

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Second Session

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE FOURTEENTH MEETING

Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on
Tuesday 14 September 1948, at 3.00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN: M. André PHILIP (France)

Report of Sub-Committee 3 on Administration (continued)
ICITO/EC.2/14 - Section 1)

Mr. TONKIN (Chairman of the Sub-Committee) said that the draft agreement with the International Monetary Fund submitted by the Executive Secretary, unlike those for the other organizations, had been almost entirely redrafted.

The Chairman put the Preamble and each Article separately to the approval of the Executive Committee.

The Preamble and Articles I and II were approved. Paragraph 1 of Article II, was amended on the proposal of Miss SMART (United Kingdom) to read as follows:

"Each organization shall, at the request of the other, consult on matters in relation to which such consultation is specifically provided for in the Havana Charter and on other matters agreed to be of mutual interest."

The last sentence of paragraph 3 of Article II, as proposed by Mr. SMITH (Australia) should read as follows:

"At the close of each consultation, the Organization consulted shall upon request furnish a report of its conclusions."

Articles III to VI were approved.

Article VII was approved after the insertion of paragraph 3 as follows:

3. In the interests of efficiency and for the purpose of reducing the burden on national governments and other organizations, the ITO and the Fund agree to co-operate in eliminating unnecessary duplication in the collection, analysis, publication and dissemination of statistical information."

This paragraph had been erroneously omitted.

Article VIII was approved.

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Section IV (ICITO/EC.2/14/Add.1)

Mr. TONKIN (Chairman of the Sub-Committee) said the Members of the Sub-Committee had been equally divided on all three solutions which had been put forward, namely:

- (a) that all expenses up to and including the Havana Conference be met by the United Nations;
- (b) that these expenses be charged to the ITO which might choose to spread them over several budgetary periods;
- (c) that all expenses up to the Havana Conference be charged to the United Nations and the expenses of the Conference to the ITO.

Mr. POLITIS (Greece) spoke in favour of solution (c) which, he said, was in agreement with general principles, with precedents, and met the objections of those countries

which had not participated in meetings preceding the Havana Conference.

Mr. JIMENEZ CASTILLO (El Salvador) also spoke in favour of the compromise solution.

Dr. SZE (United Nations) said that the question of whether or not to submit to the General Assembly any general principles such as those in which alternative C was based was being reconsidered by the Secretary-General and it was not yet possible to say what his decision would be.

Mr. WOHLBROUN (Benelux) proposed an amended version of solution (c).

Mr. VINCENT (United Kingdom) commenting on the point of view that those countries which had not taken part in the work of the Preparatory Committee should not be held to pay for the charges thereof, said that, if they were Members of the United Nations they would in any case have to pay them as part of their contributions to the United Nations. Furthermore the work accomplished at Geneva had considerably reduced the costs of the Havana Conference. He opposed solution (c) which would maintain all the disadvantages of solution (a), and said that, if there appeared to be a majority for solution (a), he as a protagonist of (b), would support it.

Mr. POLITIS pointed out that his objection to solution (c) was not due to any desire to avoid the

payment of the sum involved but to the difficulty of proposing to his Government and Parliament to contribute to the cost of meetings in which his country had not participated.

The CHAIRMAN said he would put the three solutions to a vote in the following order:

Solution (b)

Solution (a)

Solution (c)

Solution (b) was rejected by nine votes against and five in favour.

Solution (a) was approved by nine votes in favour and two against.

The meeting rose at 4.30 p.m.