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Chairman: Mr. MBOYA (Kenya)  
  
later: Mr. KEDADI (Tunisia)  
  
Secretary: Mr. SYLLA

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## CREDENTIALS

The CHAIRMAN informed the Commission that he had examined the representatives' credentials with the Vice-Chairman, in accordance with Rule 13 of the rules of procedure, and that he had found them to be in order.

## ADOPTION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS (continued)

### Contacts between the Chairman and Member States (E/CN.14/L.314)

Mr. YAKER (Algeria) supported the principle of the draft resolution but could not see any connexion between the contacts to be made by the Chairman with the member States and the holding of sessions every two years. He therefore suggested that the first preambular paragraph be deleted.

He also considered that the question of direct contacts to be made by the Chairman of the seventh session and the commendation of the Chairman of the sixth session should be embodied in two separate resolutions.

Mr. GABALLAH (United Arab Republic) supported the draft resolution as it stood.

Mr. MAGOMBE (United Republic of Tanzania) also supported the draft resolution but suggested that the Chairman should be assisted by the two Vice-Chairmen in his visits.

Mr. DEBRAH (Ghana) said he supported the draft unreservedly. He did not see any need to cut it in two.

Mr. BOUM (Cameroon) expressed doubt whether it would be physically possible for the Chairman to visit all the member States before the eighth session. He therefore requested the deletion of the words "before the eighth session" in the first operative paragraph.

LIJ ENDALKACHEW MAKONNEN agreed with the Algerian representative that the first preambular paragraph, on holding biennial sessions, should be deleted. However, as the biennial principle had been agreed upon, the Chairman would have ample time to make the necessary contacts in two years.

Mr. GABDOU (Chad) supported the proposal to delete the first preambular paragraph. He also pointed out that the Vice-Chairmen, whose terms of office expired at the end of the session, could not be considered as being available for two years. It should simply be arranged that, if unable to attend to his duties, the Chairman would be at liberty to have one of the Vice-Chairmen replace him.

Mr. MWILA (Zambia) considered that it would be physically impossible for the Chairman to visit all the member States, which would inevitably create discontent. He therefore called for the deletion of the first operative paragraph.

Mr. AHMED (Sudan) felt that the mission entrusted to the Chairman of making direct contacts "on matters concerning the general policy of the Commission" was too vague and general. He asked whether the Chairman should not be given quite precise terms of reference.

Mr. DIAROUMEYE (Niger) said that the Chairman must make a broad general survey, it being understood that the heads of State would be able to emphasize questions of particular concern to them. He therefore favoured the adoption of the draft resolution as it stood, minus the first preambular paragraph.

Mr. DEBRAH (Ghana) thought that, if the Chairman's terms of reference were too precise, there would be a risk of overlapping with the activities of the working parties.

Mr. BOUM (Cameroon), noting that the Chairman was not being given binding instructions to visit all the member States, withdrew his proposal to delete the words "before the eighth session" in the first preambular paragraph.

He also requested that the first words of the first operative paragraph: "Invites the Chairman ..... to consider" be replaced by the words: "Considers it desirable for the Chairman ..... to consider". That paragraph, thus amended, should logically follow the paragraph commending the Chairman of the sixth session.

The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the proposal of the Algerian representative for the deletion of the first preambular paragraph of the draft resolution.

The proposal was adopted by 20 votes to 5, with 5 abstentions

Mr. YAKER (Algeria) withdrew his proposal to put two separate resolutions out of the draft.

The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the Cameroonian representative's proposal that the order of the two operative paragraphs be reversed.

The proposal was adopted by 27 votes to 1, with 1 abstention.

Mr. BOUM (Cameroon) repeated his proposal that the term "Invites ... " in the first operative paragraph should be replaced by "Considers it desirable ....", as "Invites ... " to some extent imposed an obligation on the Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN considered that the term "Invites ....." did not imply an absolute obligation and that it defined more clearly his mission to the member States.

On that statement by the CHAIRMAN, Mr. BOUM (Cameroon) withdrew his amendment.

The draft resolution (E/CN.14/L.314), as amended, was adopted unanimously.

DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT (E/CN.14/L.240, L.240/Add.1, L.240/Add.2 and Corr.1, and L.240/Add.3).

