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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS

PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF SUB-COMMITTEES

Resolution of the Canadian Delegation

MOVED THAT:-

1. In order to give effect to the Chairman's plan of work, two sub-committees, each consisting of not more than eleven members, shall be appointed at the appropriate time. One of these sub-committee shall be called the Fact-Finding Sub-committee and the second shall be called the Sub-committee on Organization and Finance and they shall work under the terms of reference set out respectively in paragraphs 4 and 5 below.
2. The Director of the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees and the Director-General of UNRRA, or their representatives, shall be invited to sit with each of these sub-committees in a consultative capacity.
3. The sub-committees will confine their enquiries within such limits as will enable the Committee to make a written report to the Economic and Social Council within the allotted time.
4. The following shall be the terms of reference for the Fact-Finding Sub-committee:-
  - (a) to ascertain, by the use of information already available and as necessary by direct request to such persons or bodies as it deems appropriate, approximate numbers, location and place of origin or habitual residence of refugees and displaced persons of European origin and the number of displaced persons already repatriated and to report thereon;

(b) to ascertain what arrangements, formal or otherwise, are at present in force or under consideration between European countries for the return of persons to their country of origin or residence;

(c) to make recommendations which should guide the international body in order that no action it may take shall interfere in any way with the surrender and punishment of war criminals, quislings and traitors in conformity with present or future international arrangements or agreements;

(d) to ascertain from Governments represented on the Committee to what extent they are or will be capable of receiving persons from Europe for whom no other arrangements can be made;

(e) to consider in connection with matters falling within (a), (b), (c) and (d) any information offered or special requirements suggested regarding corresponding situations in the Far East.

5. The following shall be the terms of reference for the Sub-Committee on Organization and Finance:-

Considering that the main tasks of any new international body which may be recognized or established in the sense of the Resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 16th February, 1946 will be the repatriation, temporary relief, resettlement or protection of refugees or displaced persons, to investigate and report on:-

(i) the status, form, name, composition and constitution of this international body;

(ii) a suitable procedure for recognizing or establishing this international body at the earliest possible date, and

(iii) the question of finance, with a view to the equitable distribution of the administrative and operative costs of this international body.

6. The sub-committees shall hold their meetings in public, it being understood that they will have the right to appoint drafting sub-committees which may sit in private.

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