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## COMMITTEE I

### PROVISIONAL SUMMARY RECORD OF THE TWENTY-SECOND MEETING

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on Saturday, 29 February, at 11.25 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. SIDIKOU (Niger)

Secretary: Mr. EWING

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DRAFT REPORT OF COMMITTEE I TO THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

Mr. MAZIGH (Tunisia), Chairman of the Drafting Committee, introduced the draft report. The Drafting Committee's task had been facilitated by distributing the points to be dealt with amongst the delegations composing it and because most of the questions had already been discussed at recent specialized meetings.

Mr. NOAH (Sierra Leone), proposed that the text be examined section by section.

It was so decided

Economic Development and Planning and Projections

Mr. ESSOME (Cameroun), proposed to insert the words "and interdependence" each time the word "coherence" occurred in paragraph 5, the last paragraph of the relevant section.

The amendment was adopted

Mr. KOHN (United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization), speaking at the invitation of the Chairman, suggested inserting the word "agriculture", after the words "projecting developments in" in sub-paragraph (d) - "Projections". FAO was already making projections for agriculture and was intending to organize a conference on the subject the following year.

The FAO representative's suggestion was adopted

The section of the report dealing with economic development and planning and projections, as amended, was approved

Agriculture

Mr. ASEM (Ghana) proposed that the words "in Africa" be inserted in the fifth sentence of paragraph 3 on Locust Control after the words "and the establishment", so that it would read "the establishment in Africa of one central fund to which all African States might contribute".

Mr. NOAH (Sierra Leone), thought that the idea of a fund limited to Africa scarcely accorded with a world campaign conducted on a world scale.

Mr. MAZIGH (Tunisia), did not agree that the two ideas were incompatible; the Drafting Committee had indeed interpreted its text in the sense indicated by the Ghanaian representative.

Mr. NOAH (Sierra Leone), accepted the Drafting Committee's interpretation.

Mr. MAZIGH (Tunisia), wished to amend the corrigendum accompanying the draft report by replacing the words "through the good offices of the Executive Secretary" by the words "by the Ghanaian Government" in the penultimate sentence of paragraph 4 of the section on Agriculture; and by changing the words in the last sentence from "also be put before ... to" "... within the framework of ECA" by the words "included in the agenda of the forthcoming specialized ECA conference".

Mr. ASEM (Ghana), pointed out that as the Committee had accepted the communication from Ghana as a Committee document, it could not send it back to the Ghanaian government.

Mr. CURTIS (Guinea), also thought that the Commission, having taken over the document, as its own, could only transmit it to the Organization of African Unity.

Mr. N'DAW (Mali), agreed and requested the Tunisian representative to withdraw his amendment.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the Tunisian representative withdrew his amendment, but that the secretariat had no objection to transmitting the document to the OAU.

The section of the draft report dealing with Agriculture, as amended, was approved.

Industry, Transport and Natural Resources

Mr. CURTIS (Guinea), suggested adding the words "which should be at the highest level" after the words "industrial co-ordinations" at the end of paragraph 4(d).

The proposal of the representative of Guinea was adopted.

Mr. MENSAH (Ghana), said that the first three lines of paragraph 4(e), did not make it clear if co-operation was to be extended to small and medium scale industries.

Mr. MAZIGH (Tunisia), Chairman of the Drafting Committee, said that the Drafting Committee interpreted it as meaning that co-operation was to be extended to all industries, whatever their size.

The CHAIRMAN proposed to insert some such phrase as "with the same end in view" after the word "important" in the third line.

It was so decided

Ato Tekle Haimanot GEBRE MARIAM (Ethiopia), said with reference to paragraph 10 on the Industrial Co-ordination Mission to East and Central Africa, that missions should not confine themselves to drawing up an inventory of resources and possibilities: they should also offer some sort of sub-regional plan to aid the countries concerned, to choose rationally which industries it was advisable to set up.

Mr. EWING, Secretary of the Committee, said that a new sub-paragraph (h) to that effect would be added to paragraph 10.

Mr. BWETA (Congo, (Leopoldville)), said that sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph 10 would be clearer if the words "after the other countries in the sub-region had been visited" were inserted after the word "convened".

The section of the draft report dealing with Industry, Transport and Natural Resources, as amended, was approved

### Surveys

The section of the draft report dealing with Surveys was approved

### Statistics

Mr. ESSOME (Cameroun), proposed that the fourth sentence in paragraph 37 (page 18) should be re-drafted to read: "The other request related to the Yaoundé International Centre, which was originally intended to meet the requirements of Central African countries for medium level staff and was receiving nominations from a number of West African countries. Delegates requested that the necessary resources be put at the disposal of this Centre as soon as possible, to enable it to meet the new demands arising from the establishment or development of a course for technical assistance, as recommended by the Conference of African Statisticians".

He also proposed the deletion of the whole of that part of the next paragraph beginning with the words "The place of the statistical office..." as it duplicated paragraph 42, (page 19) beginning "In order to establish ...".

The proposals of the representative of Cameroun were adopted

Mr. ASEM (Ghana), said with reference to paragraph 41 (page 19) that his idea had not been the establishment of a special committee on agricultural statistics, but a standing committee on agriculture. The text should be amended accordingly.

Mr. EWING, Secretary of the Committee, said that the proposal raised a certain number of questions, including that of the relationship between ECA and FAO, and that it would be preferable to raise the matter in plenary.

Mr. MAZIGH (Tunisia) pointed out that the section under discussion dealt solely with statistics and that it was scarcely logical, in connexion with statistics, to put forward the idea of a committee on agriculture, however valuable in itself that idea might be.

