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ADMINISTRATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

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1. Corrections

The Delegate for France requested to delete in document E/PC/T/C.6/56 the reference to France on page 4, first paragraph. The Delegate for Canada moved to delete the last sentence of paragraph 1, page 4 of the same document, and the Delegate for the United Kingdom requested to delete on page 3, Item 3, paragraph 1, the word "small", and on page 5, third paragraph, to substitute the words "as United Kingdom draft" for "her draft".

2. Discussion of the French Suggestion Regarding Article 68,  
E/PC/T/C.6/W.53

The Delegate for France explained the basic ideas underlying the French suggestion, pointing out that purely qualitative criteria were necessarily unsatisfactory in view of the inaccuracy of the basic data, and that France felt that the ideas advanced in this draft would provide for an adequate representation of countries in different stages of economic development. Upon query of the Delegate for Belgium and of the Chairman whether elections were envisaged, the Delegate for France explained that the French suggestion provided for "determination of the most representative countries of each group by vote". The Chairman requested the authorization of the Sub-Committee to draft a paragraph which was to be issued as an addendum to the first report of the Administrative Sub-Committee, referring to the French suggestion as a possible solution, if Alternatives A and B of the Sub-Committee should not be found acceptable by the full

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Drafting Committee, and the Sub-Committee agreed to this procedure.

3. Article 1  
The Delegate for Australia moved to insert the phrase "full employment" into the formulation of Article 1 in E/PC/T/C.6/31, and, after the Chairman and several delegates had pointed out that this point had been discussed in elaborating the text of Article 1, the Sub-Committee agreed that the Chairman would refer orally to the Australian reservation when Article 1 would come up for discussion in the full Drafting Committee.

4. Article 77

The Sub-Committee discussed the draft of the Netherlands as contained in document E/PC/T/C.6/W.57. It was agreed to split paragraph 1 into two paragraphs to read as follows:

"(1) To investigate commodity problems and arrangements proposed for solving them.

"(2) To prepare and submit for the approval of the Executive Board the reviews provided for in Article 55."

With regard to paragraph 3 and the following paragraphs, the Sub-Committee agreed after a debate on the issue that the commission should not only be able to advise and recommend to the Executive Board but also to act on its own initiative to revise the Netherlands draft in such a manner that it should be spelled out in separate paragraphs what actions the commission could undertake on its own initiative and in regard to which decisions merely recommendations to the Executive Board should be countenanced. The Committee decided to defer the re-drafting along these lines to its next session.

5. The Sub-Committee reviewed its first report, E/PC/T/C.6/62, and accepted the draft of this report, subject to the provision that possible typographical errors might be corrected at a later date. The Committee adjourned until 13 February 1947 at 2:45 p.m., and the Chairman requested again all Members of the Sub-Committee to submit draft proposals for Articles 75 and 77.

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