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REPORT OF THE FIRST MEETING  
OF THE AD HOC DRAFTING COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, April 3, 1951 - 2:30 P. M.

Attendance:

Canada:	Raymond Gushue, Chairman
Denmark:	A. Vedel Taning
Iceland:	Arni Fridriksson
United Kingdom:	A. T. A. Dobson
United States:	Bernhard Knollenberg Edward Castleman Herbert W. Graham

Dr. Graham was designated as Secretary, and Mr. Castleman acted in an advisory capacity.

The Committee considered the various suggestions made by the Commission relative to the Rules of Procedure for the Commission, which were referred to it for redrafting. The Committee considered and reviewed all the Rules except Rules 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, which had been referred to the Committee on Administration and Finance, and redrafted the Rules accordingly. The actions of the Committee are embodied in the revised copy of the Rules of Procedure, which is being issued as DOC/2 (Rev. 1).

Mr. Dobson suggested that the Drafting Committee give consideration to the consolidation of the "Proposed Rules of Procedure for the Commission" and the "Proposed Rules of Procedure for Panels" at the appropriate time. In this connection, Mr. Dobson offered certain observations as to similarities between the two drafts. He suggested that the following, or similar, instructions in the Commission Rules might accomplish the desired consolidation:

"These Rules of Procedure shall apply to each Panel *mutatis mutandis*, and shall be read as if the word "Commission" included where necessary the word "Panel", but each Panel may adopt in addition any special rules for the conduct of its meetings or for the exercise of its functions and duties as it thinks fit, provided that those Special Rules after adoption by the Panel be approved by the Commission."

After some discussion of the proposal it was decided that the proposed consolidation constitutes a substantive matter which should be considered by the Commission, and should be so reported back to the Commission. The Committee requests the Commission to consider Article IV of the Convention as it relates to this matter.

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