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CONSIDERATION OF THE RAPPORTEUR'S REPORT ON ITEM 5 OF THE AGENDA (E/CN.1/W.56)

Paragraph 1 and 2

Mr. LUBIN (United States of America), Rapporteur, pointed out that he had included in the report only those proposals which had been supported by more than one member of the Commission, and the comments which had appeared to him to be important.

Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Rapporteur's report on item 5 of the agenda were adopted.

Paragraph 3

Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) asked that a vote should be taken on paragraph 3 and the subsequent paragraphs of the report.

Paragraph 3 was adopted by 8 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

Paragraph 4

Paragraph 4 was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

Paragraph 5

Mr. EVANS (International Labour Organization) was sorry that the representative of the International Labour Organization had not been able to assist in the preparation of document E/CN.1/Sub.3/24. He asked whether it would be possible to add the following words to the first sentence of paragraph 5: "...and a statement by the ILO representative which appears in the summary record."

It was decided that the report should refer to the summary record of the current meeting and to Mr. Evans's statement.

Mr. BOE (Norway) requested the deletion of the words "either" and "or" in the last sentence of the paragraph, and also the last part of that sentence beginning with the words "or to judge".

It was so decided.

Paragraph 5, as amended, was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

Paragraph 6

Mr. de SEYNES (France) felt that the second sentence of the paragraph referred to a statement made by the French representative. If that were so, the sentence should be redrafted as follows:

"Certain members of the Commission were of the opinion that the Commission was not called upon to formulate a theory on economic development, but to make definite recommendations likely to lead to programmes of action, and that the Commission would not be able to assume its responsibilities unless called upon to give advice in actual cases."

Mr. de SELLERS (Belgium) asked whether, in the French representative's opinion, the Commission itself should give definite advice to governments or should limit itself to working through specialized agencies.

Mr. MORCZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) considered that the amendment proposed by the French representative would limit the Commission's work to the study of practical questions of detail, and prevent it from discussing any general principles. He suggested that the first part of the paragraph should be deleted.

Mr. de SEYNES (France) explained that he not intended that the matters to be discussed by the Commission should be limited. Nevertheless, he would prefer it to leave aside far-reaching questions the discussion of which would not have any practical result. Moreover, it was merely a matter of drawing up a programme of action for the Economic and Social Council.

Mr. de SELLERS (Belgium) feared that the last sentence of paragraph 6 placed too much importance on the question of co-ordination. That was the main idea, but it should be remembered that specialized agencies should be able to carry out the work laid down in their respective statutes without being given directives by organizations which had no direct responsibilities in connexion with those agencies.

Mr. LUBIN (United States of America) felt that the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies could reach agreement without being given definite instructions, and that the Commission could have confidence in them.

Mr. de SELLERS (Belgium) accepted that interpretation.

Mr. LUBIN (United States of America) suggested that the following text should replace the first two sentences of paragraph 6:

"The majority of the Commission believed that the concern of the Commission should go beyond the mere discussion of general principles and theoretical problems of development. They were of the opinion that the Commission should have been given a more active part in the expansion of this assistance and that it had a responsibility to advise and comment upon the work of the Secretariat in providing technical assistance, and that the Council would wish to consider the future role of the Commission in this matter. Some members were of the opinion that the Commission was not in a position to assume its responsibility in this field, unless it had the opportunity to express its views upon concrete cases."

Mr. de SELLERS (Belgium) felt that the need for the consideration of practical problems should be emphasized. Practical problems, and not the general discussion, should be the Commission's main preoccupation.

Mr. LUBIN (United States of America) proposed the following text: "Since the concern of the Commission involves not only consideration of the general principles and theoretical problems of technical assistance, but also the consideration of the practical problems in this field, the majority of the Commission...".

Mr. de SELLIERS (Belgium) proposed that the word "also" should be replaced by "and primarily".

Mr. BOE (Norway) said that he would vote against the paragraph if the amendment submitted by the representative of Belgium was accepted.

Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and Mr. SMOLIAR (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) protested against the tendency to direct the future activity of the Commission towards discussing technical details instead of considering the basic principles.

Mr. de SELLIERS (Belgium) stated that the Commission should consider practical problems and not only theoretical ones; it had not been asked to draft treaties on political economy.

Mr. BOE (Norway) considered that the establishment of principles and their application were two equally important aspects of the Commission's work. The general principles had already been laid down and the Commission could therefore go on to consider the practical application. Nevertheless, the importance of the general principles should never be underestimated.

