

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE MEETINGS

SECOND PREPARATORY COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Held on Wednesday, 16 October 1946 at 11 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. L. SUFFENS (Belgium)

1. THE CHAIRMAN announced that the simultaneous interpretation system was being introduced for the first time at this morning's meeting. It had not yet been possible to arrange for Russian interpretation. He hoped that the method would prove helpful to the delegates.

Mr. WUNSZ KING (China) pointed out that no reference was made to the Chinese language in the document which had been distributed. He wished to remind the Committee that Chinese was one of the official languages.

2. United States Proposals on Rules of Procedure (E/PC/T/W.15)

It was understood in connection with paragraph 1 of the United States' proposals that representatives of specialized agencies, with whom the Economic and Social Council has not yet decided to open negotiations aimed at bringing them into relationship with the Council, might attend all meetings. On this understanding paragraph 1 was adopted.

Paragraph 2 was also adopted subject to the amendment that the four non-governmental organizations with whom committees might consult were named in the rule.

Mr. ALPHAND (France) thought that paragraph 3 of the proposals should contain some distinction between governments which were Members of the United Nations and those which were not. He therefore proposed the following amendment:

"The representatives of governments, who are not members of the Preparatory Committee but who are Members of the United Nations, can take part as observers at all meetings of the Preparatory Committee and of its committees and sub-committees.

"The representatives of governments, who are not Members of the United Nations, can take part as observers in meetings of the Preparatory Committee and of its committees and sub-committees on the invitation of the Chairman and with the concurrence of the Preparatory Committee or of the committee or sub-committee concerned."

DR. H.C. COOLES (Australia) doubted whether decisions as to the position of non-Members of the United Nations came within the purview of the Preparatory Committee. He therefore proposed the following amendment to the second paragraph of the French amendment:

"The question of the attendance of representatives of governments not Members of the United Nations should be referred to the Economic and Social Council for discussion and advice to the Preparatory Committee."

This modification of the French amendment was accepted, and the United States proposal was adopted subject to the modified French amendment.

3. Journal

Mr. WYNDHAM WHITE, Executive Secretary, in answer to a question from Mr. MARQUAND (United Kingdom), felt that in spite of the changes in the rules of procedure, the Journal would still be of use to the Committee. It would be circulated each morning with the times of various meetings, together with a summary record of meetings held in public. It might be possible for some record to be given of Committee meetings, after consultation with the Chairman and the secretaries of the various delegations concerned.

THE CHAIRMAN proposed that consideration of the Secretariat note on the proposed Committee structure (E/PC/TW.11) be adjourned until the afternoon meeting.

The meeting rose at 1.45 p.m.
