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1 ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE (WP/RC8/20)

The CHAIRMAN drew attention to the draft report and invited the Committee to comment on it.

Dr. R.K.C. LEE (United States) referred to the proposal he had made at the previous meeting that a new item - "(g) Research - Intensification in this field is needed" be inserted after item (f) of section 4 of the Technical Discussion report, the original item (g) "Topic for 1958" to be regarded as "(h)".

The SECRETARY assured that this additional item would be included in the revised report.

Dr. LE-VAN-KHAI (Viet Nam) moved the adoption of the report as amended by the representative of the United States; this was seconded by Dr. J.A. NOLASCO (Philippines).

Mr. A. SAITA (Japan) apologized for raising this point at such a late stage, but pointed out that on page 29 of the draft report the Japanese delegation had been omitted from the list of those who had voted in favour of the amendment proposed by the representative of Viet Nam that the minutes of the Committee's discussions on the method of appointing regional directors should be submitted to the Executive Board. In fact nine had voted for this proposal, yet only seven were listed.

The SECRETARY apologized for the omission and stated that the minutes would be corrected accordingly. He thought that Cambodia was the other country left out of the list.

Dr. PHAV SANY (Cambodia) stated that the Cambodian delegation had abstained from voting but it was the representative of Laos who had favoured the amendment.

Dr. THONGPHET PHEITSIRISENG (Laos) confirmed this.

Dr. A. EJERCITO (Philippines) suggested that, owing to the length of the report and the insufficient time allotted to its review, a working party should

be established to examine it and make recommendations to the Committee at a subsequent session.

The CHAIRMAN drew the attention of the representative of the Philippines to the fact that the motion for the adoption of the report had already been made by the representative of Viet Nam and the other representative of the Philippines had subsequently seconded it. However if the latter was willing to withdraw his previous statement, then the motion would still remain unacted.

Mr. SAITA remarked that there was no need for setting up a working party to examine the draft report, since most of the contents had already been approved and the only part to be examined was that which covered the discussions on the method of appointing regional directors.

Dr. H.B. TURBOTT (New Zealand) asked that his statement on page 26 of the draft report be corrected to read: "Dr. TURBOTT explained that he was proposing that both the Executive Board and the Regional Committee should be concerned in the selection. He suggested that the names should come before the Regional Committee as usual, the Committee would select three or four names and submit these to the Executive Board which, together with the Director-General, would consider them, make the selection and refer the name back to the Regional Committee. His Government's proposal therefore retained the right of selection of the Regional Committee, and brought the Executive Board into this matter also."

The SECRETARY regretted that the statement had been incorrectly recorded and assured the representative of New Zealand that proper amendment would be made. He then pointed out that representatives had ~~three~~ three weeks to present to the Secretariat their comments or corrections; therefore if they had further amendments to make they should do so within the time limit specified.

Dr. EJERCITO said that in view of the explanation just given by the Regional Director, he would withdraw his previous remarks.

The motion presented by the representative of Viet Nam for the adoption of the report was put to the vote and was unanimously carried.

2 ADJOURNMENT

The CHAIRMAN declared the eighth session of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific adjourned at 5.10 p.m.