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Commission's 1968 session would have to be postponed to, say, 27 May and the session would last until about 2 August.

38. Mr. BARTOŠ, speaking as the Special Rapporteur on Special Missions, said that he was in a rather difficult position. Governments had been invited to send their comments on the draft to the Secretariat by 1 March. He had prepared his fourth report (A/CN.4/194 and Addenda) on the basis of the comments received by that date. More comments had, however, arrived after that date than before it, with the consequence that he had had to prepare further addenda to his report which were now being reproduced and translated.

39. The CHAIRMAN said he hoped the Commission would be able to complete its work on the topic of special missions at the present session and that it would adopt a programme of work which would enable it to begin its consideration of that item as soon as possible.

The meeting rose at 4.35 p.m.

### 896th MEETING

*Tuesday, 9 May 1967, at 10.15 a.m.*

*Chairman: Sir Humphrey WALDOCK*

*Present: Mr. Ago, Mr. Albónico, Mr. Bartoš, Mr. Bedjaoui, Mr. Castañeda, Mr. Castrén, Mr. Eustathiades, Mr. Ignacio-Pinto, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Ramangasoavina, Mr. Reuter, Mr. Tammes, Mr. Tsuruoka, Mr. Ushakov, Mr. Ustor, Mr. Yassen.*

### Adoption of the Agenda

(A/CN.4/192)

1. The CHAIRMAN said that, before inviting the Commission to adopt the provisional agenda (A/CN.4/192), he wished to welcome Mr. Caicedo Castilla, the observer for the Inter-American Juridical Committee, and Mr. Golsong, the observer for the European Committee on Legal Co-operation. A communication had been received from Mr. Rizvi, the observer designated by the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee, to the effect that he proposed to attend the Commission's proceedings from 26 June until the end of the session, unless the Commission preferred him to come earlier.

2. A cable had been received from Mr. Lachs, a former member of the Commission and now a Judge of the International Court of Justice, expressing his good wishes for a successful session.

3. He suggested that, in accordance with its usual practice, the Commission adopt the provisional agenda (A/CN.4/192) without prejudice to the order in which it might deal with the various items.

*It was so agreed.*

### Organization of work

*(resumed from the previous meeting)*

4. The CHAIRMAN said that the Commission would no doubt endeavour to complete at the present session its work on item 1 of the agenda (Special Missions) and to make a start with item 2 (Relations between States and inter-governmental organizations). On item 3 (State responsibility), he understood that the Special Rapporteur intended to submit a preliminary report in order to obtain confirmation of the Commission's general directives as to how the topic should be handled. Some preliminary work had been done on item 4 (Succession of States and Governments), but as the Special Rapporteur for that topic, Mr. Lachs, was no longer a member of the Commission, a new Special Rapporteur would have to be appointed. The Commission would deal with item 5 (Co-operation with other bodies) in the course of the session when convenient to the observers sent by the various bodies with which the Commission co-operated. The Commission would no doubt wish to leave item 6 (Organization of future work) till the second half of the session, in order to allow members time for reflection and informal discussion. The working paper prepared by the Secretariat (A/CN.4/L.119) and the Sixth Committee's report to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session,<sup>1</sup> which set forth the views expressed in the Sixth Committee on the past work of the Commission and the organization of its future work, were both valuable documents.

5. With regard to special missions, the Special Rapporteur had prepared two further addenda (A/CN.4/194/Add. 3 and 4) to his fourth report; those new documents contained the Special Rapporteur's observations and proposals following the additional comments received from governments after he had completed the preparation of the main part of his report (A/CN.4/194 and Add. 1 and 2). The first of those two additional documents related to the Special Rapporteur's first sixteen draft articles and would be distributed shortly in the original French, so if members of the Commission were prepared to work on the basis of the French text only, the Commission could start work on item 1 at its next meeting.

6. Mr. BARTOŠ, speaking as Special Rapporteur for the topic of special missions, said that he would be prepared to introduce his report at the next meeting on that understanding.

7. The CHAIRMAN said he noted that there appeared to be no objection to the Commission starting at its next meeting to consider item 1.

The meeting rose at 10.50 a.m.

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 84, document A/6516.*