

36. To meet New Zealand's point of view regarding the possible location of the headquarters of the Research Council outside the area, it was agreed that the Commission might establish branch offices and make provision for the carrying-on of any part of its work or the work of its auxiliary and subsidiary bodies at such place or places within or without the territorial scope of the Commission as it considers will most effectively achieve its objectives.

Interim Organization

37. In order that the Commission should begin its work at the earliest possible moment, it was decided to accept the offer made by the Governments of New Zealand and Australia jointly to undertake the preliminary arrangements for the establishment of the Commission. Any expenditure (up to a maximum of £5,000) incurred by the two Governments may be accepted by the Commission and credited against their contribution to its funds. The purpose of the Australian New Zealand offer was to avoid such delay as might be incident to the ratification of the Agreement.

Secretariat

38. Apart from certain minor points, such as provision regarding entry into force or revision of the Agreement, the only other question of importance discussed by Committee I was the establishment of a Secretariat.

39. Recognizing that the ultimate success of the Commission and its auxiliary bodies will depend largely upon the efficiency of the Secretariat, the Committee laid down detailed provisions relating to the staff of the Secretariat.

40. It was agreed that a Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General should be appointed by the Commission for a term of five years. The balance of the staff of the Commission, except certain full-time members of the Research Council, to whom reference is made in the report on Committee III, are to be appointed by the Secretary-General, subject to such directions as he may receive from the Commission. In the selection of appointees, primary consideration is to be given to the technical qualifications and personal integrity of candidates who, so far as possible, are to be recruited from among the local inhabitants of the islands within the area. Equitable local and national representation is also desired.