction should be drawn between the texts to be considered by the two drafting committees, to avoid a duplication of work. He thought that perhaps Section IV, on Membership, should include not only reference to membership of non-self-governing territories in the central organization but also a reference to such membership in the regional agencies.

Mr. SANDIFER (United States), on the other hand, thought that membership in the regional agencies belonged primarily to Section XIII, on Regional Agencies.

Dr. EVANG (Norway) suggested that the difficulty might be solved by inserting under Section IV, Membership, a note dealing with representation in the regional level, and by placing the text itself under Regional Agencies.

It was decided to leave this problem for the consideration of the general drafting committee.

The meeting rose at 5:40 P.M.
