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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE SECOND MEETING

Held at Church House, Westminster on Monday  
8 July 1946 at 10.30 a.m.

CHAIRMAN: MR. M. LACHS (Poland)

Present: Mr. E.C. Souza (Brazil)  
(Canada)  
Mr. D.Y. Dao (China)  
Mr. P. Perier (France)  
Mr. J. Shadid (Lebanon)  
Mr. Noe (Netherlands)  
Mr. P. Yerzin (USSR)  
Mr. G. Warren (United States)  
Mr. Davidson (United Kingdom)

Sir Herbert Emerson (IGC)  
Mr. Cohen (UNRRA)

Secretariat: Mr. B. Pickard

Publicity of sub-committee meetings

On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed that the question of the publicity of sub-committee meetings should be deferred until sub-committees were actually set up.

Adoption of proposed Rules of Procedure (E/REF.FIN/4)

The CHAIRMAN explained that the proposed Rules of Procedure were based on those of the Economic and Social Council with modifications to meet the particular requirements of the Committee. On the proposal of MR. PERIER (France), seconded by MR. WARREN (United States), the Proposed Rules of Procedure were adopted unanimously.

Discussion concerning Plan of Work (E/REF.FIN/3)

The CHAIRMAN introduced the proposed Plan of Work which he had drawn up in collaboration with the second Vice-Chairman and the Secretariat. On his suggestion it was agreed that the questionnaire

attached as an annex to the Plan of Work be considered first since the data which it was designed to secure was of primary importance and urgency to the planning of the budgets, and would not be available in time unless the questionnaire were dispatched immediately.

Some discussion arose as to whether it would not be preferable for the allied governments, UNRRA and the IGC to provide details as to the number and location of refugees and displaced persons at the present time instead of as anticipated at 1 January 1947. Certain delegates thought that estimates for the future would inevitably be uncertain and that current figures formed a much more reliable working basis, particularly since the details concerning personnel etc. would be based upon the present costs. Other delegates, however, pointed out that there would be large numbers of displaced persons repatriated in the coming year and that the Committee must make some estimate of costs with this fact in mind. On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed that figures for both the present time and the future should be requested, and that the relevant paragraph 1 of the questionnaire be amended to this effect.

It was noted that paragraph 1 of the section addressed to allied governments related to refugees as well as displaced persons and should be altered accordingly.

MR. DAO (China) thought that some governments, and particularly his own, might find the wording of paragraph 1 of the section relating to allied governments, a little ambiguous unless it were explained that in accordance with paragraph 5 of Part II of the Definitions annexed to the Economic and Social Council Resolution (E/81) no data were required concerning "persons who are in receipt of financial support and protection from their countries of nationality, unless their countries of nationality request international assistance for them". It was agreed that an explanation to this effect should be made in appropriate cases.

On the suggestion of MR. WARREN (United States) it was agreed that the distribution of personnel costs as between the administrative and operational budgets both of UNRRA and the IGC should be made clear.

SIR HERBERT EMERSON (IGC) stated that the IGC had prepared for the Committee's use a draft budget for the two classes coming within its care, namely German and Austrian refugees, and Spanish refugees. In his capacity as High Commissioner for Refugees he had drawn up a third draft budget for the care of Nansen refugees, which was also available.

Subject to the above alterations and interpretations, the draft questionnaire was approved unanimously. On the proposal of MR. PERLIER (France), seconded by MR. SHADID (Lebanon) and MR. NOE (Netherlands) an ad hoc sub-committee was set up to consider practical arrangements for the gathering of the information indicated in the questionnaire. The sub-committee consisted of the following members:

MR. DAO (China), MR. PERLIER (France), MR. DAVIDSON (United Kingdom), MR. WARREN (United States), MR. YERZIN (USSR) with the representatives of UNRRA and the IGC acting in a consultative capacity.

The meeting rose at 12 noon.

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