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PROVISIONAL SUMMARY RECORD OF THE FOURTEENTH MEETING
held on 6 May 1955 at 9 a.m.

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Present:

CHAIRMAN: Mr. SUNNANAA (Norway),	Chairman of the Conference
Mr. GARCIA-AMADOR (Cuba)	Deputy Chairman of the Conference
Mr. ANDERSON (Australia)	Vice-Chairman of the Conference
Mr. CHOPRA (India)	" " " " "
Mr. D'ANCONA (Italy)	" " " " "
Mr. FUJINAGA (Japan)	" " " " "
Mr. ALVAREZ DEL VILLAR (Mexico)	" " " " "
Rear-Admiral LLOSA (Peru)	" " " " "
Mr. BABAIAN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)	" " " " "
Mr. WALL (United Kingdom)	" " " " "
Mr. HERRINGTON (United States of America)	" " " " "
Mr. PEDROSA, replacing Mr. Diaz de Espada (Spain)	
Mr. TSURUOKA, replacing Mr. Fujinaga (Japan) for part of the meeting	
Mr. BASTER	Executive Secretary

CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF DRAFTING SUB-COMMITTEE III TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ON THE CONSENSUS OF THE CONFERENCE ON ITEM 12 (a), (b) AND (c) OF THE AGENDA A/CONF.10/GC.5/Rev.1, A/CONF.10/GC6/Rev.1 and A/CONF.10/GC.7) (Continued)

In order to facilitate the work of the General Committee, it was agreed that Drafting Sub-Committee III be asked to re-draft its report on item 12, combining documents A/CONF.10/GC.5/Rev.1, A/CONF.10/GC.6/Rev.1 and A/CONF.10/GC.7 in a single document, which should be strictly factual. The revised report should give a systematic survey of existing international conservation, councils and conventions and of the international measures already applied, and should identify the conservation problems which required attention. All recommendations for the solution of those problems would be considered in connection with item 13.

Mr. D'ANCONA (Italy) proposed that reference to the Mediterranean be deleted from paragraphs 9(d) and 12 of A/CONF.10/GC.6/Rev.1 and that paragraph 12 be re-drafted in more general terms, avoiding any mention of closed seas or small gulfs. Further, paragraph 13, including Table I, should be amended as the information therein concerning the Mediterranean was inaccurate.

The sardine fishery in that area was not a mixed fishery and did not involve any immediate problem of overfishing. Further research was required before a conservation programme could be evolved.

It was so agreed.

It was further agreed to mention Northwest Pacific sockeye salmon specifically in paragraph 9(d); and, in Table I of paragraph 13, to transfer the information given for the Southern Pacific under the heading "South-Eastern Pacific".

It was pointed out that, in view of the purely descriptive nature of the report, paragraph A.1 of A/CONF.10/GC.6/Rev.1 and the second paragraph on page 2 of A/CONF.10/GC.7 would require revision. For the same reason, a proposal by the Japanese representative in relation to paragraph A.1 of A/CONF.10/GC.6/Rev.1 would be considered in connection with item 13.

Mr. TSURUOKA (Japan) proposed that in document A/CONF.10/GC.7 the second sentence of the third paragraph on page 6 be amended to read: "Under these circumstances ... to abstain from such fishing under certain strict conditions"; and should include a reference to his proposed amendment to paragraph A.1 of A/CONF.10/GC.6/Rev.1, if adopted. With regard to the French text of A/CONF.10/GC.6/Rev.1, paragraph A.2 might read: "Du point de vue technique et scientifique, ce qui importe c'est que les réserves... que l'application desdites mesures soit efficace et réalisée dans les plus brefs délais sans être entravée..."

The meeting rose at 11.15 a.m.