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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE SIXTY-SECOND MEETING

Held at Beirut, Lebanon,
on Monday, 4 April 1949 at 9.45 a.m.

CONTENTS: Adoption of Report of the Commission to the Economic and Social Council - (Chapters IV - VII).

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mrs. Marie Helene Lafauchoux	France
<u>Members:</u>	Mrs. Elsie Frances Byth	Australia
	Dr. Cecelia Sieu-Ling Zung	China
	Mrs. Lina P. Tsaldaris	Greece
	Mrs. Fortuna Andre Guery	Haiti
	Mrs. Lakshmi Nandan Menon	India
	Mrs. Amalia C. de Castillo Ledon	Mexico
	Miss Marcelle Abse	Syria
	Mrs. Mihri Pektas	Turkey
	Miss Mary Sutherland	United Kingdom
	Mrs. Elizieveta Popova	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
	Miss Dorothy Kenyon	United States of America
	Mrs. Isabel Urdaneta	Venezuela

Representatives from Inter-Governmental Organizations:

Miss Minerva Bernardino	Inter-American Commission of Women
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Consultants from Non-Governmental Organizations:Category A:

Mrs. Marie Couette	World Federation of Trade Unions
Miss Nina Trad	World Federation of United Nations Associations

Secretariat:

Mrs. Amanda Ibarca

Chief of the Section
on the Status of
Women

Mr. Edward Lawson

Secretary

Mrs. Claude Day

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COUNCIL (Document E/CN.6/122 and Annex; Item 16 of the agenda)

Chapter IV - Participation of Women in the Work of the United Nations.

Miss KENYON (United States of America), supported by
Mrs. URDANETA (Venezuela), proposed that the resolution contained
in Chapter IV should not be included in the Annex and that the footnote
at the bottom of page 14, referring to a draft resolution on this
question, in the Annex, should be deleted.

The proposal was adopted by 10 votes to none.

Chapter IV, as amended, was adopted by 10 votes to none, with
1 abstention.

Chapter V - Educational Opportunities for Women.

Miss KENYON (United States of America), supported by
Miss SUTHERLAND (United Kingdom), proposed a rearrangement of the
paragraphs of the resolution in Chapter V. The study of the question
already made by the Commission would be linked with the new plan
for a joint investigation with UNESCO in a preamble, and only the
operative part of the resolution would be referred to the Economic
and Social Council.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the resolution had been
discussed and adopted by the Commission. Only suggestions for
drafting changes, which did not alter the substance, were now in order.

Mrs. POPOVA (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that
if the Commission decided to make amendments in the report she
would also have certain proposals to make. In the resolution under
discussion she proposed the deletion of any reference to an
investigation by UNESCO, since UNESCO was not an organization
dealing with the education of women.

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After a lengthy discussion as to whether the proposal of United States Representative constituted an amendment to the substance of the resolution, Miss KENYON and Mrs. POPOVA agreed to withdraw their amendments.

Miss SUTHERLAND (United Kingdom) said, and the Rapporteur agreed, that it was within the province of the Commission to consider the final form in which the resolutions should be presented. It could, therefore, alter the order of the paragraphs, provided that no alteration was made in the wording. She proposed that the second paragraph should be transferred to the end of the resolution.

Mrs. POPOVA (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) having no objection to a change of order, a vote was taken and it was decided by 11 votes to none, with 2 abstentions, that the second paragraph should be placed at the end of the resolution in both the Report and the Annex.

Chapter V, as amended, was adopted by 12 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Chapter VI - Application of the Penal Law to Women

At the suggestion of Miss SUTHERLAND (United Kingdom), supported by Mrs. URDANETA (Venezuela), it was agreed by 12 votes to none, with 1 abstention, to transfer paragraph 28 to the chapter dealing with item 13 of the agenda.

Chapter VI, as amended, was adopted by 12 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

It was agreed by 9 votes to none, with 4 abstentions, that the resolution in Chapter VI should not be included in the annex for reference to the Economic and Social Council.

Chapter VII - Conflict of Laws relating to Nationality, Domicile, Marriage and Divorce.

Chapter VII was adopted by 10 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

It was agreed that 1 December 1949 should be entered in the blank space appearing in Resolution E in the Annex, as the date by which Member States should be asked to send their comments to the Secretary-General.

The text of Resolution E, as completed, was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

The Commission rose at 11 a.m.