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SUMMARY RECORD

of the meeting held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
on Saturday, 30 November 1957 at 9.30 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. L.K. Jha (India)

Subject discussed: Arrangements for further consideration of the Treaty  
establishing the European Economic Community.

The CHAIRMAN drew attention to the Report (L/766) by the Chairman of the Committee which had been appointed by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their Twelfth Session to examine the Treaty of Rome, in which it was recommended that a working party be established with the same membership as Sub-Group D of the Committee of the Twelfth Session to undertake a study of the problems which the association of the overseas territories raised for the trade of other contracting parties.

In reply to a question, the Chairman said that he thought it desirable not to enlarge or amend the membership of the working party; any contracting party could be represented at its meetings by an observer who would have the right to participate in the discussions. In reply to a question by the Netherlands representative, he said that if the six Member States found it necessary to alter their representation in the working party, the Chairman of the working party would have full discretion to decide on the matter.

A Working Party on the Association of Overseas Territories was appointed with the following membership:

Chairman: Mr. Hagen (Sweden)

Brazil	Ghana	Pakistan
Ceylon	Greece	Federation of Rhodesia and
Chile	India	Nyasaland
Dominican Republic	Indonesia	United Kingdom
France	Netherlands	United States

The Committee approved the arrangements proposed in L/766; the first meeting of the Working Party would be held on 16 December, but the second would be held on 5 February, instead of 22 January, in order to give the secretariat adequate time to prepare the statistical and other material required; and the Intersessional Committee would meet on 14 April to consider Rome Treaty questions, including a report from the Working Party.

The CHAIRMAN asked the secretariat to advise contracting parties by the middle of March of the agenda and the probable duration of the April meeting.

The Committee rose at 10 a.m.