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SUMMARY REPORT (MINUTES) PANEL, SUB-AREA 2

TIME: PLACE: Thursday, April 6, 1951, 11:10 a.m. Louis Seize Room, Shoreham Hotel

CHAIRMAN: (Vacant)

THE SECRETARY GENERAL (MR. WHEELER): It is now in order to convene Panel 2. Membership on P nel 2 at the present time is confined to Canada.

DR. BATES (CANADA): Mr. Gushue will be the leading member.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL (MR. WHEELER): I might state that the Commissioners from the other countries are entitled, under the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, to attend and speak at Panel meetings, but only in an observer capacity as they cannot vote. The proposed agenda for Panel 1 also holds for Panel 2. In view of the fact that there is only one member nation on Panel 2 and Dr. Bates has indicated that Wr. Gushue will speak for Panel 2, I think the waiving of the election of a chairman would be somewhat in order.

Also, I assume that Canada is taking responsibility for Newfoundland here.

DR. BATES (CANADA): That can be assumed, Mr. Secretary.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL (MR. THEELER): Shall I assume that as far as Canada is concerned, Mr. Gushue is the chairman of the Panel at the present time or merely is the spokesman for the purposes of this meeting?

DR. BATES (CANADA): He is the spokesman merely for the purposes of this meeting.

MR. GUSHUE (CANADA): I think, Mr. Secretary, in view of the fact that there are two other countries who have shown an interest in Panel 2, we might await further developments. There is just the one country at the present moment. I don't think even the Rules of Procedure could properly be adopted under these circumstances.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL (LR. WHEELER): Mr. Gushue has proposed that in view of the single membership at the

present time on Panel 2, and the fact that at least two other nations are interested in membership, France and Italy, it would be appropriate to hold in abeyance the question of a formal chairmanship, as well as the Rules of Procedure, awaiting further membership on the Panel.

MR. GUSHUE (CANADA): I move the Panel now adjourn.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL (MR. WHEELER): The Panel is adjourned.

(whereupon, at 11:15 a.m. the Panel adjourned.)

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