

FIRST COMMITTEE: EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

SUB-COMMITTEE C: RESOLUTION ON INTERNATIONAL ACTION
RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT

THIRD MEETING

Held in the Capitolio at 2.30 p.m.

Saturday, 3 January 1948

The representative of Mexico expressed the view that the matter dealt with in the draft submitted by his delegation (E/CONF.2/C.1/C/W.1) should be the subject of a separate resolution.

The representative of Pakistan felt that the draft submitted by the delegation of Mexico should be a separate resolution and that it should be amended in the following respects:

In the first paragraph a comma should be inserted after the word "migrate" and after the words "such countries", and the word "and" before "contributing" should be deleted;

In the second paragraph "...but, on the contrary take place in violation of migration regulations" should be deleted along with "principally the workers' country of origin", and the word "those" should be substituted for "such" in the clause "...and social interests of such countries";

In the third paragraph the last part should be revised to read "...without prior approval of the governments from whose territory the workers proceed and into whose territory they migrate, unless there is a contract between the respective governments establishing fair and equitable conditions for all the contracting parties and those affected by the contract";

A fourth paragraph should be added concerning permanent migration.

The Sub-Committee agreed that the Drafting Group to be established should determine whether or not more than one resolution is required.

The representative of Italy, referring to the notes on the second meeting, indicated that his remarks concerning the suggestion of the representative of Brazil for amending or abbreviating the text proposed by his delegation should

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not be interpreted as implying that he necessarily favoured such changes.

After consideration of the information reported by the Secretariat concerning the activities of the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements and concerning the likely time at which proposals for an Interim Commission for the ITO would come up for discussion at the present Conference, the representative of Australia intimated that it might be unnecessary to deal within the present resolution with the question of greater stability in the prices of basic commodities, although he could not say with certainty at this stage that it would be unnecessary. The Chairman suggested that those parts of the draft proposed by the delegation of Australia relating to investment and to the price of basic commodities might be covered by the reference to the items contained in the London draft if the new resolution were to urge that studies relating to these items be expedited and that the adequacy of existing international machinery for dealing with such matters be investigated and reported on.

The representative of Poland indicated that his draft laid greater stress than some of the other drafts on the importance of international measures. He explained this emphasis as due to the fact that, according to his understanding, the present resolution was to be concerned with "international action relating to employment". Certain of the points raised by other drafts had been omitted from his proposal for the reason that he felt it desirable to confine the resolution to more general aspects, and, if necessary, to supplement such a general resolution with separate resolutions on specific aspects. He felt that his draft also differed from the other drafts in the following respects:

- (a) It made a distinction between full and productive employment and merely full employment;
- (b) His draft also distinguished between the problems of economies possessing productive resources in well-balanced proportions and those with ill-balanced combinations of such resources;
- (c) His draft also laid stress on the positive objective of maintaining employment rather than on mere preventive measures;
- (d) His draft proposed that the specialized agencies should take account of the plans and suggestions of member states and make their recommendations in the light of those plans and suggestions.

The representative of the United Kingdom felt that the resolution would lose its point if it were not to be directed at specific problems of particular concern to the Conference. She thought that the resolution might contain in its preamble an indication of the interest and concern of the ITO in the general problem but that its recommendations should be

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concentrated on specific points.

Note was also taken of the communication from the delegation of Denmark (E/CONF.2/C.1/C/W.6) concerning the need for co-ordination of governmental policies during periods when inflation is threatening or when governments are taking steps to prevent an outside inflation from entering their country.

At the conclusion of the discussion the Chairman appointed the representatives of Australia, Mexico and the United Kingdom to constitute a Drafting Group for the purpose of preparing, for consideration by the full Sub-Committee, the text of a resolution, or of more than one resolution if necessary, taking into account the points raised by the various proposals in the light of the discussion of those points in the Sub-Committee. It was agreed that the Drafting Group would meet in Room 2-2 at the Orthopedic Hospital at 9.00 a.m., Monday, 5 January, and again at 3.00 p.m. at the Capitolio; and that the full Sub-Committee would meet to receive the report of the Drafting Group at 5.45 p.m., Wednesday, 7 January.
