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SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

FIRST MEETING

Tuesday, 5 March 1963, at 4 p.m.

Acting Chairman: Mr. VEROSTA (Austria)
President of the Conference

Election of Chairman

1. The ACTING CHAIRMAN called for nominations for the office of chairman of the First Committee.

2. Mr. CHAVEZ (El Salvador) nominated Mr. Barnes, head of the delegation of Liberia, whose distinguished diplomatic and legal career made him eminently qualified for the office of chairman.

3. Miss ROESAD (Indonesia) seconded the nomination.

4. The ACTING CHAIRMAN said that, in the circumstances, a secret ballot could be dispensed with, as provided in rule 43 of the rules of procedure.

Mr. Barnes (Liberia) was elected Chairman of the First Committee by acclamation.

The meeting rose at 4.10 p.m.

SECOND MEETING

Wednesday, 6 March 1963, at 11 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. BARNES (Liberia)

Election of officers

1. The CHAIRMAN thanked the Committee for the honour it had conferred upon him and his country in electing him Chairman. He realized the difficulty of his task, and he counted for its successful accomplishment on the spirit of co-operation, understanding and tolerance of all the members of the Committee.

2. The Committee's first task was to elect its officers — namely, the first and second vice-chairmen and the rapporteur.

Election of the First Vice-Chairman

3. The CHAIRMAN invited the members of the Committee to nominate candidates for the office of first vice-chairman.

4. Mr. LEE (Canada) nominated Mr. Silveira-Barrios (Venezuela).

5. Mr. MIRANDA e SILVA (Brazil) seconded the nomination.

Mr. Silveira-Barrios (Venezuela) was elected First Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

Election of the Second Vice-Chairman

6. The CHAIRMAN called for nominations for the office of second vice-chairman.

7. Mr. KIRCHSCHLAEGER (Austria) nominated Mr. Osiecki (Poland).

8. Mr. RASSOLKO (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) seconded the nomination.

Mr. Osiecki (Poland) was elected Second Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

Election of the Rapporteur

9. The CHAIRMAN called for nominations for the office of rapporteur.

10. Mr. KEVIN (Australia) nominated Mr. Westrup (Sweden).

11. Mr. RUEGGER (Switzerland) seconded the nomination.

Mr. Westrup (Sweden) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.

Consideration of the draft articles on consular relations adopted by the International Law Commission at its thirteenth session (A/CONF.25/6)

12. The CHAIRMAN recalled that, according to the methods of work and procedures suggested by the Secretary-General and approved by the plenary conference at its second meeting, the First Committee should examine the preamble, articles 2 to 27 and 68 to 71 of the draft prepared by the International Law Commission, the Final Act of the Conference and any protocols which the Conference might consider necessary. The Committee would doubtless wish to postpone the examination of the preamble till later and proceed at once to examine the International Law Commission's draft articles, beginning with article 2 since, at the Secretary-General's suggestion, which the Conference had approved, article 1 was to be sent to the drafting committee, which would report to the plenary conference direct.

It was so decided.

Article 2 (Establishment of consular relations)

13. The CHAIRMAN pointed out that draft article 2 had been the subject of eight amendments submitted by Czechoslovakia (A/CONF.25/C.1/L.1), Bulgaria (A/CONF.25/C.1/L.2), the United Arab Republic (A/CONF.25/C.1/L.9), Hungary (A/CONF.25/C.1/L.13), Brazil, Italy and the United Kingdom (A/CONF.25/C.1/L.19), Spain (A/CONF.25/C.1/L.22), the Republic