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MINUTES OF THE
FOURTH EXECUTIVE SESSION

TIME: Friday, April 6, 1951, 10:05 a.m.
PLACE: Louis Seize Room, Shoreham Hotel
CHAIRMAN: Dr. Hilary J. Deason (U.S.A.)

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Gentlemen, although it was not in the Order of the Day, we found it was necessary, because of an omission on the part of the Chairman to deal with two minor items yesterday, to convene an Executive Session this morning, which will be just for a few minutes.

The items are of no great importance. I regret the absence of the delegations from Iceland and Canada. However, I don't think they will object to any action taken at this time.

As to the first item, the Chairman deems it advisable to constitute an ad hoc committee to consider Item 22 on the Agenda, relating to cooperation with other public and international organizations, and requests that each voting delegation designate a member of that ad hoc committee. In addition to considering the item on the Agenda, the committee should also consider the communications the Commission has received from the President of ICES and the Director General of FAO. The report of that ad hoc committee would be in order at the final session on Tuesday afternoon.

The second item I wish to deal with is the question of the final session of this present meeting of the Commission, which will convene on Tuesday afternoon. It is the custom in the United States, at meetings of this nature, to admit visitors to the opening session and to the final session. We followed that procedure with reference to the opening session, but it is felt that with regard to the final session the question should be put to the Commission, and their views and decision be controlling.

The question, then, gentlemen, is: Shall we admit visitors to the final session on Tuesday afternoon, at which time we will consider final resolutions, motions, and the report of the Chairman on the meeting?

MR. DOBSON (UNITED KINGDOM): Mr. Chairman, may I take it that your expression "visitors" includes the press, of course?

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THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): It would to this extent, sir. I would prefer that we follow the procedure that we have used in the Whaling Commission, that there would be a final press notice or press release prepared for approval by the Commission at that final session and that would constitute the publicity on the meetings.

MR. DOBSON (UNITED KINGDOM): Content.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Is there any objection, then, to admitting visitors to the final session on Tuesday afternoon, as we did at the opening session last Monday?

MR. KNOLLENBERG (UNITED STATES): No.

MR. DOBSON (UNITED KINGDOM): No.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): The Executive Session is adjourned. I will turn the Chair over to the Secretary General.

(Whereupon, at 10:09 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.)

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