COMMITTEE VI: PURPOSES AND ORGANIZATION

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE SECOND MEETING

Held at the Capitol, Havana, Cuba, Saturday, 29 November 1947 at 4.00 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. Erik COLBAN (Norway)

1. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

On the proposal of Dr. COOMBS (Australia), seconded by Mr. Iglesias MONICA (Argentina), Mr. Teotonio Monteiro BARROS FILHO (Brazil) was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman.

2. PUBLICITY OF MEETINGS

Replying to a question by Mr. HOLMES (United Kingdom) as to whether the decision to hold certain meetings in private should be debated in a closed meeting, the CHAIRMAN stated that the best solution might be for the public meeting to be adjourned and discussion started afresh in private; a decision could then be reached on the advisability of holding a private meeting.

Replying to a question by Mr. AMADOR (Mexico), the CHAIRMAN thought that no question of a vote would arise on the holding of a private meeting.

It was decided that, in principle, the meetings of the Committee should be public, but the Committee might decide that particular meetings should be held in closed session.

3. PROGRAMME OF WORK

The CHAIRMAN thought it would be advisable to start work on Chapters VII, VIII and IX before dealing with Chapter I. He suggested that the Committee should start its next meeting by the examination of Articles 68, 69 and 70 of Chapter VII.

Mr. AMADOR (Mexico) drew attention to the necessity for countries to know their exact position in regard to voting before they agreed to the obligations to be assumed in other parts of the Charter. He preferred, therefore, that the Committee start with examination of Articles 72, 74, 75, 78 and 81.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that discussion would be based on a first and second reading of the text. No country would be finally committed by the first reading. Full opportunity would be afforded to all representatives to reconsider.
reconsider the redacted text. He explained, and Mr. AMADOR agreed, that it would be logical to consider first the question of establishment of the main organs of the Organization before taking up the question of voting in those organs. He felt that membership in and functions of the Organization should first be dealt with and would commit no delegation as to voting rights.

The Committee decided to adopt the Chairman's suggestion.

The CHAIRMAN urged delegations to submit amendments to the Articles to be discussed at the next meeting by Monday at 6.00 p.m.