

and voting against on the ground that consultation with national Labour organizations is already adequately provided for in Article 71 of the charter.

Another matter under Item 3 upon which there was considerable discussion was the fact that Spain was a member of the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization, and the general feeling was that the Constitution and agreement with the proposed International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) should not be approved unless amended to provide for the exclusion of Spain from membership. Eventually item 3 was approved subject to the proviso that the ICAO should comply with any decision of the General Assembly regarding Spain.

The transfer to the United Nations of certain non-political functions and activities of the League of Nations, other than those pursuant to International Agreements (Item 4), was approved.

After consideration of Item 5, it was decided, in view of the magnitude and gravity of housing problems throughout the world and the advisability of providing for an exchange of views and constant liaison between the technical experts of the various nations, to recommend the Economic and Social Council to instruct the appropriate Commissions to expedite their study of housing problems and town-planning questions with a view to the holding of an international conference of experts to advise on the need for establishing an international mechanism to collate such information, lay down guiding principles for new technical research on materials, methods of use and prefabrication, and design standards capable of general application.

The Joint Committee also approved of a resolution under Item 6 to refer to the Economic and Social Council for study the question of providing effective ways and means for furnishing, in co-operation with the specialized agencies, expert advice in the economic, social, and cultural fields to member nations who desire their assistance.

All the resolutions were subsequently approved by the General Assembly.

VIII. COMMITTEE III: SOCIAL, HUMANITARIAN, AND CULTURAL QUESTIONS

Chairman Sir CARL BERENDSEN (*New Zealand*)

Vice-Chairman Mr FRANCISCO DE PAULA GUTIERROZ (*Costa Rica*)

Rapporteur Mrs AASE LIONEES (*Norway*)

New Zealand Representatives

Hon. D. WILSON

Mrs A. F. R. McINTOSH

At the first meeting Sir Carl Berendsen was unanimously elected Chairman in the absence of the Right Honourable P. Fraser, who held that office at the first part of the session in London. Many complimentary references were made to Mr Fraser.