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World Health Organization (WHO)

UNICEF Administration:

Mr. Pate
Mr. Heyward
Mr. Charnow

Executive Director
Deputy Executive Director
Secretary of the Executive Board
ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Mr. KRIVITSKY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) raised the question of the representation of China on the Executive Board. As was known, the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China did not recognize the Kuomintang's right to represent China in the United Nations and demanded that the Kuomintang's representatives, whose presence was illegal, should be excluded from the Organization. The USSR supported that demand and was submitting the following draft resolution:

"The Executive Board resolves:

(a) To exclude the representative of the Kuomintang group from membership in the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund;

(b) To invite a representative of the People's Republic of China, appointed by the Central People's Government of China, to participate in the work of the Fund."

The CHAIRMAN recalled that she was occupying the Chair only temporarily and therefore had no authority to submit the proposal to the Board for consideration. The first item on the agenda was the election of the Chairman of the Executive Board.

Mr. KRIVITSKY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) challenged the Chairman's ruling and asked that his draft resolution should be considered immediately.

The Chairman's ruling was upheld by 16 votes to 3, with 1 abstention.

Dr. BUGNARD (France) nominated Mr. Lindt (Switzerland). As Chairman of the Programme Committee, Mr. Lindt had shown great devotion and impartiality. Apart from his personal qualifications, the role of Switzerland in international humanitarian undertakings was generally recognized and it would be a well-deserved tribute to that country to elect its representative to the chairmanship of the UNICEF Executive Board.
The French delegation admired the firmness and kindliness with which Mrs. Sinclair had always conducted the deliberations of the Executive Board. It was very sorry that she could not continue in the Chair and hoped that she would continue to provide the members of the Executive Board with the benefit of her experience and her enlightened views, which had always been highly appreciated by all.

He announced that the French Government had decided to ask its Parliament to approve a contribution of 175 million francs to UNICEF, as it had done in 1952.

Mr. RAJAN (India) supported the nomination of Mr. Lindt. The members of the Executive Board had had an opportunity to appreciate Mr. Lindt’s devotion to UNICEF, his competence and his thorough knowledge of the procedure and operation of UNICEF’s organs when he had been Chairman of the Programme Committee. He also praised Mrs. Sinclair for the firmness, tact and kindliness she had always shown.

Mr. GARCIA (Philippines) joined with the representatives of France and India in praising Mrs. Sinclair and in supporting the nomination of Mr. Lindt. If Mr. Lindt was elected, it would be the first time that an important United Nations body was presided over by the representative of a country which was not a Member of the Organization. His election would be a tribute not only to Mr. Lindt personally, but also to Switzerland.

Mr. KHALID (Iraq) pointed out that the Executive Board could depart from its rules of procedure, which provided for the election of the Chairman by secret ballot, and suggested that Mr. Lindt should be elected by acclamation.

Mr. TSAO (China) supported that suggestion.

Mr. Lindt (Switzerland) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Executive Board.

Mr. Lindt assumed the Chair.
The CHAIRMAN thanked the members of the Board for the honour
collected upon him and upon his country. It was difficult to follow
Mrs. Sinclair, whose outstanding capabilities, affability and indefatigable
devotion were known to all. He would do his best to prove worthy of his.
predecessor, and his utmost to facilitate the important, concrete and useful
work of the UNICEF Executive Board.

Mrs. SINCLAIR (Canada) thanked her colleagues for their kind
words. Her guiding principle had consistently been to serve the cause of UNICEF to the
limit of her capacity and to co-operate with all the members of the Board,
whose courtesy and co-operative spirit she deeply appreciated. She recalled
the progress achieved by UNICEF since 1947 and emphasized that it was one of
the most useful bodies in the United Nations and one of those which had been
most successful.

Miss KERNOHAN (United States of America) expressed gratification at
the election to the chairmanship of the Swiss representative. The Swiss
Confederation was playing an active part in so many humanitarian efforts,
particularly those of UNICEF, to make the world a better place to live in.
She also wished to pay a tribute to Mrs. Sinclair, who, as Chairman of the
Programme Committee and of the Executive Board, had dedicated herself to a
task which was earning respect for the United Nations from all the peoples of
the world.

Mr. ANDERSON (United Kingdom) congratulated Mr. Lindt upon his
election to the chairmanship and joined in praising the manner in which
Mrs. Sinclair had discharged her important functions for two years.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Board should proceed to elect the
members of the Programme Committee.

Mr. KRIVITSKY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) asked that his
proposal to exclude the Kuomintang representative and invite a representative
of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China to take
part in the work of the Executive Board should be considered first.
Miss KERNORAN (United States of America) recalled that similar proposals had repeatedly been made in most United Nations bodies. The United States position was well-known: the USSR representative's draft resolution was not admissible, especially as it proposed the admission of a government which did not fulfil the requirements of the United Nations Charter and which was fighting against the United Nations forces in Korea.

