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**SUMMARY RECORD OF THE THIRTEENTH PLENARY MEETING**

Held at the Capitol, Havana, Cuba,  
Wednesday, 4 February 1948 at 11.00 a.m.

President: Mr. Sergio I. CLARK (Cuba)

CONSIDERATION OF THE RESOLUTION TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT (Documents E/CONF.2/27, 34 and 35).

The PRESIDENT, in declaring the meeting open, pointed out that the general economic debate in the Economic and Social Council was likely to begin on or about 9 February, and unless the resolution relating to employment, which had been approved by the First Committee, was received in New York within the next two or three days, it would not be possible for the Economic and Social Council to consider it during its present session.

Two questions should be considered by the Plenary Meeting. Firstly, is it desirable that a resolution on employment from the Conference should be studied by the current session of the Economic and Social Council, or is it satisfactory to have consideration of such a resolution deferred until the next session of the Council in July? Secondly, if such a resolution should be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its present session, should the text of that resolution as it appeared in document E/CONF.2/27 be approved?

Mr. GUTIERREZ (Bolivia) said the reason why he had objected to the procedure suggested in the Note by the Executive Secretary (document E/CONF.2/34) was because he considered that the rules of procedure of the Conference would be infringed if that procedure were followed.

The EXECUTIVE SECRETARY wished to make it clear that there was never any intention on the part of the Secretariat to by-pass or to attempt to dispense with the approval by all delegations of any document emanating from the Conference.

Mr. STUCKI (Switzerland) supported the resolution, and considered that it should be submitted to the Economic and Social Council without delay. He emphasized the importance of paragraph (a) under which non-Members of the United Nations who had taken part in the ITO Conference would be requested to

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supply information regarding present and future plans in connection with the achievement or maintenance of full employment and economic stability.

Mr. AUGENHAUER (Czechoslovakia) considered that the resolution should be adopted and forwarded immediately to the Economic and Social Council and requested that his delegation be recorded as the mover of a motion to that effect.

Mr. D'ASCOLI (Venezuela) supported the resolution, but suggested that it should be redrafted before it was submitted to the Economic and Social Council, by deleting the phrase "Recognizing that inflationary .... combatted,".

Mr. GUTIERREZ (Cuba) said that, as the resolution had already been unanimously approved by members of the First Committee, his delegation felt that any matters connected with the interpretation of the text should be left to the Economic and Social Council, to which the resolution should be submitted as soon as possible.

Mr. MULLER (Chile) supported the resolution, but suggested that the phrase "Recognizing that inflationary ..... combatted" should be redrafted to read: "Recognizing that it is necessary to combat tendencies which would unbalance world economy as well as the economies of different countries." As it was important that the work of ITO should be as effective as possible, would any studies now being carried out by organs of the Economic and Social Council, but which really came within the purview of ITO, be continued by those organs or would they be handed over to the ITO?

Mr. NASH (New Zealand) in supporting the resolution, pointed out that the Chairman of the First Committee was at present attending the session of the Economic and Social Council, and suggested that the resolution should be forwarded to that body immediately with a request that it be placed on the agenda of the Council forthwith. He agreed with the remarks of the representative of Switzerland regarding the importance of paragraph (a), and hoped that every nation would become a member of ITO.

Mr. WOULEBROUW (Luxembourg) considered that the phrase regarding inflationary and deflationary tendencies should be retained, and that the resolution should be submitted as soon as possible to the Economic and Social Council.

Mr. D'ASCOLI (Venezuela) supported the amendment proposed by the representative of Chile, but suggested that it should be redrafted as follows: "Recognizing that it is necessary to combat inflationary as well as deflationary tendencies which might cause economic maladjustments (or economic unbalance)". He felt that that text would cover the objections he had raised in connection with the original text.

/Mr. POLITIS

Mr. POLITIS (Greece) while supporting the resolution, suggested that the word "may" should be inserted after the word "tendencies" in the phrase "Recognizing that inflationary as well as deflationary tendencies need to be combatted."

Mr. D'ASCOLI (Venezuela) and Mr. PHILLIPS (Australia) supported the amendment suggested by the representative of Greece.

The text of the resolution to the Economic and Social Council relating to employment was approved with the amendment suggested by the representative of Greece.

The meeting rose at 11.30 a.m.

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