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PROVISIONAL SUMMARY RECORD OF THE TENTH MEETING
held at the Palais de la Nation, Leopoldville,
on Saturday, 16 February 1963, at 4.10 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. Doukkali (Morocco)

Secretary: Mr. Chidzero

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES TO
THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA (E/CN.14/L.134)

The CHAIRMAN proposed that the report should be examined paragraph by paragraph, and that any drafting modifications necessary should be left to the secretariat.

It was so decided

Mr. YAKER (Algeria) requested that the meeting should be suspended so that the representatives could make a more thorough examination of the report.

Mr. EWING (Secretariat) said that the secretariat regretted that it had been unable to distribute the report to the members of the Committee sufficiently in advance. The secretariat would of course correct any errors of form that might have slipped into the English and French texts of the report.

The meeting was suspended at 4.20 p.m. and resumed at 4.50 p.m.

Paragraphs 1 to 11

Adopted without discussion

Paragraph 12

Mr. RUGARABAMU (Tanganyika) proposed replacing the final sentence by the following: "In his country, for example, in the past attention had been given chiefly to urban areas, but now more emphasis is being laid on rural areas, where more wealth is expected to be produced".

Mr. SHUMBUSHO (Rwanda) supported the proposal of the representative of Tanganyika.

The proposal was adopted

Paragraph 12, as amended, was adopted

Paragraphs 13 and 14

Adopted without discussion

Paragraph 15

Mr. CARNEY (Sierra Leone) proposed the addition to the end of the second sentence of the words "and other institutes existing in Africa".

The proposal was adopted

Paragraph 15, as amended, was adopted

Paragraph 16

Adopted without discussion

Paragraph 17

Mr. BAKRI (Sudan) proposed the insertion, after "Project 11-10" of the words "(Economic Survey of Africa)" and the addition at the end of the paragraph of the following sentence: "It was felt that the study should pay attention to the trends of future development".

The proposal was adopted

Paragraph 17, as amended, was adopted

Paragraphs 18 to 20

Adopted without discussion

Paragraph 21

After a long discussion in which Mr. YAKER (Algeria), Mr. FAHMY (United Arab Republic), Mr. PARKER (Liberia), Mr. APPIAH (Ghana), and Mr. APLOGAN (Dahomey) took part Mr. EWING (Secretariat) proposed the following text: "It was suggested that project 13-13 (Conference of African Businessmen) should be deleted from the programme of work. During the discussion several representatives stated that in spite of the lessons that might be learnt from a conference of that nature, it should be given a low degree of priority, since the subjects covered by such a

conference were dealt with by other means. Nevertheless it was understood that if the need for such a conference should arise in the future the secretariat might be called upon again to lend its assistance".

The proposal was adopted

Paragraph 21, as amended, was adopted

Paragraphs 22 to 24

Adopted without discussion

Paragraph 25

Mr. YAKER (Algeria) proposed that the concluding phrase of the paragraph should read: "Should include an inventory of energy resources being exploited or exploitable in the near future".

Mr. EWING (Secretariat) proposed, that in order to avoid making the title of project 21-01 too heavy, the words should be added in the text describing the activities connected with the project.

The proposal was adopted

Paragraph 25 was adopted

Paragraphs 26 and 27

Adopted without discussion

Paragraph 28

After an exchange of views between Mr. OMEISH (Libya), Mr. YAKER (Algeria), and Mr. FALL (Senegal), Mr. EWING (Secretariat) proposed that the last sentence should be redrafted as follows: "It was recommended that similar activities should be carried out in North Africa".

The proposal was adopted

Paragraph 28, as amended, was adopted

Paragraphs 29 to 32

Adopted without discussion

Paragraph 33

Mr. YAKER (Algeria) proposed the insertion, after the first sentence, of the following words: "A delegation directly concerned promised the full support of its Government, in view of the interest taken in the question by the latter".

After an exchange of views between Mr. PARKER (Liberia), Mr. YAKER (Algeria), and Mr. APPLAH (Ghana), the Chairman suggested that the proposal of the representative of Algeria should be adopted.

The proposal was adopted

Paragraph 33, as amended, was adopted

Paragraphs 34 to 40

Adopted without discussion

Paragraph 41

Mr. ACOCK (Secretariat) apologized to the representative of Algeria for having been unable to consult him on the wording of the title of item 31-10 (f) before publication of the draft report of the Committee. He proposed that the title given in paragraph 41 should be replaced by:

"31-10 (f) In collaboration with FAO and United Nations Headquarters to carry out studies related to the implementation of land reform in Africa, in conformity with resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations".

The proposal was adopted

Paragraph 41, as amended, was adopted

Paragraphs 42 and 43

Adopted without discussion

Paragraph 44

Mr. CARNEY (Sierra Leone) proposed that the text should be reworded to read: "Other additions to the text included emphasis on the application of community development techniques to agriculture in relation to the social welfare activities referred to in project 31-02".

The proposal was adopted

Paragraph 44, as amended, was adopted

Paragraph 45

Mr. RUGARABAMU (Tanganyika) proposed that the text should be altered by the addition of the following words at the end of the first sentence: "specially the relationship between prices of agricultural products and prices of industrial products produced in industrialized countries".

The proposal was adopted

Paragraph 45, as amended, was adopted

Paragraphs 46 to 54

Adopted without discussion

Paragraph 55

Mr. CARNEY (Sierra Leone) proposed that the first part of the second sentence should be altered to read: "A delegation stressed that different types of political and administrative structures were particularly adapted to the pace and progress of economic and social development".

The proposal was adopted

Paragraph 55, as amended, was adopted

Paragraphs 56 and 57

Adopted without discussion

Paragraphs 58 to 60

Mr. FAHMY (United Arab Republic) requested that the secretariat should add, at the end of paragraph 58, for example, a reference to a resolution of the General Assembly on training in developing countries.
(Agreed)

Paragraphs 58 to 60 were adopted

Paragraph 61

Mr. YAKER (Algeria) proposed that the words "planification centrale" in the French text should be replaced by the words "planification intégrale".

The proposal was adopted

Paragraph 61, as amended, was adopted

Paragraphs 62 to 64

Adopted without discussion

The CHAIRMAN requested that a paragraph should be inserted before paragraph 65 to the effect that important questions had been raised during the discussions, and that the Chairman had requested that they should be discussed by the Commission in plenary session.

It was so decided

Paragraph 65

Adopted without discussion

Mr. YAKER (Algeria) thanked the secretariat, and congratulated it on the speed with which it had prepared the draft report.

Mr. PARKER (Liberia) associated himself with Mr. YAKER in thanking the secretariat; but he wished to draw the attention of the Committee to the fact that many paragraphs mentioned the suggestions and opinions of a single delegation, which did not seem to be the purpose of the Committee, whose decisions should be those of the great majority. In the report of the Committee to the Commission a delegation should never be mentioned specially; everything said during the meetings was shown in the summary records.

The Report of the Committee on the Programme of Work and Priorities was adopted as a whole.

The CHAIRMAN thanked the Executive Secretary and all the members of the secretariat for their valuable contribution and for the spirit of collaboration they had shown. He expressed his satisfaction with the atmosphere in which the work of the Committee had proceeded, for it enabled the future to be faced with confidence, the future that would see an Africa one and indivisible.

The meeting rose at 7.30 p.m.