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SUMMARY RECORD OF MEETINGS

SIXTEENTH MEETING

Held on Thursday, 16 May 1946, at 10:30 A.M.

Chairman: Mrs Franklin D. Roosevelt

The Commission continued the discussion on Point I of Page 8 of the report (E/HR/19): type of membership and method of selection.

The Chairman asked Mr. Borisov whether he had reconsidered his point of view and whether he was still objecting to the appointment of non-governmental representatives. Mr. Borisov maintained his objections and stated that he wished to see the word "unanimous" crossed out in the particular paragraph of the report, and in addition, he proposed that a note should be added to the effect that he, on arrival, disagreed with the proposal that members of the Commission on Human Rights should serve as non-governmental representatives and that he felt that they should be government representatives appointed in the same way as members of the Economic and Social Council. The Chairman stated that a note to that effect would be added to the report.

The Commission further discussed Points 2 to 9 on Pages 8 and 9 of the report concerning the number of members, re-eligibility, term of office, etc... The Commission voted in favour of all these proposals with a few minor textual changes.

The Commission then discussed the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press on Page 6 of the report. On Point 2, type of membership, Mr. Borisov expressed the wish that the same footnote he added to the report regarding his objections to the appointment of non-governmental representatives, as he suggested in the case of the Commission on Human Rights. The Chairman agreed.

On point 4, Page 7, Mr. Borisov suggested that the word "all" should be deleted or that a detailed explanation be given. He pointed out that there would be many documents which might contain statements or standpoints against the basic principles of the United Nations, and he felt that such statements should not be included in the documentation. After the Chairman had pointed out that it would be difficult for the nuclear Commission to act as censors for the full Commission, and that the nuclear Commission would only transmit the documents to the full Commission without any decision being taken, Mr. Borisov agreed to let point 4 stand as is.

The Commission agreed on the other points under this heading.

The Commission discussed the paragraph concerning hearings.

Mr. Neogy read the section on the hearings held before the Commission, and the members agreed to include it in the final report.

The Commission then considered the section on the report of the Sub-Commission on the Status of Women (Summary Record of fourteenth meeting, held on Wednesday, 15 May 1946).

Dr. Hsia suggested that point 3 of Part II of the section on the Sub-Commission on the Status of Women should be changed or deleted, as in its present form, it recommended to the Economic and Social Council action on matters which might not be ready for action. He also felt that it was premature to appeal to Member governments.

Mr. Borisov suggested that Paragraph 3 should not be deleted and the Commission finally decided to combine Paragraphs 2 and 3.

It was decided that the report of the Commission on Human Rights to the Economic and Social Council should contain as Appendix I the report of the Sub-Commission on the Status of Women, and Appendix II, a list of all documents distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 P.M.