In accordance with rule 25 of the rules of procedure, she moved adjournment of the debate. Her motion had precedence over the USSR proposal.

The CHAIRMAN said that under the rules of procedure permission to speak could be given to only two speakers, one in favour of the motion, and one against.

Mr. GLOZAR (Czechoslovakia) supported the USSR representative's proposal; he saw no reason why it should not be considered and put to the vote.

Mr. TSAO (China) recalled that he had many times refuted the USSR representative's allegations, which he considered libellous, unfounded and inadmissible. He endorsed the United States motion.

The motion for adjournment of the debate was adopted by 16 votes to 3, with 3 abstentions.

Mr. KRIVITSKY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) stated that the USSR delegation considered the decision which the Executive Board had just taken to be incorrect and illegal since the representative of the Kuomintang group might not represent China.

He also wished to correct the representative of the United States, who had made some allegations concerning the People's Republic of China.

The CHAIRMAN repeated that under the rules of procedure permission to speak could be given to only two speakers, one in favour of the motion and one against, and that the debate must therefore be considered as closed.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

The CHAIRMAN invited the Board to elect the members of the Programme Committee for 1953; the Programme Committee now had eleven members but that number could be changed.
Mr. BRENNAN (Australia) had consulted several of his colleagues on the question, and their feeling was that the membership of the Committee should be changed. The Chairman of the Committee generally abstained from voting and there was thus a danger of the vote being evenly divided on some questions. It would therefore be better to increase the membership of the Programme Committee to twelve.

A vote was taken by secret ballot. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Fenaux (Belgium) and Mr. Rajan (India) acted as tellers.

Having obtained the required majority, the following countries were elected members of the Programme Committee:

- Brazil
- Canada
- China
- Ecuador
- France
- India
- Israel
- Philippines
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- United States of America

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

Miss KERNOHAN (United States of America) nominated Mr. Brennan (Australia) as Chairman of the Programme Committee. Australia had consistently, both financially and otherwise, shown its interest in the work of the Executive Board of UNICEF, and Mr. Brennan seemed to be especially qualified to succeed Mr. Lindt as Chairman of the Programme Committee.

Mr. TSAO (China) seconded the nomination. Like everyone else who had had occasion to work with Mr. Brennan, he had come to appreciate his competence, devotion and extensive knowledge of UNICEF's activities.

Mr. FENAUX (Belgium) and Mrs. HARMAN (Israel) associated themselves with the preceding remarks. They emphasized Mr. Brennan's qualifications and his active participation in the Sub-Committee on Fund-Raising and in the Committee on Administrative Budget.

Mr. PLEIC (Yugoslavia) proposed that Mr. Brennan should be elected by
Mr. Brennan (Australia) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Programme Committee.

Mr. Brennan (Australia) thanked the Executive Board for its confidence in him, which he would try to justify. The Australian Government had consistently taken a keen interest in the problem of child welfare. The Programme Committee had always had very able chairmen, and he would do his best to follow in their footsteps and to maintain close contact with the Executive Director and the Administration of UNICEF.

ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

First Vice-Chairman

Mr. Anderson (United Kingdom) nominated Mr. Khalidy (Iraq) as first Vice-Chairman of the Executive Board.

Mr. Roussos (Greece) suggested that Mr. Khalidy should be elected by acclamation.

Mr. Krivitsky (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) noted that under rule 43 of the rules of procedure elections should be held by secret ballot. He asked that that rule should be observed.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Fenaux (Belgium) and Mr. Rajan (India) acted as tellers.

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| Mr. Khalidy              | 20 |
| Mr. Rajan                | 1  |
| Mr. Hamdani              | 1  |

Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Khalidy (Iraq) was elected First Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Khalidy (Iraq) thanked the members of the Board for the confidence shown him and the honour done his country.
Second Vice-Chairman

Mr. DAVALOS (Ecuador), Mr. GARCIA (Philippines) and Mr. MORALES (Argentina) nominated Mr. de Paiva Leite (Brazil) as Second Vice-Chairman.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Fenaux (Belgium) and Mr. Rajan (India) acted as tellers.

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Having obtained the required majority, Mr. de Paiva Leite (Brazil) was elected Second Vice-Chairman.

Mr. COSTA (Brazil) noted that Mr. de Paiva Leite, who had participated in UNICEF's work for several years had to his great regret been unable to attend the present meeting. The Brazilian Government much appreciated the honour done it.

Third Vice-Chairman

Mr. ROUESOS (Greece) nominated Mr. Pleic (Yugoslavia) as Third Vice-Chairman.

