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ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

COMMITTEE IV

SUMMARY RECORD

Ninth Meeting
held on 20 November 1946
at 5 p.m.

CHAIRMAN: Mr. J.R.C. HELMORE



1. Representation at FAO Conference

The CHAIRMAN reported that the Food and Agriculture Organization had asked whether the "unborn" International Trade Organization would like representation at their Conference now taking place in Washington. As five of the delegations represented at the Conference were proceeding to Washington, it was decided that it was not necessary to designate one particular person to represent the Preparatory Committee, and the Executive Secretary was authorized to reply to this effect.

2. Discussion of Report

The CHAIRMAN then proposed a detailed discussion of the revised report of Committee IV (Document E/PC/T/17), and called upon the Rapporteur to give a brief description of the report paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 6 on pages 1 and 2 were approved.

Paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 on pages 3 and 4 were approved.

The CHAIRMAN was authorized to insert a further sentence in paragraph 5, if the Norwegian Delegation required amplification of the sentence concerned with international fisheries conventions.

Paragraph 6 was approved.

In the last sentence but one of paragraph 7, after "paragraph 2", it was agreed to insert the words "of the United States Draft Charter".

Paragraph 8 was approved.

In paragraph 9, after the word "that" in line 15, the Committee added the words: "without prejudice to the rights of the countries referred to in the preceding sentence to an appropriate voice".

Paragraphs 10 and 11 were approved.

In the second line of paragraph 12 the word "trade" was replaced by the words "export and import".

At the end of paragraph 13 it was decided to replace the words "verbatim report of the eighth meeting of Committee IV" by "discussion of the Committee on this matter".

Paragraphs 14 and 15 were approved.

In the first sentence in paragraph 16 it was decided to omit the word "initially", and to insert at the end of the second sentence the words "subject to renewal".

At the end of paragraph 17 it was agreed to insert the words "of the United States Draft Charter".

In the sixth line of paragraph 18 the word "continual" was corrected to "continued".

Paragraph 19 was approved.

In the third line of paragraph 20 the word "applications" was altered to "application".

In paragraph 21 the word "vital" was corrected to read "vitally" and "a" was inserted between the words "to make" and "recommendation".

In paragraph 22 the word "appends" was replaced by the words "agreed to", and the word "thereon" was deleted..

Paragraph 23 was approved.

In paragraph 24 the word "attached" was altered to "appended".

Subject to these changes, the report was approved.

The CHAIRMAN referred briefly to the "Draft Resolution to Preparatory Committee relating to inter-governmental consultation and action on commodity problems prior to establishment of the International Trade Organization", which had been approved by the Committee, with the exception of one delegation. He said that this document would be circulated separately to the Preparatory Committee.

The CHAIRMAN also asked the Committee to authorize the Secretariat to make such editorial changes in the text of the report as might be necessary before publication.

3. Thanks to Chairman, Rapporteur and Secretariat.

Professor de VRIES (Netherlands) thanked the CHAIRMAN for his guidance of the work of the Committee; it was largely due to him that the Committee had reached such a considerable degree of unanimity. He also thanked the Secretariat for the extremely hard work which they had put in.

Mr. QURESHI (India) endorsed these remarks.

The CHAIRMAN said that any light which had shone from the Chair was only a reflection of the wisdom of the delegates. He would like to be associated with the gratitude which had been expressed for the work of the Secretariat.

Mr. GUERRA (Cuba) wished to thank the "Rapporteur" for the excellent text which he had prepared.

4. The Meeting rose at 6.20 p.m.
