
SUMMARY REPORT OF EIGHTH MEETING OF THE STATISTICAL COMMISSION

Held at Hunter College, New York, on Wednesday 15 May 1946, 10:30 A.M.

Present: Mr. Rice (Chairman)

Mr. Campion
Mr. Debosimov
Mr. L'eu
Mr. Manalanobis
Mr. Sauvy

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

The Commission resumed consideration of the text of its draft report to the Economic and Social Council. Chapters of the draft dealing with statistical relationships of United Nations with specialized agencies, statistical organization and functions of the United Nations Secretariat, and statistical activities of the League of Nations were approved with some modifications.

Some discussion was devoted to specific arrangements whereby the Statistical Commission or the Secretariat could have topics introduced into the agenda of committees and other meetings of the specialized agencies. The experience of the League of Nations was referred to in this connection, and it was observed that entirely informal arrangements had proved adequate for this purpose. It was pointed out, however, that the question might have some importance in certain connections, and that some more formal arrangements might be needed; in any case it was suggested that the question be brought to the attention of the Secretariat as a point to be watched.

Recess was taken at 11:55 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

At 2:05 P.M. the meeting was reconvened by the Chairman.

The Commission resumed consideration of its draft report and all remaining chapters were approved with some modifications.

The report as a whole was then adopted unanimously, except that the U.S.S.R. representative abstained from voting, referring to his previous statement that he would participate primarily as an observer and indicating his intention to reserve the right to present a dissenting view with respect to the Commission's recommendation concerning the basis of selection or appointment of members of the Commission.

The Secretary was instructed to change the numbering of paragraphs in the report and to make other stylistic changes to conform to the practices followed for other United Nations documents.

The session was adjourned sine die at 5:05 P.M., 15 May 1946.