Mr. PLEIC (Yugoslavia) thanked the Greek representative; it had, however, been his intention to nominate Mr. Fenaux (Belgium), one of the most active and devoted members of the Executive Board.

Mr. ROUESOS (Greece) said that, in the circumstances; he would support Mr. Pleic's proposal.
A vote was taken by secret ballot.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Roussos (Greece) and Mr. Rajan (India) acted as tellers.

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Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Fenaux (Belgium) was elected Third Vice-Chairman.

Mr. FENAUX (Belgium) hoped that he would prove a worthy successor to Mr. Pleic, whose ability and devotion had been appreciated by all. In the name of his country, he thanked the members of the Executive Board for the honour done to him.

Fourth Vice-Chairman

Mr. BRENNAN (Australia) and Miss KERNOHAN (United States of America) nominated Mr. Rajan (India), one of the most notable members of the Executive Board.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Fenaux (Belgium) and Mr. Garcia (Philippines) acted as tellers.

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Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Rajan (India) was elected Fourth Vice-Chairman.
Mr. RAJAN (India) thanked the members of the Executive Board for the honour done to him and to his country. He fully appreciated the privilege of being elected Vice-Chairman of the Executive Board.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

The CHAIRMAN called upon the Executive Board to elect the members of the Committee on Administrative Budget.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Fenaux (Belgium) and Mr. Rajan (India) acted as tellers.

Having obtained the required majority, the following countries were elected members of the Committee on Administrative Budget:

- Argentina
- France
- Greece
- Iraq
- Pakistan
- United States of America
- Yugoslavia

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that it was for the Committee on Administrative Budget to elect its own Chairman.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON FUND-RAISING

The CHAIRMAN observed that the Sub-Committee on Fund-Raising had played an extremely useful part, especially in connexion with public information and relations with governments and various organizations. The best course would be to follow the method hitherto adopted and to leave it to the Programme Committee to choose the members of the Sub-Committee, merely recommending that the number should be limited to six or seven.
MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNICEF/WHO JOINT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY

The CHAIRMAN observed that the UNICEF/WHO Joint Committee on Health Policy met whenever programmes very closely related to public health were contemplated.

Seven representatives of the UNICEF Executive Board served on the Joint Committee, five of them as members and two as alternates; the Chairman of the Executive Board and the Chairman of the Programme Committee were members ex officio. Three members and two alternates would therefore have to be elected.

Members of the Joint Committee, and also alternates, were elected in their personal capacity and not as representatives of their countries. Obviously persons who were thoroughly familiar with UNICEF's work should be chosen; some of them ought to be residents of Europe in view of the fact that the next session of the WHO Executive Board would be held at Geneva and that the Joint Committee would probably meet there too.

Mr. BRENNAN (Australia) nominated Dr. Eliot (United States of America) to fill the vacant seat. It was not usual for two nationals of the same country to be members of the Joint Committee, one representing WHO and the other UNICEF; he therefore proposed that Mr. Pleic (Yugoslavia) should replace Mr. Montini (Italy), since Mr. Canaperia (Italy) was a WHO representative on the Joint Committee.

There was no need to enumerate Dr. Eliot's and Mr. Pleic's qualifications and experience; both were well acquainted with the subjects they would have to discuss and perfectly fitted to represent UNICEF on the Joint Committee.

Miss KERNohan (United States of America) considered that the best way to ensure continuity in the Joint Committee's work would be to re-elect Dr. Debré (France) and Dr. Daengsvang (Thailand) who had done valuable work on that Committee.

Mrs. SINCLAIR (Canada) proposed that Mr. Devalos (Ecuador) should be re-elected for the same reason.

All five candidates were elected.
DATE OF THE NEXT SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Chairman said that the Social Commission would hold its next session from 16 to 27 March 1953. One of the items on its agenda concerned UNICEF and its future; it was desirable, therefore, that the Executive Board should keep in close touch with the Social Commission. The best way of doing that would be for the Executive Board to meet on 18 March 1953.

Miss KERNohan (United States of America) did not think the date of the next session could be fixed without consulting the calendar of conferences for 1953. It must be ascertained whether the meetings could be satisfactorily serviced on the dates in question, and when the Technical Assistance Committee was going to meet.

There was a precedent which had proved very convenient; the Chairman could study the calendar of conferences, with the assistance of the Secretariat, and then write to the members of the Executive Board suggesting a choice of two or three dates. The members of the Executive Board would make their choice and the Chairman would then decide on a date. She did not object to an overlapping with the Social Commission but did question the feasibility of the Board meeting concurrently with the Commission.

It was so decided.

CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

The CHAIRMAN thanked the members of the Executive Board and declared the session closed.

The meeting rose at 1.20 p.m.

16/10 p.m.