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COUNCIL NGO COMMITTEE

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE SIXTEENTH MEETING

Held at Lake Success, New York, Wednesday, 26 February 1947
at 11:00 a.m.

Present:

Chairman:	Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar	(India)
Members:	Mr. Staw	(China)
	Mr. de Maerolles	(France)
	Mr. Zuev	(Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
	Mr. Phillips	(United Kingdom)
	Mr. Kotschnig	(United States of America)
Secretariat:	Mr. Perez-Guerrero	(Director of the Co-ordination and Liaison Division)
Secretary of the Committee:	Mr. White	(Non-Governmental Organizations Section)

1. Discussion of the Admission of the Inter-Parliamentary Union to Category (a)

Mr. ZUEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) was opposed to admitting to Category (a) an organization of which various Governments were members, as this would be contrary to the provisions of the Council's resolution of 21 June 1946.

Mr. KOTSCHNIG (United States of America) felt that the question of governmental interference did not arise in the case of the Inter-Parliamentary Union any more than in the case of most of the other non-governmental organizations. He explained that the parliamentary representatives of the various countries who were members of that organization were members in a purely private capacity.

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The Committee decided by three votes to one with one abstention to recommend the admission of the Inter-Parliamentary Union to Category (a).

2. Discussion on the Non-Governmental Organizations with Branches in Spain

The Committee rejected the draft resolution presented by the Delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics according to which relations with the organizations with branches located in Spain would not be made.

The Committee decided by two votes to one with two abstentions to recommend the adoption of the draft resolution submitted by the United States Delegation, with the following amendment: in paragraph 2, line 2, the words "...should be admitted to consultative relationship..." would be altered to read "...should be eligible for admission to consultative relationship...". (document E/298)

Mr. PHILLIPS (United Kingdom) and Mr. de MAEROLLES (France) explained that they had abstained because they thought the General Assembly resolution concerning relations with Spain did not apply to the case of relations with non-governmental organizations.

3. Discussion of the Admission of the International Red Cross Committee to Category (a) or (b).

The Chairman, after reading the memorandum of 19 February 1947, submitted by the Secretariat, explained that all the members of the International Red Cross Committee had to be of Swiss nationality.

Mr. KOTSCHNIG (United States of America) and Mr. PHILLIPS (United Kingdom) thought the organization in question should be placed in Category (b) and not in Category (a).

The CHAIRMAN, in reply to a remark by Mr. ZLOTY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), explained that the International Red Cross Committee was a branch of the International Red Cross and had no branches in Spain. He recalled that the General Assembly had recommended fostering relations with the Red Cross.

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The Committee decided by a majority of four votes, with one abstention, to recommend the admission of the International Red Cross Committee to Category (b).

4. Discussion of the Admission of the International Organization of Industrial Employers to Category (a).

Mr. PHILLIPS (United Kingdom) thought that since three organizations representing labour were already placed in Category (a), it would be advisable to include also an employers' organization, in order to have a good balance of opinion in that category, for which moreover, a total of about eight organizations have been foreseen. He further pointed out that the International Organization of Industrial Employers had worked in close relationship with the International Labour Office for the improvement of working conditions.

The CHAIRMAN, in reply to an objection made by Mr. ZUEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), explained that the Spanish organization, the "Social and Economic Studies Society", which, in any case, was not a political group, was not really a part of the International Organization of Industrial Employers, from which it merely received publications.

Mr. KOTSCHEVIC (United States of America), supported by Mr. de MAEROLLES (France), thought that since that organization's activities were more or less restricted to its relations with the International Labour Organization, it ought rather to be placed in Category (b) and perhaps later reclassified, if it were found that its importance had increased.

Mr. PHILLIPS (United Kingdom), unlike Mr. Zuev (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), did not think the purpose of the organization in question was the same as that of the International Chamber of Commerce, which represented primarily employers' commercial interests, whereas the International Organization of Industrial Employers was mainly concerned with the human aspects of various problems. Its relations with the International Labour Organization gave it a field of activities much wider
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than that stated by Mr. Kotschnig: the International Labour Organization had been the first to pass resolutions in favour of full employment and social justice, and considerable sections of the Philadelphia Charter, which it had drawn up during the war with the assistance of the International Organization of Industrial Employers, had been included in the United Nations Charter.

Mr. ZUEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and Mr. de MAEROLLES (France) urged that its classification under Category (b) be postponed until the Committee possessed more specific and complete information on the activities of the organization in question and the various countries and branches belonging to it, and they opposed its inclusion in Category (b) for the time being.

The Committee decided to recommend the admission of the International Organization of Industrial Employers to Category (b), placing on record the opinions and reservations expressed on the subject during the meeting.

5. Discussion on the Admission of the World Federation of United Nations Associations to Category (a).

Mr. PHILLIPS (United Kingdom) was in favour of its admission to Category (a).

Mr. KOTSCHNIG (United States of America) considered that this new Federation, though probably destined to become the most important of all the non-governmental organizations, had not at present sufficient backing and scope to enable it to send fully qualified advisers as its representatives.

The Chairman and Members of the Committee supported this opinion and decided to postpone any decision upon the classification of the World Federation of United Nations Associations and to place on record their hopes for its future.

6. Discussion on the Admission of the Baltic and International Maritime Conference to Category (b).

Mr. KOTSCHNIG (United States of America) answering the objection raised by Mr. Zuev (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) believed that

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since the beginning of the war this organization had ceased to have any relations with its Spanish Branch, which was not in any case influenced by the Franco Government.

Mr. PHILLIPS (United Kingdom) confirmed his general attitude, namely that "the Spanish side" of the question of non-governmental organizations should not be taken into consideration.

Mr. ZUEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) held that the Conference of Spanish Naval Shipyards was affiliated to the Baltic and International Conference and pointed out that it was impossible for shipbuilding organizations to be completely free of government influence. He therefore proposed that the Committee should postpone its decision until the position was clearer.

The Committee supported the point of view of Mr. Zuev (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and at the suggestion of Mr. Kotschnig (United States of America) decided to approach the Transport Commission for additional information.

The meeting rose at 1:00 p.m.