Mr. N'LIBA (Deputy Executive Secretary) introduced the draft annual report.

In connexion with paragraph 23 of the draft report (E/CN.14/L.240) Mr. YAKER (Algeria) pointed out that the body in question was to be an industrial "study" centre.

The beginning of the seventh sentence of paragraph 28 of the same document would have to be amended as follows: "Following a meeting held at Algiers in December 1964 .....".

After a short discussion on which Mr. YAKER (Algeria) and Mr. PARKER (Liberia) took part on the question whether it was correct that "the Board of Directors in turn elected the President of the Bank ....." the CHAIRMAN stated, with regard to paragraph 11 of the same document, that it would be verified whether the election had been made by the Board of Directors or by the Board of Governors. The existing text of the draft report would be either retained or altered accordingly in the final version.

The draft annual report was adopted unanimously.

The meeting was suspended at 4.35 p.m. and resumed at 5.45 p.m.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS (item 12 of the agenda).

Africanization of the ECA secretariat

Mr. IBE (Nigeria) said that the item "Any other business" had been placed on the agenda at the beginning of the session at his request. Under this heading he raised a question on which all members of the Commission had set their hearts - the Africanization of the ECA secretariat. He proposed that the Commission should ask the Executive Secretary to circulate at regular intervals a list of vacancies in the ECA secretariat and should

invite African countries to instruct bodies or persons specifically to study such lists and collaborate with ECA in the recruitment of personnel. He furthermore proposed that the Commission should ask the Executive Secretary to submit to coming sessions a more detailed report on the Africanization of the secretariat and that it should place the question on the agenda.

The CHAIRMAN thanked Mr. IBE and said that his proposal would be included in the report of the session.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE I (CTTE I/7 and Add.1).

Mr. NDONGO (Vice-Chairman and rapporteur of Committee I) introduced the report of Committee I (CTTEE 1/7 and Add.1) and pointed out some changes made by the Committee itself to the text that had been distributed.

Mr. YAKER (Algeria) congratulated the rapporteur on his work and announced that he had some drafting changes to submit.

In paragraph 2, the words "the absence of response on the part of the population in the majority of cases" did not seem to him to be a true reflection of reality and he proposed that they be replaced by the words: "the need to popularize the idea of planning as an indispensable means of achieving effective and harmonized economic development".

In paragraph 6, he requested the retention of the adjective "mass" instead of the adjective "selective", which Committee I itself had substituted, since mass literacy was in his opinion an important economic factor in development.

In paragraph 20, he proposed that the first part of the third sentence be worded as follows: "Attention was drawn with interest to the recent conference of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development held at Washington on the settlement of differences with regard to investments and on the establishment of a multilateral investment guarantee system ....".

In paragraph 28, he proposed that the following words be added at the beginning of the second sentence: "They noted the satisfactory development of work on the establishment of the trans-Sahara road-link and.....".

In paragraph 32, he proposed that the expression "ex-metropolitan countries" be replaced by the words "ex-colonialist countries".

In paragraph 42, he proposed that the expression "an African common market" should be replaced by the words "an African economic union".

In paragraph 45, he proposed that the word "other" should be replaced by the words "the other".

Finally, in paragraph 46, he proposed that the word "sovereignty" should be replaced by the word "domination" and that it should be specified that the reference was to "Southern Rhodesia".

Mr. NDONGO (Vice-Chairman and rapporteur of Committee I) replied to the Algerian representative's remarks. Regarding the amendment to paragraph 28, he pointed out that the question of the trans-Sahara road-link had already been dealt with in paragraph 25. The proposed amendment to paragraph 2 would alter the spirit of Committee I's discussions. In paragraph 32, the words "ex-colonialist countries" would symbolize a feeling of resentment that was foreign to the attitude of Committee I. In paragraph 6, the replacement of the adjective "mass" by the adjective "selective" before the word "literacy" had been requested by UNESCO.

Mr. GABALLAH (United Arab Republic) said that the existing text of paragraph 2 of the report well reflected the current situation in Africa.

