

ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION  
SUMMARY RECORD OF THE FIRST MEETING  
FIRST SESSION

Hold at Lake Success, New York, on Monday  
20 January 1947, at 11:00 a.m.

## Present:

Mr. Roland Wilson	(Australia)
Mr. F. van Langenhove	(Belgium)
Mr. Stewart Bates	(Canada)
Mr. T. Y. Wu	(China)
Mr. E. P. Cisneros	(Cuba)
Mr. L. Radimsky	(Czechoslovakia)
Mr. R. K. Nehru	(India)
Mr. Ragnar Frisch	(Norway)
Mr. Oscar Lange	(Poland)
Mr. A. P. M. rozov	(USSR)
Mr. R. L. Hall	(United Kingdom)
Mr. I. Lubin	(United States)
Observers:	
Mr. E. J. Riches	(ILO)
Mr. F. L. McDougall	(FAO)
Mr. Wallace U. Campbell	(International Co-operative Alliance)
Miss Tony Sender	(American Federation of Labour)
Mr. John R. Minter	(ICC)
Secretariat:	
Mr. A. D. K. Owen	(Assistant Secretary-General)
Mr. David Weintraub	(Secretary to Commission)

Mr. OWEN (ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL) opened the meeting. The system of wireless reception of simultaneous interpretation, in use for the first time at the meeting, was explained.

Mr. Owen then delivered an opening speech (document E/CN.1/15).

Mr. Owen also announced that Mr. Buimaraes (Brazil) could not be present at the opening meeting as he was attending the funeral of Ambassador Velloso of Brazil, that Mr. Malinine (Byelorussian SSR), Mr. Rueff (France) and Mr. Ho (China) had not yet arrived and that Mr. Wu (China) would represent Mr. Ho and take part in discussions without

the right to vote, and that in the absence of Mr. Augenthaler (Czechoslovakia), Mr. Radinsky would represent him without the right to vote. He added that Mr. Nehru (India) had been nominated in place of Mr. Joshi who had resigned, and that Mr. Lange (Poland) had been nominated by the Government of Poland. Both of those representatives would participate with full rights subject to confirmation by the Economic and Social Council.

#### Election of Chairman

Mr. HALL (UNITED KINGDOM) proposed Mr. FRISCH (NORWAY) as Chairman.

Mr. LANGE (POLAND) seconded the nomination, and spoke of his many years of collaboration with Professor Frisch.

Professor Ragnar FRISCH (NORWAY) was elected Chairman unanimously.

In accepting office, the CHAIRMAN thanked the Commission for the honour bestowed upon him and his country.

#### Statement by the Chairman of the Nuclear Economic and Employment Commission (document E/CN.1/16).

Mr. MACKINTOSH, former Chairman of the Nuclear Economic and Employment Commission presented a statement dealing with the work of that Commission and also with his activities as a representative of the Commission at the Preparatory Conference on World Food Proposals (document E/CN.1/16).

The CHAIRMAN thanked Mr. Mackintosh and the Nuclear Commission for the work they had accomplished.

He then submitted to the Commission Mr. Mackintosh's proposal to invite Viscount Bruce, the Chairman of the Preparatory Commission on World Food Proposals to address the Commission and this proposal was accepted by acclamation.

#### Adoption of Rules of Procedure

Mr. WEINTRAUB (SECRETARIAT) explained the Rules of Procedure (document E/CN.1/5) and stressed the need for the greatest uniformity possible in the rules of different Commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Mr. NEHRU (INDIA) said that he had only received the document two days

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before, and asked for an explanation of Rule 1. He thought the wording of that rule should be more exact, and he considered that provisions should be made for sessions of the Commission to take place before each session of the Economic and Social Council, for the convenience of all governments.

The CHAIRMAN agreed that Rule 1 was important, and wondered whether it was necessary to adopt it immediately.

Mr. WEINTRAUB (SECRETARIAT) pointed out that the Commission would be free to modify the rules.

Mr. LANGE (POLAND) thought that some members might not have had time to study the rules in detail, but he suggested that they should be adopted provisionally and that members should be invited to present modifications.

Mr. LUBIN (UNITED STATES) agreed with Mr. Lange and proposed that the rules should be adopted for this session only.

Mr. CISNEROS (CUBA) supported the views expressed by his colleagues. He suggested that Mr. Lange's recommendations should be followed and that the rules should be adopted, to be amended later.

Mr. MOROZOV (USSR) asked for a detailed explanation of certain deviations from the rules of the Economic and Social Council.

In reply to Mr. Morozov, Mr. Weintraub said that the explanations he required would involve a detailed point-by-point comparison with the rules of the Economic and Social Council. He asked whether there were any specific point he would like clarified.

Mr. MOROZOV (USSR) said that he would not insist upon an explanation at that meeting, but considered it would be useful to discuss the rules later.

Mr. HALL (UNITED KINGDOM) thought there should be a memorandum prepared by the Secretariat, explaining the differences in the Rules of Procedure.

The CHAIRMAN said that in the light of the discussion the Rules of Procedure are adopted provisionally subject to later revision.

/Mr. RADIMSKY

Mr. RADIMSKY (CZECHOSLOVAKIA) thanked the Commission for allowing him to attend the meetings. He expressed Mr. AUGENTHALER's regrets that he would not be able to attend until the next session.

He asked for an explanation of Rule 14 which concerned the procedure of replacing a member who failed to attend two consecutive sessions.

Mr. WEINTRAUB (SECRETARIAT) replied that after repeated failure to attend a member of the Commission is expected to resign and the Government concerned would have to submit another nomination and consult the Secretary-General. Upon acceptance, confirmation would have to be obtained from the Economic and Social Council.

Election of Other Officers of the Economic and Employment Commission

Mr. LANGE (POLAND) suggested that the election should be postponed for a day or two. He thought it desirable that members should first become acquainted with one another.

The CHAIRMAN, seeing that there was no objection to that, postponed the elections to the following day.

The same action was taken with regard to the next item on the agenda, the adoption of provisional agenda.

The meeting rose at 12:30 p.m.

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