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UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT**

ADMINISTRATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

**SUMMARY RECORD OF EIGHTH MEETING
Held 7 February 1947**

Chairman: Dr. Guillermo Alamilla

1. Papers Submitted

- (a) E/PC/T/C.6/W.47/Corr.1 (informal working paper)
- (b) Secretariat draft of the first report of the Sub-committee (informal working paper).

2. Corrections

The Delegate of Brazil stated that the informal working paper "Formula for Membership Proposed by the Brazilian Delegation" should be corrected as follows: on page 3 the last paragraph should be eliminated and the whole of page 4 should likewise be eliminated.

The Belgian Delegate wished the record to show that Belgium favours the formula of three categories over the one of two categories. He is of the opinion that the grouping of countries in category A, as contemplated by the Sub-committee draft, is of a nature more controversial than the one proposed by the Belgian Delegation in the Belgian draft of Article 38.

3. The Secretary (Mr. Korican) requested a ruling of the Sub-committee as to whether the Sub-committee would approve of shorter summary records of its meetings. The CHAIRMAN, with the approval of the Sub-committee, approved the principle of shorter summary records and left it to the judgment of the Secretary to determine for each meeting the necessary scope and length of the summary records.

4. Upon the questioning

4. Upon the questioning of the CHAIRMAN, the Delegate of Brazil stated that he would prefer to have the Brazilian draft of Article 68 submitted to the Drafting Committee rather than have it discussed by the Sub-committee and submitted to the Drafting Committee in an amended or altered form.

5. The Sub-committee debated the Secretariat draft of the "First Report of the Administrative Sub-committee (Report on Executive Board Membership and Voting)". In discussing this draft sentence by sentence the Sub-committee decided upon a number of minor changes in formulation. In regard to conclusion number two (page 2 of the report) the Sub-committee decided to expand this part of the report and to give a more detailed report of the reasoning underlying the weighting formula which had been selected by the Sub-committee. In this respect the Sub-committee instructed the Delegate of Canada to co-operate with the Secretary in working out a reformulation of this part of the report.

6. Debate on the United Kingdom-United States-Canada redraft of Article 68 on the Basis of 2 and 3 Categories

The Sub-committee discussed the redraft which had been prepared by the United Kingdom, United States and Canadian Delegates pursuant to the instructions issued by the Sub-committee in its Seventh Meeting.

The Chilean Delegate directed the attention of the Sub-committee to the fact that the first alternative of Article 68 in the London report did not provide for an increase in the number of seats on the Executive Board and he suggested to add to the first alternative as paragraph 5 the following clause:

"The Conference may, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of its Members present and voting, increase the membership to no more than 18, making appropriate provisions for continuity in accordance with the general intention of paragraph 3."

The Sub-committee discussed this suggestion and after discussing the difficulties which might arise if the first alternative of Article 68 in the London Report were to be amended or changed, decided to abstain from any

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amendments to the text of this alternative and merely to refer to this question in its report.

The Sub-committee decided that the United States, United Kingdom, Canadian redraft of Article 68 on the basis of two categories should be designated as Alternative A, and the same redraft of Article 68 on the basis of three categories should be designated as Alternative B, and that the two alternative drafts A and B, with a few minor changes and insertions, should be recommended as replacement of the second, third and fourth alternatives of Article 68 in the London Report.

In discussing paragraph 3 (a) of Alternative A, the Delegate of France prefers a determination of economic importance based on three full calendar years, similar to the provisions in paragraph 2, second paragraph of Alternative B. He pointed out that there was no good reason why in the case of one alternative, a three-year average should prevail and in the case of Alternative A only a two-year average would obtain.

In regard to Alternative B, paragraph 1, the Sub-committee decided to refer to the Legal Drafting Sub-committee the question whether in paragraph 1 the words "Members of the Organization" would be preferable to simply "Members".

The Secretary was instructed to prepare a revised redraft of the first report of the Sub-committee as a regular working paper and to issue Alternatives A and B with the changes decided upon as regular working papers.

The Sub-committee was adjourned until Tuesday, 11 February 1947, at 2:45 p.m.
