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ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

COMMITTEE I

SUMMARY RECORD OF MEETINGS

First Meeting
held on Friday, 13 October 1946 at 2.30 p.m.

Chairman: MR. WYNDHAM WHITE, Executive Secretary
MR. WUNSZ KING (China)

1. Opening of Session

MR. WYNDHAM WHITE declared the first session of Committee I on Employment and Economic Activity open. He drew attention to the Rules of Procedure adopted at the Plenary Session, which would apply also to the present Committee, especially to Rule 57 regarding interpretation arrangements. He presented to the Committee the Secretary MR. STOLZ the Associate Secretaries MR. S. JOHNSON and MISS GREY.

2. Election of Chairman

MR. JUGENTHALER (Czechoslovakia) proposed MR. WUNSZ KING.

MR. NEHRU (India) seconded and MR. (France) supported the proposal.

The Committee elected MR. WUNSZ KING as Chairman unanimously.

MR. WUNSZ KING took the Chair.

THE CHAIRMAN thanked the Delegates personally and in the name of his country. From now on he was the servant of the Committee and counted on its guidance and assistance in his difficult post.

3. Election of Vice-Chairman

MR. GOETZEN (Netherlands) proposed MR. PIERCE (Canada).

MR. BELMORE (United Kingdom) seconded the proposal.

The Committee elected MR. PIERCE unanimously as Vice-Chairman.

4. Observers

The Chairman welcomed the representatives of FAO, ILO, the International Bank, the International Monetary and the Polish Government who were attending the Committee as observers.

5. Consideration of Agenda

MR. FIERSON (United States) proposed the following provisional agenda:

- (a) International agreement relating to the achievement and maintenance of high and steadily rising levels of effective demand, employment, and economic activity.
 - (i) General undertakings of members.
 - (ii) Recourse in case a Member is damaged by failure of another Member to fulfil undertakings.
 - (iii) Consultation and exchange of information.
 - (iv) Assignment of functions.
- (b) International agreement relating to industrial development.
(To be considered jointly with Committee II).

He suggested that this would be a suitable basis for the Committee's future programme of work, However Delegates might wish to amend or develop it further as the work progressed. In reply to a question from the Brazilian Delegate regarding the Brazilian and Indian proposals made to the Preparatory Committee, the Chairman stated that these would be considered, like all others, in the course of the Committee's work.

MR. GOETZEN (Netherlands) enquired what action was to be taken in regard to the phrase appearing in item (b) of the suggested Agenda "to be considered jointly with Committee II".

MR. HELMORE (United Kingdom) reminded the Committee of the discussion in the Executive Committee. According to this understanding, it had been the intention of the Australian and the United States Delegations who had been responsible for the addition of this question to the Preparatory Commission Agenda, that the examination of this question would devolve on Committees I and II. jointly.

He thought that it would be practical for Committees I and II to have joint session to discuss the manner in which this question should be dealt with.

DR. COOMBS (Australia) agreed with this interpretation. The setting up of a joint body has the double advantage that it made clear the importance of the subject of industrial development and also recognized its close relation to the work of both Committees I and II. After some discussion as to the exact status, character composition of the proposed joint body, the Committee agreed that this was a question which could only be decided by Committees I and II in joint session.

The Committee decided to forward a request to Committee II to hold a joint meeting of the two Committees later in the afternoon to discuss the manner in which the question of industrial development could best be dealt with.

The Committee provisionally adopted the agenda proposed by the United States Delegation, reserving the right to alter or amend it as the work progressed.

MR. NEHRU (India) asked that a decision be made as to whether the Committee was to elaborate proposals on the setting up of an International Trade and Employment Organization, or merely to record its views as a body of experts for the benefit of the governments concerned.

MR. PIERSON (United States) thought that the Committee must abide by the provisions of the Economic and Social Council Resolution (E/22) as laid down in the Preparatory Committee agenda. Item 11 specified particularly the elaboration of an annotated draft agenda.

DR. COOMES (Australia) thought that it was premature to define at this stage the final report which the Committee's report should take.

MR. MARTINS (Brazil) reminded the Committee of the proposals

which the Brazilian Delegation had submitted to the Preparatory Committee. These might usefully be studied in conjunction with the United States proposals.

6. Statement by the Executive Secretary regarding records of Meetings

MR. WYNDHAM WHITE informed the Committee that verbatim and summary records under Restricted classification would be circulated for each meeting.

A short summary for inclusion in the Journal would be prepared by the Secretary of the Committee and referred to the Chairman and to Delegates if necessary, for approval.

MR. HELMORE (United Kingdom) suggested that the summary should not attribute statements to any particular Delegations.

7. Nomination of Rapporteur

THE CHAIRMAN reminded the Committee that the Rules of Procedure provided for the nomination of a rapporteur.

The Committee agreed to postpone this question until a later meeting.

8. Statement by the Secretary regarding documentation

The Secretary MR. STOLZ drew attention to the following working papers prepared by the Secretariat for the Committee:

E/PC/T/W.2: Note on Employment Policy and Foreign Trade.

E/PC/T/W.7: Note on Employment Policy by Professor J. Tinbergen.

E/PC/T/W.8: Information on International Organization concerned with Economic and Employment matters.

The following additional papers would be circulated on Monday:-

Memorandum on the objectives of the International Trade Organization with respect to Employment.

Statement on the scope and terms of reference of the Economic and Employment Commission and its Sub-Commissions.

9. Programme of Meetings

MR. HELMORE (United Kingdom) requested that in future Committees I and II should not meet simultaneously.

The meeting rose at 4 p.m.