The CHAIRMAN, supported by Mr. IBE (Nigeria), Mr. MARIAM (Ethiopia), Mr. SANGARE (Guinea), Mr. GABDOU (Chad), Mr. KIBAKI (Kenya), Mr. DEBRAH (Ghana) and Mr. MAZIGH (Tunisia), raised a point of order. He drew attention to the fact that the report under discussion gave an account of Committee I's debates. He therefore suggested that no amendments to the report be adopted except to correct inaccuracies concerning the substance of Committee I's debates or the facts quoted.

Mr. Djim SYLLA (Mali) and Mr. BOUM (Cameroon) supported the Algerian representative and said they should like to have a discussion of some of the amendments that he had proposed.

Mr. YAKER (Algeria) said that he would have liked to improve the text of a document that would be widely distributed. However, he would accept the majority view and was prepared to withdraw his amendments.

Mr. HAMID (Sudan) moved that the Chairman's suggestion on procedure be put to the vote.

The suggestion was adopted by 24 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

The CHAIRMAN, supported by Mr. IBE (Nigeria) and Mr. LISHOMWA (Zambia), suggested that the report of Committee I be examined paragraph by paragraph.

It was so decided.

Paragraphs 1 to 15 were adopted.

Mr. IBE (Nigeria) proposed that the word "felt" in paragraph 16 be replaced by the word "emphasized".

It was so decided.

Paragraphs 16 to 22 were adopted.

Mr. PERSIN (International Telecommunication Union), speaking on paragraph 23, requested that the Commission's report should mention that work was being done not only on the Addis Ababa - Lagos link but also on certain other circuits.

It was so agreed.

Paragraphs 23 to 46 were adopted.

The report of Committee I, as amended, was adopted by 30 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

ADOPTION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS (continued)

Agriculture (CTTEE I/3/Rev.1)

Mr. NDONGO (Vice-Chairman and rapporteur of Committee I) introduced the draft resolution on agriculture (CTTEE I/3/Rev.1), the text of which had been slightly altered by Committee I itself.

Mr. IBE (Nigeria) requested that Dahomey be added to the list of sponsors.

Mr. N'GOM (Senegal) proposed that the other specialized agencies be mentioned in operative paragraphs 1 and 7 in the same way as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

Mr. NDONGO (Vice-Chairman and rapporteur of Committee I) replied that the insertion of the words "in collaboration with FAO" had been requested by the sponsors of the draft resolution and accepted by Committee I.

Mr. KAKONGE (Uganda) requested the deletion of the reference to the eighth session in operative paragraph 4, as it ought to be possible to pass on the information before two years, if needed.

Mr. DEBRAH (Ghana) proposed the following text: "Requests the secretariat, in collaboration with FAO, to submit as soon as possible and not later than the eight session .....".

Mr. N'GOM (Senegal) in turn proposed a shorter text: "to submit to the eighth session and, if possible, before ....".

Mr. IBE (Nigeria) and Mr. LOKO (Dahomey) opposed the amendment.

To satisfy the representatives of Uganda, Ghana, and Senegal, the CHAIRMAN suggested that the following wording be adopted: "to submit to the eighth session or circulate earlier .....".

The suggestion was adopted by 27 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

Mr. GABALLAH (United Arab Republic) supported the draft resolution and proposed adding the following text at the end of operative paragraph 6: "and to that end to consider, in consultation with the Special Fund, the establishment of an agricultural economics institute which would undertake and co-ordinate agricultural research on the continent".

The establishment of such an institute was an urgent matter and indispensable for the economic growth of the continent.

Mr. KAKONGE (Uganda), Mr. MAZIGH (Tunisia) and Mr. HAMID (Sudan) supported the proposal.

Mr. MARIAM (Ethiopia) asked for a statement of the secretariat's views.

The SECRETARY said that the establishment of such an institute would meet a real need. Study of the project would not create any obligations for the secretariat at the moment; in due course, the secretariat would report on progress, and request the funds necessary to implement the project.

Mr. IBE (Nigeria) asked for FAO's opinion.

Mr. LAURENT (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations) requested that FAO be mentioned after the words "in collaboration with the Special Fund".

It was so decided.

The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the United Arab Republic's amendment to operative paragraph 6.

The amendment was adopted unanimously.

