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CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE (Conference Room Papers Nos. 45 and 46) (continued)

The CHAIRMAN invited comments on the draft resolution on regional integration submitted by the working group and sponsored by Chile, Colombia and Mexico (Conference Room Paper No.45).

Mr. CUELLAR (El Salvador) proposed a change to improve the drafting of operative paragraph 2.

The CHAIRMAN said that, as there was no objection, the suggestion of the representative of El Salvador was approved.

Mr. APODACA OSUNA (Mexico) proposed that the term "suscribirlos", in the Spanish version of the second preambular paragraph, should be changed to "adherirlos". In the case of the Montevideo Treaty only the States that signed it could be called signatory States, although other States could adhere to it. He was not aware whether the same applied in the case of the Central American Treaty.

Mr. PRADO GARCIA SALAS (Guatemala) said that the resolution should mention that with regard to Central America an adequate word was "suscribir", since the incorporation of Central American countries which had not as yet signed the General Treaty would take place on equal terms with the original signatories.

Mr. MENDEZ (Colombia) agreed with the Mexican interpretation of the Montevideo Treaty. However, it was possible that a change in the wording might be required in order to meet the terms of the Treaty on Central American Integration.

Mr. ESCOBAR (Chile) suggested that that matter should be left to the secretariat, which should consult the Treaties and make the necessary modifications.

It was so decided.

The CHAIRMAN invited comments on the Venezuelan draft resolution on experts on labour questions (Conference Room Paper No. 46).

Mr. PRADO GARCIA SALAS (Guatemala) said that in the operative paragraph the phrase "experts on labour questions" was sufficient, and that the phrase "connected with the labour movement" might be deleted.

/Mr. ACEVEDO

Mr. ACEVEDO (Venezuela) observed, in reply, that the experts in question should not only know their subject but also be closely connected with trade union movements, so that they could really represent the working class at the meetings recommended for the study of social problems of development. He would therefore prefer that the phrase "connected with the labour movement" be retained.

Mr. PRADO GARCIA SALAS (Guatemala) said that, if the real intention was that the experts should represent the working class, the expression "connected with the labour movement" was somewhat vague. The Chairman of a trade union might be said to be "connected" with the labour movement but it was doubtful whether he could act as the real representative of the workers. He would therefore suggest the wording "...that it invite representatives of the working class who are experts on labour questions..."

Mr. de Almeida took the Chair.

Mr. ESCOBAR (Chile) pointed out that meetings and seminars sponsored by ECLA were usually attended by experts acting in an impartial capacity and not representing any particular group, and that was the meaning of the draft resolution. His delegation intended to vote for the draft resolution, but thought that the phrase "experts on labour questions" was quite sufficient.

Mr. ACEVEDO (Venezuela) said his delegation could not accept the amendment suggested by Guatemala; it preferred that the text as it stood should be put to the vote.

Mr. PAREDES REGALADO (Honduras) proposed, as a compromise between the Venezuela and Guatemalan texts, the following wording:

"Decides to recommend that the ECLA secretariat, with its usual impartiality and when it considers it desirable, should invite experts on labour questions to the seminars or meetings for the study of social problems of development".

Mr. de ANDREA (Peru) said that his delegation supported the original text as submitted by Venezuela and requested that it should be put to the vote.

/The CHAIRMAN

The CHAIRMAN said that, if there was no objection, he would first put to the vote the original text of the Venezuelan draft resolution.

The Venezuelan draft resolution on experts on labour questions (Conference Room Paper No. 46) was approved by 9 votes to 2, with 2 abstentions.

Mr. PRADO GARCIA SALAS (Guatemala) wished it to be recorded that the Chairman had failed to take a vote on the Honduran amendment.

The CHAIRMAN said that he was quite willing to reopen the voting and take a vote on the Honduran amendment first.

Mr. PAREDES REGALADO (Honduras) said he had no objection to withdrawing his amendment, but felt that the Chairman had not followed the correct procedure in putting the Venezuelan draft resolution to the vote first, and he requested that that should be recorded also.

Mr. SOTO (World Federation of Trade Unions) wished to express the satisfaction felt by his organization, as well as by the International Federation of Christian Trade Unions and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, at the approval of the draft resolution concerning experts on labour questions. Although the resolution did not include all the points urged by his organization at successive sessions of ECLA, it represented an important step forward in the study of development problems and their effects on the labour movement. In response to the resolution, his organization would offer the services of its best experts in Latin America for the study of economic and social development problems. He hoped, moreover, that the reports of the seminars on labour questions would be submitted as soon as possible and made known to the Latin American labour organizations and to the non-governmental organizations in category A, so that those organizations might propose items for the provisional agenda of the ECLA session in accordance with rule 8(g) of the rules of procedure.

Mr. PRADO GARCIA SALAS (Guatemala) expressed satisfaction that the representative of the World Federation of Trade Unions had stressed the technical rather than the political function of the experts connected with the labour movement who would be asked to take part in seminars in accordance with the resolution just approved.

/Mr. TEJERA PARIS

Mr. TEJERA PARIS (Venezuela) resumed the Chair.

ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT (E/CN.12/AC.47/1)

Mr. SALGADO (Ecuador), Rapporteur, suggested that the first sentence in part III of the report should read "The Committee welcomed the recommendations on the development of information media" etc., rather than "The Committee took note of the document on the development of information media" etc.

Mr. PRADO GARCIA SALAS (Guatemala) thought the expression "took note of" was the appropriate one.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that the secretariat should be requested to establish the correct terminology.

The Committee's report (E/CN.12/AC.47/1) was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN announced that the Committee had completed its agenda. He thanked the members for their co-operation in bringing the Committee's work to a successful conclusion.

The meeting rose at 6.15 p.m.

