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INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION

SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE TWELFTH SESSION

Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from 25 April to 1 July 1960

526th MEETING

Monday, 25 April 1960, at 3 p.m.

Chairman: Sir Gerald FITZMAURICE

later: Mr. Luis PADILLA NERVO

Opening of the session

1. The CHAIRMAN declared the twelfth session of the International Law Commission open.

Tribute to the late Mr. Manley O. Hudson

2. The CHAIRMAN said that the world of international law had suffered a grievous loss by the recent death of the eminent American jurist Mr. Manley O. Hudson, a former Chairman of the Commission.
3. At the invitation of the CHAIRMAN, the Commission observed one minute's silence as a tribute to the memory of Mr. Manley O. Hudson.

Election of officers

4. The CHAIRMAN called for nominations for the office of Chairman.
5. Mr. GARCÍA AMADOR proposed Mr. Amado who, in addition to having rendered valuable services to the Commission, came from a country which had made an outstanding contribution to international law in Latin America.
6. Mr. AMADO, though deeply grateful for the honour done him, regretted that his health and age obliged him to decline it.
7. He would nominate instead Mr. Padilla Nervo, whose ability and experience eminently qualified him for the office.
8. Mr. MATINE-DAFTARY seconded that proposal.

Mr. Padilla Nervo was unanimously elected Chairman and took the Chair.

9. The CHAIRMAN, thanking members for having elected him, said that it was a great responsibility to succeed so distinguished a chairman as Sir Gerald Fitzmaurice and, in a sense, to replace the eminent Mr. Amado, whom members had had in mind as their first choice for Chairman. He would endeavour to carry on the work of the Com-

mission in accordance with the tradition laid down by his predecessors.

10. He called for nominations for the office of First Vice-Chairman.

11. Mr. EDMONDS proposed Mr. Yokota.

Mr. Yokota was unanimously elected First Vice-Chairman.

12. The CHAIRMAN called for nominations for the office of Second Vice-Chairman.

13. Mr. AGO proposed Mr. Bartoš, who represented the legal systems of the whole of Europe.

14. Mr. AMADO seconded the proposal.

Mr. Bartoš was unanimously elected Second Vice-Chairman.

15. The CHAIRMAN called for nominations for the office of Rapporteur.

16. Mr. PAL proposed Sir Gerald Fitzmaurice.

17. Mr. AMADO seconded the proposal.

Sir Gerald Fitzmaurice was unanimously elected Rapporteur.

The meeting rose at 3.45 p.m.

527th MEETING

Wednesday, 27 April 1960, at 10.30 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. Luis PADILLA NERVO

Adoption of the agenda (A/CN.4/123)

1. The CHAIRMAN said that he had received a letter from Mr. Verdross stating that, owing to his academic obligations, he would not be able to attend meetings of the Commission until 2 May, but would then be able to attend continuously until 24 June.
2. He asked the Commission to consider its provisional agenda (A/CN.4/123).
3. Mr. ŽOUREK suggested that the Commission consider under item 11 of the agenda (*Other business*) a recommendation that the publication of the indexes to the United Nations *Treaty Series* be accelerated.

It was so agreed.