

international organization being now in process of construction, it would be suitable to transfer the permanent problem to the permanent organization. The present financial structure of the I.G.C. was unsatisfactory. Its absorption by the United Nations Organization would automatically take care of this, both as to the securing and wise expenditure of funds. Projects would not need to be submitted separately and with long delays to individual States. The proposed change would remove suspicion of ulterior motives.

22. The U.K. proposal was supported by France and by Switzerland. The Netherlands delegate said that a certain autonomy should be given to the new organization.

23. The Director spoke at some length and favoured the U.K. proposal. He disputed, however, the U.K. view of the I.G.C. as an emergency organisation. It had been devised to meet the long-term problem. He favoured the scheme chiefly because of its financial advantage. He spoke strongly in favour of ensuring that the responsibilities of the I.G.C. should be safeguarded in the new scheme. He referred particularly to the kind of "protection" given by the I.G.C. to refugees, previously mentioned in this memorandum. He also referred to the particular projects already under way and to certain contractual obligations to which the I.G.C. was committed, such as that to the French Government and those to its own staff. He was anxious that the I.G.C. should itself be a party to the conversations which were envisaged with the U.N.O.

24. The U.S.S.R. delegate broke the silence he had been maintaining to say that all that was required was that the Committee should take note of the intentions of the U.K. One suspects this was his method of following the instructions he had received from Moscow. He made no objection to the subsequent amendments to his proposal. As already mentioned, it is probable that this action was concerted between himself, Sir George Rendel and perhaps Mr. Warren.

25. Sir George Rendel stated that the U.K. would support this view but would like to introduce some further points to meet the Director's observations. The U.S. representative proposed a further addition for fear that the work of the I.G.C. should suffer in the interim. He wished member governments to be encouraged to maintain their support.

26. It was then agreed that the U.S.S.R., U.K., U.S.A. and French representatives, with the assistance of a member of the Directorate, should draft a resolution for the afternoon's session.

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27. The Resolution as contained in the attached paper, was submitted by the delegates just mentioned and was unanimously approved with very little discussion.

28. With the formalities customary at such meetings, the Plenary Committee concluded its session.