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*President* : Mr. Hernán SANTA CRUZ (Chile).

*Acting President* : Sir Ramaswami MUDALIAR (India).

*Present* : Representatives of the following countries: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Denmark, France, India, Iran, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Representatives of the following specialized agencies:  
 International Labour Organisation, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Monetary Fund, Interim Commission of the International Trade Organization.

**Report of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on hearings (E/1749)**

1. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the recommendations included in the report of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (E/1749) on the hearings of the representatives of those organizations.
2. In paragraph A of section I, the Committee recommended that the Council should hear representatives of certain organizations, on the understanding that they should be heard in the relevant committee on any item referred by the Council to a committee. That applied, for instance, to item 19: "Report of the Commission on Human Rights (sixth session)", which had already been referred to the Social Committee.
3. In the absence of comments, he would assume that the above recommendation was acceptable to the Council.

*The recommendation set out in paragraph A of section I of the report was adopted.*

4. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the recommendations embodied in paragraphs B and D of section I of the report.
5. With regard to recommendation B, the NGO Committee had heard a statement from the World Federation

of Trade Unions on item 7 and had decided that the statement was irrelevant.

6. In recommendation D, the Committee had recorded its decision that the requests of the World Federation of United Nations Associations to be heard on items 12, 14, 26, 33 and 34 of the agenda should be deferred.

7. In the absence of comment, he would assume that those recommendations were acceptable to the Council. He drew attention to the fact that records of the hearings were available to representatives.

*The recommendation set out in paragraph B of section I was adopted.*

*The Council took note of the decision contained in paragraph D of section I of the report.*

*The report of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations was adopted.*

**Methods of financing economic development of under-developed countries, including consideration of the report of the Sub-Commission on Economic Development (fourth session) (E/CN.1/80, E/1584,<sup>1</sup> E/1690 and E/1729)**

8. The PRESIDENT recalled the fact that the question of the methods of financing development of under-developed countries had been on the Council's agenda since 1948, and that a number of documents had been prepared thereon, including the report of the fourth session of the Sub-Commission on Economic Development (E/CN.1/80).
9. Reference had also been made to the problem in the report of the group of experts on national and international measures for full employment (E/1584).

<sup>1</sup> *National and International Measures for Full Employment* (Report by a group of experts appointed by the Secretary-General).

10. The Council would remember that it had been decided (376th meeting) to discuss full employment (item 3 of the agenda) on 17 July. Clearly, a close relationship existed between the problem of financing the economic development of under-developed countries contained in the report of the Sub-Commission, and that of full employment, discussed in the experts' report. Taking that into account, the President of the Council and he had agreed to suggest that after discussion in a plenary meeting both items should be referred to the Economic Committee, in order that that committee's recommendations on the subject to the Council should be based on the consideration of both reports.

11. Furthermore, members of the Council were no doubt aware of the several resolutions on methods of financing adopted by the Sub-Commission on Economic Development and included in that sub-commission's report (E/CN.1/80).

12. With regard to the report of the group of experts, he would remind the Council that the Australian representative, Mr. Walker, had acted as Chairman of the group, and that tribute had been paid to his work by the Council at its tenth session.<sup>2</sup> Since, however, Mr. Walker represented his Government in the Council, the President proposed that another member of the group should be invited to attend the meetings of the Council in order to be able to answer questions or make any necessary comments. He suggested that Mr. Kaldor, who was in Geneva, should be invited.

13. Mr. SCHNAKE VERGARA (Chile) agreed with the President's views on the inter-relationship between the two reports mentioned, and expressed approval of the proposed procedure.

14. He also supported the proposal that Mr. Kaldor should be invited to attend the meetings of the Council, and recalled the fact that the experience of the Sub-Commission on Economic Development at its fourth session had shown the desirability of closer co-ordination between the Sub-Commission and the group of experts. At the present stage, it would be extremely useful for the Council to have the benefit of the guidance of both Mr. Walker and Mr. Kaldor.

15. Indeed, in view of the importance of the problem, which deserved most careful and detailed analysis, he believed that expert opinion should be freely sought, especially since the group of experts had indicated that economic development of under-developed countries was an essential complement of full employment policies.

16. If the Council was prepared to accept the President's proposal that Mr. Kaldor should be invited, Mr. Schnake Vergara would move that the consideration of item 6 of the agenda should be deferred until the Council's meeting on the following morning, 11 July. Certain delegations had already indicated that they would prefer that item to be dealt with then.

17. The PRESIDENT drew the attention of representatives to the Council's extremely heavy agenda, and

suggested that the Chilean representative's proposal should be amended to allow the consideration of item 6 to be deferred only until the Council's next meeting, that afternoon. It would be possible for Mr. Kaldor to be present, and the list of speakers on item 6 was already long enough to fill the whole afternoon.

18. Mr. WALKER (Australia), supporting the President's proposal that Mr. Kaldor should attend, said that, although his dual position as spokesman for his Government and former member of an *ad hoc* group of experts was somewhat unusual, it would cause him no difficulty, since he was prepared on the one hand to offer explanations on the report of the group of experts, and on the other to express his Government's views thereon, which might differ from those expressed in the report.

*It was agreed that Mr. Kaldor should be invited to attend the meetings of the Council on item 6 of the agenda, and that further consideration of that item should be deferred until the next meeting.*

**Report of the Interim Committee on Programme of Meetings on the sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and related meetings (E/1715, E/1715/Add.1 and E/1750) (concluded)**

19. The PRESIDENT reminded the Council that the only points which remained for consideration in the draft resolution set out in the Committee's report (E/1715) were paragraphs 3 and 4 concerning the dates of the fifth and sixth sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. A decision on that point had been deferred, in view of the Canadian proposal, made at the 377th meeting, that the fifth session should be held at the end of 1950, and not in 1951. On being consulted, the Secretary-General had expressed the opinion that it would be possible to hold that session at the beginning of December 1950.

20. The Council could therefore adopt paragraph 3 of the draft resolution contained in the report of the Committee (E/1715) in its amended form as set out in the memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/1750), as follows:

*"To postpone the opening of the fifth session of its Commission on Narcotic Drugs to 30 November 1950 and to convene this session at the interim headquarters of the United Nations."*

21. Further, the Council could also adopt paragraph 4 of the draft resolution set out in the Committee's report in which it was stated that the sixth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs should be held during August-September 1951. The consequence would be that the sixth session would follow rather closely on the fifth. That, however, could not be avoided, since as a general rule the sessions of the Commission should not overlap those of the General Assembly.

*The amended version of paragraph 3 of the resolution, and the original version of paragraph 4 were adopted.*

The meeting rose at 11.15 a.m.

<sup>2</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council*, tenth session, *Resolutions*, No. 267 B (X).