Mr. CURTIS (Guinea) thought that the possibility of setting up a standing committee on agriculture was worth considering. The establishment of a special committee on agricultural statistics demanded care if duplication were to be avoided, as the FAO already had a section dealing with the question.

The CHAIRMAN thought it better if the Ghanaian representative raised his proposal in plenary.

Mr. NOAH (Sierra Leone) proposed that the opening words of the second sentence of paragraph 45, "The present conventional punched card installation was" should be replaced by "The data processing installations used at present were".

The section of the draft report dealing with Statistics, as amended, was approved.

The draft report was approved as a whole.

DRAFT RESOLUTIONS (E/CN.14/L.185, 189, 194, 196 and 211)

Transition from subsistence to market agriculture (E/CN.14/L.189).

The draft resolution was approved

Utilization of solar energy (E/CN.14/L.194)

The CHAIRMAN said that the following countries desired to be co-sponsors of the draft resolution submitted by Niger and Upper Volta: Algeria, Dahomey, Ivory Coast, Mali, Mauritania, Nigeria and Senegal.

Mr. MAZIGH (Tunisia) said that in the present experimental stage of work on the utilization of solar energy, it seemed more reasonable to set up a centre for Africa as a whole than a merely sub-regional centre.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the project was supported by nearly all the countries in the sub-region.

Mr. MAZIGH (Tunisia) withdrew his suggestion.

The draft resolution was approved.

Trans-Sahara transport (E/CN.14/L.196)

Mr. SHERKALA (Libya), said that his country would gladly be associated with the sponsors of the draft resolution on condition that the following preambular paragraph be added: "Recognizing that insufficient information is as yet available for choosing between the three main routes described in document E/CN.14/288, and that a more detailed study of the routes must be made by experts to enable the Governments concerned to reach an agreement".

The CHAIRMAN said that both the Standing Committee on industry, transport and natural resources and the Drafting Committee had thought that prudence was necessary in regard to the question of possible routes; accordingly that aspect had been omitted from the draft resolution.

Mr. MAZIGH (Tunisia), Chairman of the Drafting Committee, confirmed that the Drafting Committee had wished to leave complete freedom of choice to the participants in the forthcoming conference of representatives of countries interested in trans-Sahara transport, particularly as there seemed essentially to be no better reason for selecting three possible routes rather than fifteen or twenty. The existing text of the draft resolution did not request the Commission to choose between the routes but simply to indicate the procedure preparatory to making a choice.

Mr. N'DAW (Mali), pointed out that the proposed text passed no judgements regarding possible routes and implied no sort of obligation; in the light of that fact, the Libyan representative might perhaps be willing to withdraw his proposal.

Mr. LOKO (Dahomey), Ato Tekle Haimanot GEBRE MARIAM (Ethiopia), Mr. HASSAN EL ABD (United Arab Republic) and Mr. KANE (Mauritania) appealed to the Libyan representative in the same sense.

Mr. SHERKALA (Libya), regretted that he could not comply with the request, since he thought that any choice of route would be premature; as three routes were mentioned in document E/CN.14/288, the omission of any reference to the point in the draft resolution might give the impression that decisions had already been taken. The text should be clarified so that no possible misunderstanding could arise.



After a short procedural discussion on the desirability of settling the question by vote, the Committee decided, by 12 votes to 1, to approve the draft resolution in its original form and to submit it to the Commission, while noting the reservations made by Libya.

The place of agriculture in the harmonization and co-ordination of national development plans in Africa (E/CN.14/L.211).

The CHAIRMAN recalled that the draft resolution was the sequel to the communication of the Ghanaian delegation on the place of agriculture in the harmonization and co-ordination of economic development plans, in accordance with the decision the Committee had taken at its twenty-first meeting.

Ato Tekle Haimanot GEBRE MARIAM (Ethiopia), asked if there was really any reason for submitting the draft resolution to the Commission, since the members of the Committee had agreed that the Ghanaian proposals belonged rather to the competence of the Organization of African Unity and should be referred to it, as stated in the Committee's report.

Mr. MAZIGH (Tunisia), pointed out that the report dealt with a large number of questions only a few of which had been incorporated in draft resolutions in order to stress their importance. There was no question that the communication from Ghana, the importance of which had been recognized by all the members of the Committee, raised such a question.

Ato Tekle Haimanot GEBRE MARIAM (Ethiopia), thought it difficult for the Committee to reach a decision on a text which had only just been distributed. The best solution would be if the Ghanaian representative submitted the draft resolution to the Commission in two days' time, thus observing the time limit laid down in the Rules of Procedure.

Mr. ASEM (Ghana), recalled that the Committee itself had decided to submit a resolution and had set up a Sub-committee to prepare the text.

Mr. MAZIGH (Tunisia), as Chairman of the Drafting Committee, supported the stand point of the Ghanaian representative. He accordingly proposed that the text in question, with certain drafting amendments - which he read out - be approved and submitted to the Commission on behalf of the Committee.

The draft resolution, with the amendments proposed by the Chairman of the Drafting Committee, was approved.

Social policy and development (E/CN.14/L.185)

The CHAIRMAN said that Committee II, to whom the Commission had originally assigned consideration of item 5(b) of the agenda, had thought that the item was closely linked to questions of economic development, and had passed it on to Committee I, together with the relevant draft resolution.

The Committee decided unanimously to submit the draft resolution to the Commission.

The CHAIRMAN declared the discussions of the Committee closed.

The meeting rose at 2.00 p.m.