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NOMINATION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERIM COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS

Note by the Executive Secretary

The Economic and Social Council in its Resolution 30 (IV) of 28 March 1947 requested the Secretary-General to appoint an interim co-ordinating committee for international commodity arrangements to consist of a chairman to represent the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment, a person nominated by the Food and Agricultural Organization to be concerned with agricultural primary commodities, and a person to be concerned with non-agricultural primary commodities. This committee was designed to be kept informed of inter-governmental consultation or action in this field and to facilitate such consultation or action.

In its Final Act of April 1948 the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment recommended that the Economic and Social Council amend the composition of the Committee to provide that its chairman be nominated by the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization; this recommendation was adopted by the Economic and Social Council in Resolution 110 (VI) on 3 March 1948.

Subsequently the Economic and Social Council in its Resolution 373 (XIII) of 13 September 1951 requested the Secretary General:

"to reconstitute as soon as practicable the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements so that it shall consist of a chairman nominated by the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, a person nominated by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to be concerned in particular with agricultural primary commodities, and a person to be concerned in particular with non-agricultural primary commodities".

Consequently the Secretary-General of the United Nations in his communication of 18 April 1952 has requested the Executive Secretary to arrange for the nomination by the Contracting Parties of the chairman of the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements as soon as practicable.

The chairman of the Committee nominated by the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization in 1948 was Sir James R. C. Helmore.