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OTTAWA, May 5, 1952 -- The ninth meeting of the International Rubber Study Group opened here today with representatives from Australia, Belgium, British Colonial and Dependent Territories, Burma, Canada, Ceylon, Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany, France, Italy, Indonesia, Japan, Liberia, the Netherlands, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States and Viet-Nam.

The following organizations are represented by observers: Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements of the United Nations, Food and Agriculture Organization, Organization for European Economic Co-operation, Organization of American States and the International Rubber Development Committee.

Mr. A.F.W. PLUMPTRE Head, of the Economic Division, Department of External Affairs, was elected chairman of the meeting, and the following were elected vice-chairmen: Dr. R. Blankenfeld, Head of the delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany, and M.C. Lakshnakara Kashemsanta, Head of the delegation of Thailand.

The proceedings will be private. At the conclusion of the meeting, which is expected to last until the end of the week, a press release will be issued and a press conference will be held.
