EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Second session

Item 8 of the Provisional Agenda

REPRESENTATION OF THE INTERIM COMMISSION ON THE INTERIM CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS

1. On 28 March 1947, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations "to appoint an interim co-ordinating committee for international commodity arrangements to keep informed of and to facilitate by appropriate means such inter-governmental consultation or action with respect to commodity problems, the committee to consist of a chairman to represent the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment, a person nominated by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to be concerned in particular with agricultural primary commodities, and a person to be concerned in particular with non-agricultural primary commodities."

The Secretary-General, acting on the Resolution of the Council, appointed the following individuals as members of the Committee:

Mr. J. R. C. Kelmore - Chairman, representing the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment

Mr. L. A. Wheeler - nominated by the Food and Agriculture Organization

Mr. Georges Peter - concerned in particular with non-agricultural primary commodities.

2. The Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment ceased to exist on the convening of the Conference on 21 November 1947. Accordingly, the Economic and Social Council, at the suggestion of the Conference, requested the Secretary-General on 3 March 1948 to amend the composition of the Committee to provide that the Chairman be nominated by the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization.
3. The Executive Committee of the Interim Commission, at its First Session in Havana, decided on 24 March 1948 to request that Mr. Helmore should continue to act as Chairman until the Executive Committee considered the question at its next session. At the invitation of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Helmore agreed to continue.

4. The matter is now submitted for further consideration by the Executive Committee.