Draft resolution (CTTEE I/3/Rev.1), as amended, was adopted unanimously.

Economic integration (CTTEE I/6)

Mr. NDONGO (Vice-Chairman and rapporteur of Committee I) introduced the draft resolution on economic integration, which had been revised by Committee I.

Mr. PARKER (Liberia) associated himself with the sponsors of the draft resolution and requested that the words "and the West African Sub-Region at the Bamako Conference" be added in the sixth preambular paragraph.

Mr. IBE (Nigeria), Mr. DIAROUMEYE (Niger) and Mr. TOURE (Mali) supported the amendment.

Mr. SANGARE (Guinea), Mr. HAIBA (Mauritania) and Mr. GABDOU (Chad) opposed it.

The CHAIRMAN put the Liberian amendment to the vote.

The amendment was adopted by 21 votes to 2, with 8 abstentions.

Mr. YAKER (Algeria) supported the draft resolution and asked for his country to be included in the list of sponsors.

He proposed that the words "economic co-operation organization of the Maghreb" in the sixth preambular paragraph be replaced by "the economic co-operation institutions in the Maghreb".

It was so decided.

Mr. LOKO (Dahomey) proposed that, in the French text of operative paragraph 3, the word "initiées" be replaced by the word "entreprises".

It was so decided.

The draft resolution (CTTEE I/6), as amended, was adopted by 27 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

#### Natural resources (CTTEE I/8)

Mr. NDONGO (Vice-Chairman and rapporteur of Committee I) read out the changes made to the text of the draft resolution by Committee I: a new paragraph 2 had been added and paragraphs 2 and 3 had become paragraphs 3 and 4 respectively. He pointed out that Ghana and Dahomey also wished to be mentioned as sponsors of the draft resolution.

Mr. KAKONGE (Uganda) proposed that the third preambular paragraph be deleted, as the African countries were incessantly complaining of the state in which the former colonial powers had left their economies.

Mr. YAKER (Algeria) supported the Ugandan representative's proposal, but considered that the words "and present" should not be retained in operative paragraph 4 (former paragraph 3). As Portugal was excluded from the Commission, he wondered how the secretariat could obtain information from that country.

Mr. PARKER (Liberia) considered that the value of the work done by the former colonial powers should be recognized, but proposed that the third preambular paragraph be amended as follows: "Recognizing the value of the work done in Africa by non-African countries".

After an exchange of views in which Mr. DEBRAH (Ghana), Mr. NSEFIK (Nigeria), Mr. KAKONGE (Uganda), Mr. SEKOU TOURE (Ivory Coast), Mr. YAKER (Algeria) and Mr. HAIBA (Mauritania) took part, the CHAIRMAN suggested that operative paragraph 4 (former paragraph 3) be replaced by the following text: "Invites countries who have undertaken research in Africa to make available to the Executive Secretary information and records on natural resources at their disposal".

At the proposal of Mr. Djim SYLLA (Mali), the CHAIRMAN asked the Commission to vote at the same time on the Liberian amendment to preambular paragraph 3 and on the amendment to operative paragraph 4 that he had just suggested.

The two amendments were adopted by 22 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

The draft resolution (CTTEE I/8), as amended, was adopted by 29 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Symposium on industrial development in Africa (CTTEE I/9)

Mr. YAKER (Algeria), seconded by Mr. DEBRAH (Ghana), moved the adoption of the draft resolution.

The draft resolution (CTTEE I/9) was adopted unanimously.

Development of telecommunications in Africa (E/CN.14/L.281)

Mr. GABDOU (Chad) proposed that operative paragraph 4 be drafted as follows: "Draws attention to the urgent need of establishing a financing plan to allow insufficiently equipped African countries to complete their telecommunications networks in the shortest possible time and expresses the wish that the African Development Bank should take tangible interest in this operation as one of its priorities".

Mr. PARKER (Liberia), seconded by Mr. NSEFIK (Nigeria), moved the adoption of the draft resolution (unchanged).

The draft resolution (E/CN.14/L.281) was adopted by 29 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Conversion of the Yaounde Statistical Training Centre into an African Statistical Training Institute (CTTEE I/11)

Mr. NDONGO (Vice-Chairman and rapporteur of Committee I) said that the representative of Chad had asked for his country to be added to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution.

