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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES  
AND DISPLACED PERSONS

FACT-FINDING SUB-COMMITTEE.

Held at Church House on Tuesday, 30 April 1946 at 3 p.m.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: Mr. WINIEWISCZ (Poland)

Election of Chairman and Rapporteur

The Delegate for France nominated the Delegates for Belgium and the U.S.S.R. as Chairman and Rapporteur respectively. This proposal was seconded by the Delegate for Yugoslavia.

Although recognizing the undoubted capabilities of the candidates put forward by the French Delegate, the Delegate for the United Kingdom considered that language difficulties must be taken into account. He therefore nominated the Delegates for Brazil, Poland and Australia as Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur. This proposal was seconded by the Delegate for the United States.

Owing to the pressure of other work, and as no provision had been made for the appointment of a Vice-Chairman, the Delegate for Poland withdrew his name from the list of candidates.

The Delegate for Belgium also withdrew his name from the list of candidates on the grounds that it would be most appropriate for the representative of a great country of possible resettlement to be Chairman of the Committee.

Decision: The Delegate for Brazil was elected Chairman by acclamation and took his place in the Chair.

The Chairman announced that a vote would be taken to decide who would occupy the post of Rapporteur and appointed the Delegates for France and Belgium as tellers.

Decision: The Delegate for the U.S.S.R. was elected Rapporteur by seven votes to four.

The I.G.C. and UNRRA were requested to submit all available information as to numbers and the location of refugees and displaced persons. The countries of possible resettlement were also requested to submit relevant information.

The Secretariat was requested to investigate the possibilities of having a verbatim record of the meetings of the sub-committee kept, and possibly distributed to the members of the Committee.

The meeting rose at 3.45 p.m.

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