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COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

SUMMARY RECORDS OF MEETINGS

EIGHTEENTH MEETING

Held on Monday, 20 May 1946 at 2:00 P.M.

Chairman: Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

The eighteenth meeting of the Commission on Human Rights was devoted to the final reading of the Report of the Commission on Human Rights to the Second Session of the Economic and Social Council (E/38).

The footnote on Page 1 (E/38) was amended to read as follows:

Dr. C. L. Hsia had been nominated in place of Dr. John C. Wu, and Mr. Dusan Brkish in place of Dr. Jerko Radmilovic.

Mr. Alexander Borisov replaced Mr. Nikolai Kriukov.

Mr. Borisov took part in the meetings of the Commission from 13 May 1946. On his arrival Mr. Borisov stated

that the former representative had been only an observer.

Owing to a misapprehension on the part of the Commission as well as on the part of the Member from the U.S.S.R.

first attending the Commission meetings this representative took part in all of the discussions and in the votes of the Commission up to the time Mr. Borisov arrived on 13 May 1946.

As a result, Mr. Borisov took exception to certain agreements that had been reached, and in this report and in the Summary Records of the meetings of the Commission, his objections and dissents are recorded.

Section 3, Point 1, b (E/38, Page 9) was amended to read as follows:

The Member States of the United Nations should have the right to nominate not more than two individuals each for

the Commission.

The Chairman pointed out that the Report had already been adopted in Sections and that it was only necessary now to give final approval to the Report as a whole.

The Report was adopted on M. Cassin's motion.

M. Cassin pointed out that the final Report was not as yet available in French. That it was essential to have all documents in both working languages so that the french text could be studied and approved as well. He regretted that no french text of such an important document was available especially as the Report was to be given to the press and a press conference was to be held.

The Chairman stated that the Secretariat had had great difficulty in getting translations from the Language Section and the Commission unanimously adopted the following resolution:

The Commission on Human Rights regrets that the services of the Secretariat-General have not been able to secure in time copies of documents concerning the discussions of the Commission and especially copies of the final report in both writing languages, the Commission points out that all rules established for the effective functioning of the United Nations must be scrupulously observed.

M. Cassin thanked the Chairman for the very authoritative and competent manner in which she conducted the discussions. He pointed out that some people might feel that the Commission had been too timid in its recommendations, others might think that it had proceeded too fast. He felt that the Commission had created an important document in its Report and had taken an important step forward in an entirely new venture.

The Chairman closed the first session of the Commission on Human Rights by saying:

"I thank you very much, M. Cassin, for not only your kind words to me but also for the way you have spoken of the work that this Commission has accomplished and the hopes that we have, which may be started through the acceptance of this document by the Economic and Social Council.

I would like before we part to thank M. Cassin, particularly, who has been Vice-Chairman; and to thank our Rapporteur, to thank all the Members of the Commission who have attended so faithfully and promptly; and also to thank our own Secretariat which I think, under great difficulties, has accomplished as satisfactory a piece of work as was possible for them to accomplish.

In closing, if it should be our good fortune to work together again, I shall look forward to the opportunity of knowing all the Members of the Commission better and working with them again. If we should not happen to work together, I hope that we may meet and find in any case that wherever we do work in the world, we have profited by this opportunity of getting to know each other and that in any field we will know when our paths cross that our objectives are to help the status of men and women throughout the world and to give them greater opportunity for freedom and for happiness.

And now, I shall declare this session of our Commission at an end and wish to you all a very good journey, wherever you are going."

The Meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M.

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