

(The President)

Mr. Mashhadi can give me an assurance to that effect. I give the floor to the representative of the United Kingdom, who wishes to speak concerning the Iranian request.

Sir Michael WESTON (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland): I wonder if we could have some precision from the Iranian delegation whether they think it would be possible in a short space of time to settle things, because alternatively I would suggest that it might be better if we were to continue with a - I think you described it as second reading of the report and try to get through the rest of it at least, so that we would then come back to the one issue which seems to be the problem of Iran.

The PRESIDENT (translated from French): I thank Sir Michael Weston for his very constructive proposal. Before we take any decision I should like to give the floor to the Ambassador of Japan, Mr. Tanaka.

Mr. TANAKA (Japan): I support what the British Ambassador said. It would take more time than 10 minutes to conclude consultation among the Asian Group, so we prefer to go through the other parts and then come back to section D.

The PRESIDENT (translated from French): That seems to me the wisest thing to do. I give the floor to the representative of Pakistan.

Mr. KAMAL (Pakistan): Perhaps we can separate the idea of the drafting of paragraphs 72, 73 and 74 in section D, on which there seems to be agreement, from the crucial question of their adoption, which is where my understanding is the distinguished delegate of Iran has a problem. Perhaps what we can do is, having finished the drafting of 72, 73, 74, to put them aside for adoption as a whole at the end and go on for the present so that we reach the end of the report and then come back to section D, and hopefully by that time some ideas may have come. And this is on the assumption that the drafting has been agreed and the only problem now left is the final adoption.

The PRESIDENT (translated from French): I was probably being a little optimistic and precipitate in bringing my gavel down on this section, since there is clearly still a problem. I suggest we accept Ambassador Weston's proposal, leave section D pending and move on to the other sections. That should not take up an enormous amount of time anyway - in less than 10 minutes we will again find ourselves face to face with this problem which we seem unable to settle. I give the floor to the representative of Nigeria.

Mr. AZIKIWE (Nigeria): I quite agree with the suggestion put forward by our distinguished colleague from the United Kingdom, but I have a suggestion. While we go on with the other sections, perhaps it would be more helpful if the group of interested States that are affected should meanwhile be holding their consultations, so that when we do come back to section D they should be able to give us the outcome of their consultations, because we don't want to come back and be faced with the same problem again.

The PRESIDENT (translated from French): Ambassador Azikiwe is right, but the President cannot let one delegation hold up the work of the Conference.