

FIRST COMMITTEE: EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE SECOND MEETING

Held at the Capitol, Havana, Cuba, Saturday, 29 November 1947, at 5.00 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. J. J. DEEDMAN (Australia).

1. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

The CHAIRMAN thanked representatives for the confidence they had shown in him by electing him Chairman, and called for nomination for Vice-Chairman.

Mr. HERBERT (Canada), supported by Mr. ROYER (France), nominated Mr. Waerum, Chairman of the Danish delegation, for Vice-Chairman.

Mr. GALFRASCOLI (Argentina) nominated the representative of Colombia.

DECISION: The sense of the meeting was that Mr. Waerum, Chairman of the Danish delegation, was elected Vice-Chairman.

Mr. BERTRAM (Denmark) thanked representatives for electing Mr. Waerum, Vice-Chairman.

2. DECISION ON WHETHER MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD IN PUBLIC OR PRIVATE

(See Rule 45 of the Draft Rules of Procedure, document E/CONF.2/2/Rev.4)

The CHAIRMAN, referring to decisions taken by other Committees, suggested that meetings of the First Committee should be public except when any representative considered that the following meeting should be private in which case the Committee might decide that the meeting should be private.

DECISION: The proposal of the Chairman was adopted.

3. OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Mr. ROYER (France) suggested that all texts of documents should be unrestricted unless a representative asked that they should be restricted, in which case it would be open to the Committee to accede to the request if it thought fit to do so.

After a brief discussion in which Mr. SHACKLE (United Kingdom) and Mr. COOMBS (Australia) took part, it was decided that the First Committee would follow the procedure adopted by the Fourth Committee; i.e., that documents should be unrestricted but that should a request be made for a document to be restricted it was open to the Committee to agree to that request.

/The CHAIRMAN

The CHAIRMAN suggested that those delegations which wished to make amendments should furnish them to the Secretariat before 6.00 p.m. 2 December as proposed in document E/CONF.2/11 if they desired them to be incorporated in the annotated Agenda.

The third meeting of the Committee would be devoted to a general discussion of Chapter II and at the following meetings the Chapter would be dealt with Article by Article and paragraph by paragraph. He reminded the Committee that it was expected to complete its work by 20 December.

The meeting rose at 5.30 p.m.