He informed the meeting of some changes made to the text of the draft by Committee I.

Mr. Kedadi (Tunisia) took the Chair.

Mr. NSEFIK (Nigeria) and Mr. BOUM (Cameroon) supported the draft resolution.

The draft resolution (CTTEE I/11), as amended by Committee I, was adopted unanimously.

Transport (CTTEE I/12)

Mr. YAKER (Algeria), Mr. NSEFIK (Nigeria) and Mr. Djim SYLLA (Mali) proposed the adoption of the draft resolution.

Mr. BOUM (Cameroon) and Mr. Djim SYLLA (Mali) wished their countries' names to be added to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution.

After a discussion in which Mr. NSEFIK (Nigeria), the EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, Mr. Djim SYLLA (Mali), Mr. YAKER (Algeria) and Mr. SEKOU TOURE (Ivory Coast) took part, the CHAIRMAN put the draft resolution to the vote.

The draft resolution (CTTEE I/12) was adopted by 28 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Mr. MBOYA (Kenya) resumed the Chair.

Integrated planning and development (CTTEE I/10)

The EXECUTIVE SECRETARY read out some changes made to the text of the draft resolution by Committee I.

Mr. NSEFIK (Nigeria) and Mr. PARKER (Liberia) proposed the adoption of the draft resolution.

The draft resolution (CTTEE I/10), as amended, was adopted by 29 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

United Republic of Tanzania - Zambia rail link (CTTEE I/4)

Mr. LISHOMWA (Zambia) introduced the draft resolution, the object of which was to call the attention of all African countries to the projected rail link between the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia and to obtain their moral support. After examining the project, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development had considered that it was neither necessary nor economic and had recommended the construction of a road instead. However, various groups of experts had examined the project in turn and arrived at a different conclusion. He considered that the construction of a rail link between the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia was a pan-African project since it would become an important part of

the East African transport network. Moreover, its effect would be to increase trade within the sub-region and to allow greater circulation of persons than the construction of a road. The implementation of the project would be particularly advantageous for Zambia, since its access to the sea was blocked by an unfriendly country.

Mr. GABALLAH (United Arab Republic) said that he unreservedly shared the opinion of the Zambian representative.

The draft resolution (CTTEE I/4) was adopted unanimously.

Co-ordination of industrial incentives and legislation (CTTEE I/1)

The EXECUTIVE SECRETARY informed the Commission of certain changes made by Committee I to the text of the draft resolution, particularly to the title, and told the meeting of the Togolese representative's wish to have his country's name added to that of Kenya as sponsor of the draft resolution.

Mr. YAKER (Algeria) and Mr. KIBAKI (Kenya) proposed the adoption of the draft resolution.

The draft resolution (CTTEE I/1), as amended, was adopted unanimously.

Sub-regional office for Central Africa (E/CN.14/L.318)

Mr. GABDOU (Chad) expressed astonishment that the draft resolution was submitted in plenary, while at the previous meeting the Commission had decided not to examine reports of sub-regional meetings in plenary. In fact, he saw a connexion between the draft resolution (E/CN.14/L.318) and the report of the meetings of the Central African sub-region (E/CN.14/L.306).

The EXECUTIVE SECRETARY observed that the sub-regional meetings had no official status and that their reports could not therefore be examined in plenary. On the other hand, the establishment of a sub-regional office concerned the entire Commission. The sub-regional office for Central Africa had to be given a legal basis, so that the necessary funds could be obtained for its operation. For 1965, funds had been allocated out of the

Commission's regular budget, which, it should be stressed, had no provision for the financial support of sub-regional offices. The same procedure could no longer be followed for 1966, and funds for that year would have to be requested immediately. In addition, the secretariat could not indefinitely second to the sub-regional office for Central Africa officials whom it needed at Addis Ababa.

The resolutions of the sub-regional offices were a matter for the sub-regions; therefore the Commission had not yet examined them during its annual sessions. However, it must recognize that the sub-regions were an integral part of the Commission and it must see that their programmes fitted into the framework of the over-all programme for Africa.