Mr. LUBIN (United States of America) proposed the following wording: "Since the concern of the Commission involves consideration of the practical problems of technical assistance as well as the consideration of the general principles and theoretical problems, the majority...".

The United States amendment was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

Paragraph 6, as amended, was adopted by 10 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

Paragraph 7

Mr. DEUTSCH (Canada) proposed that the phrase "visiting the countries concerned for such purpose, and commenting upon the recommendations made" should be replaced by the following sentence: "The purpose of this review would be to utilize the experience of such missions as a basis for further work and recommendations in this field".

It was so agreed.

Paragraph 7, as amended, was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

Paragraph 8 (preamble and sub-paragraphs (a) and (b))

Mr. BOE (Norway) read a substitute text which he had proposed for the preamble and sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) (E/CN.1/W 56/Add.2).

The CHAIRMAN said that, in the circumstances, it would be better to postpone the decision on the first part of paragraph 8 until all the representatives had had an opportunity to consider the proposals submitted by the representative of Norway. In the meantime, the Commission could consider sub-paragraphs (c), (d) and (e).

It was so agreed.

Paragraph 8 (sub-paragraph (c))

A short discussion took place between the CHAIRMAN, Mr. BOE (Norway) and Mr. EVANS (International Labour Organization), as the result of which it was decided that sub-paragraph (c) should be altered to read as follows:

"(c) That a conference on advanced technical education be convened in order that under-developed countries might have an opportunity of learning and adopting the practice best suited to their needs in this respect."

Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) pointed out that the Commission was not competent to convene international conferences. Moreover, the above text did not specify which body was to convene the conference in question.

Mr. BOE (Norway) explained that the Commission was not adopting a recommendation to the Economic and Social Council. The Rapporteur's report simply contained the opinions expressed by the various representatives. In his opinion, UNESCO would be the competent organ to convene the conference.

The new text of sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph 8 was adopted by 8 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

Paragraph 8 (sub-paragraph (d))

Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) asked whether sub-paragraph (d) would apply to displaced persons.

Mr. de SELLERS (Belgium), the author of the proposal, explained that the sub-paragraph would apply to anyone who wished to emigrate and it would therefore also apply to displaced persons. Since various countries, especially Cuba, had complained that the immigrants they received were not sufficiently trained to be of any use, Mr. de Sellers thought that immigrants should be granted facilities for technical training.

Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that he would vote against sub-paragraph (d) since it was also to apply to displaced persons.

He considered that the policy outlined in that sub-paragraph was contrary to the General Assembly's decisions that it was essential above all to encourage the repatriation of displaced persons.

Mr. LUBIN (United States of America) did not agree with Mr. Morozov. He felt that, in the field of technical training, there was no reason to discriminate against anyone and there should certainly not be discrimination against displaced persons. As for the question of repatriation, it did not come within the Commission's competence. Moreover, the decision concerning the repatriation of displaced persons should not prevent them from benefiting by the training which they could receive under such a programme and which might be useful to their own country.

Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) replying to Mr. Lubin, stated that certain Powers considered the displaced persons camps as a source of cheap labour and even as a slave market. The proposal contained in sub-paragraph (d) would simply sanction that intolerable state of affairs.

Mr. de SELLERS (Belgium) proposed the addition of the words "or their repatriation" after the words "prior to their migration" in order to meet the objections raised by Mr. Morozov.

In order to cover the views expressed by Mr. EVANS (International Labour Organization), he agreed to insert the words "wherever practicable" after the words "intended migrants".

It was so agreed.

Mr. SAKSENA (India) requested that the following words should be added to the end of sub-paragraph (d):

"so as to improve their adaptability to conditions of living and to their selected occupation in the country of destination".

It was so agreed.

Sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph 8, as amended, was adopted by 10 votes to 3.

Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) explained that he had voted against that sub-paragraph because he was opposed to the policy of the International Refugee Organization with regard to displaced persons. That policy was contrary to the General Assembly's resolution concerning repatriation.

Paragraph 8 (sub-paragraph (e))

It was decided that sub-paragraph (e) should read as follows:

"(e) that action should be taken to avoid suspension of technical assistance programmes provided by FAO by reason of the imminent exhaustion of UNRRA transfer funds."

Sub-paragraph (e) of paragraph 8 was adopted by 5 votes to 1, with 7 abstentions.

Paragraph 9

Paragraph 9 was adopted by 11 votes to 1, with 1 abstention, subject to drafting changes to be made by the Rapporteur.

The meeting rose at 1 p.m.