

FAO ARCHIVES

COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS

THIRTEENTH MEETING

20/21 September 1950
2:30 p.m.

Room 903 Longfellow Building
1201 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.

PRESENT: (In the Chair) Dr. G. S. H. Barton

AUSTRALIA	- Mr. P. F. Magee	UNITED KINGDOM	- Mr. R. Burns Mr. R. B. Stedman**
Canada	- Dr. W. C. Hopper	UNITED STATES	- Mr. L. I. Highby Mr. R. Ioanes Miss Doris Rafler Mr. F. W. Rhodes* Mr. James C. Foster*
CUBA	- Dr. Ricardo Sarabast		
EGYPT	- Mr. Anwar Miaz		
FRANCE	- Mr. Eugene Demont	URUGUAY	- Mr. J. F. Yriart
INDIA	- Mr. P. Vaidyanathan*	SECRETARY	- Mr. F. B. Northrup
INDONESIA	- Mr. Soedjo Tjitrokoesoemo**	FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION	- Mr. A. Eriksen** Mr. H. V. Knight* Mr. J. L. Orr Mr. K. K. P. H. Rao* Mr. A. Viton
ITALY	- Dr. P. N. Rogers		
NETHERLANDS	- Mr. J. B. Ritzema van Ikema*		
PAKISTAN	- Mr. Mahmud Ahmad**	RECORDING SECRETARY	- Miss M. R. W. Apperson

Observers:

IFAP - Mr. A. Cairns
Mr. H. H. Hannam**

- * Attended 20 September Session
** Attended 21 September Session

I. Adoption of Agenda

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 2:45 p.m., and the agenda was adopted as circulated (CCP50/79).

II. Consideration of Committee's Report to the Tenth Session of the Council of FAO (CCP50/78)

The Committee proceeded to consideration of the draft of its report to the Tenth Session of the Council of FAO, prepared by the Secretary pursuant to the discussion during the Committee's Twelfth Meeting, and agreed to a number of revisions.

During the discussion of Paragraph 7 there was some inclination to rephrase the last sentence beginning on Page 2 of the draft as it referred (on Page 3) to "strong recommendations to all member governments ... which, if fully adopted and implemented, would in the opinion of the Committee constitute adequate safeguards to the interests of other importing and exporting countries". It was the view of the United States member, however, that all the revisions suggested tended to weaken the statement of the Committee's actions on behalf of "other exporting and importing countries". He pointed out that his Government had accepted the conditions laid down by the Committee, that it had refused offers to purchase the commodities covered by these

conditions because it was not adequately assured that the country proposing to purchase was in a position to observe the conditions imposed, and that it was therefore convinced that these conditions were themselves an obstacle to greater and quicker response to the offers of commodities at special very low prices. It was agreed, therefore, not to revise the sentence.

The Committee completed its first revision of the draft through Page 8, covering Part III through Item (d) referred by the Council at its Ninth Session, and recessed until 10:30 the following morning.

The Second Session of the Thirteenth Meeting was opened by the Chairman at 10:45 a.m., 21 September.

The Secretary advised the Committee of receipt of a letter (CCP50/81) dated 21 September 1950 in which the United States Member advised that his Government was withdrawing its offer of 100,000 bags (100 pounds each) of dried edible pea beans and 30,000,000 pounds of Mexican canned meat and gravy at special prices as set out in his letter of 29th June (CCP50/50), because of consummated and anticipated sales of these commodities. It was agreed that the Committee's report to the Council should note this withdrawal of two commodities from the U.S. offer of 29th June.

Thereupon the Committee resumed its consideration of the draft of its report to the Council where it had left off the day before, and made a number of revisions.

The text of that part of the draft as revised during the First Session was circulated, and it was agreed that the revised draft of the balance should be available before the end of the day. It was understood that members would communicate to the Secretary by noon the following day any further comments or suggestions in order that the report could be ready for processing by the end of that day.

III. Other business

Mr. Ioanes (U.S.) advised the Committee that inquiries had been received by his Government from representatives of the Vatican regarding its special offers. The Committee confirmed his understanding that negotiations might proceed with the representatives of the Vatican as with those of any member government.

The Chairman noted the two communications received from the Government of New Zealand (CCP50/77, dated 24 August) and IANP (CCP50/80, dated 19th September) regarding the special offers of the United States Government (CCP50/42 and CCP50/50) and the Committee's actions thereon (CCP50/44 and CCP50/57). He suggested that discussion of these communications be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee, since it was unlikely that the ill effects apprehended in these communications had actually occurred or would occur within the near future. This was agreed.

IV. Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman proposed that, unless some urgent matter required an earlier meeting, the Committee should hold its next meeting on Monday, 23rd October, just before the opening of the Tenth Session of the Council, Wednesday, 25th October. On this understanding, the Committee adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

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