For a whole year, the secretariat had conducted negotiations with the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and had succeeded in obtaining very advantageous conditions. The countries of the sub-region had been kept fully informed of all the negotiations.

Mr. GABDOU (Chad), concurring in the views expressed by the Executive Secretary, moved the adoption of the draft resolution.

Mr. MARIAM (Ethiopia), supported by Mr. LARKI (Tunisia) and Mr. de MEDEIROS (Togo), proposed that the operative paragraph of the draft resolution be replaced by the following paragraph: "Authorizes the Executive Secretary to establish a sub-regional office in central Africa, in consultation with the Governments of the countries of the sub-region".

Mr. PARKER (Liberia) and Mr. NSEFIK (Nigeria) proposed that the draft resolution be adopted (unchanged).

Mr. YAKER (Algeria) was in favour of the draft resolution being put to the vote but asked that the Commission should first vote on the Ethiopian amendment. Furthermore, in accordance with Rule 57 of the rules of procedure, he asked for a roll-call vote.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that, at the sixth session, the Commission had adopted resolution 102(VI) authorizing the Executive Secretary to define, in agreement with the States concerned and inter-governmental bodies, the boundaries of the Central African sub-region in order to take all appropriate measures with regard to the operation of a sub-regional office and to ensure effective co-operation between the new sub-region and the other sub-regions with regard to the examination of common problems.

The SECRETARY stated that the arrangements for the establishment of a sub-regional office at Leopoldville had been made in consultation with the countries of the sub-region. While resolution 102(VI) authorized the establishment of a sub-regional office, draft resolution E/CN.14/L.318 was to confirm a decision taken in agreement with all the Governments.

Mr. DEBRAH (Ghana) stated that all the countries concerned were in agreement on the installation of the sub-regional office at Leopoldville.

Mr. BOUM (Cameroon) regretted that the Commission had refused to examine the report of the Central African sub-regional meetings (E/CN.14/L.306), seeing that it dealt with the choice of Leopoldville as the location of the sub-regional office. If that report had been adopted, the sponsors of the draft resolution would have had a document to support them. As the draft resolution had been discussed in the sub-regional meetings, during which concessions had been made on both sides, he would not support it.

The CHAIRMAN called on the Commission to vote on the Ethiopian amendment, as slightly changed at the proposal of the Algerian representative, namely, to replace the operative paragraph by the following paragraph: "Confirms the establishment of the sub-regional office for Central Africa, the location of which will be established in agreement with Governments concerned".

The vote was taken by roll-call on the Ethiopian amendment, as further changed by Algeria.

In favour: Algeria, Guinea, Mali, Morocco, Tunisia, Uganda.

Against: Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Democratic Republic of), Dahomey, Gabon, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Somalia, Togo, Zambia.

Abstaining: Ethiopia, Ghana, Libya, Mauritania, Senegal, Sudan, United Arab Republic.

The amendment was rejected by 17 votes to 6, with 7 abstentions.

Mr. NSEFIK (Nigeria) and Mr. PARKER (Liberia) proposed that the Commission vote on the draft resolution.

At the request of Mr. MARIAM (Ethiopia) the vote was taken by roll-call.

In favour: Congo (Democratic Republic of), Ivory Coast, Rwanda.

Against: Algeria, Ethiopia, Guinea, Mali, Morocco, Uganda.

Abstaining: Dahomey, Gabon, Kenya, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Republic, Zambia.

The draft resolution (E/CN.14/L.318) was rejected by 6 votes to 3, with 16 abstentions.

Mr. GASHUMBA (Rwanda) deplored the result of the vote. He proposed that the Commission re-examined the draft resolution at the following session.

The EXECUTIVE SECRETARY informed the Commission that, as it had opted for biennial sessions, the secretariat would report to the Economic and Social Council in the interval on the activities of the Commission, including sub-regional meetings.

The decision not to set up a sub-regional office at Leopoldville was an obstacle that would have to be taken into account at the eighth session.

Draft resolution for action by the Economic and Social Council  
(E/CN.14/L.310).

Mr. NSEFIK (Nigeria), seconded by Mr. YAKER (Algeria), moved the adoption of the draft resolution for action by the Economic and Social Council.

The meeting rose at 11 p.m.