



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMISSION STUDYING THE
FUTURE OF THE COMPETITIONS, HELD IN LUXEMBOURG ON THE 1st
AND 2nd OF JULY 1974.

Those present

Mr. Spoelgen
Mr. Dressel
Mr. Häusler-Angeli
Mr. Vlaemminck
Mr. Vastiau
Mr. Poitevin
Mr. Laman Trip
Mr. Hamer
Mr. Furuya
Mr. Glaesener
Mr. Gloesener

Mr. Spoelgen, as President of the Sub-Commission expressed to the Official Representative of Luxembourg the gratitude of all those present for the welcome extended to them. Mr. Glaesener replied to Mr. Spoelgen, expressing his pleasure at having the opportunity of holding this Meeting.

The Lisbon Competitions

Mr. Spoelgen asked the Secretary-General to report to the Sub-Commission concerning the Lisbon Competitions.

Secretariat

Mr. Albert
Mr. Capdepon

Mr. Albert reported that he had firm instructions from the Representatives of Portugal to communicate officially to the Sub-Commission and to the rest of the Member countries the definitive suspension of the XXII Competitions that were to be held in Lisbon during the month of August.

Mr. Albert told the Sub-Commission that he had received instructions from the Official Representatives of Spain to offer to hold a meeting of the Organizing Council in that country in the month of September. This meeting would study the problems that caused the suspension of the Competitions and would also study the possibilities that could avoid these circumstances. The Spanish Representative's proposal, though received with gratitude, was not accepted, taking into account the following :

(1) The Council has resolved to hold its next meeting in Taipei in the month of November. This commitment should be respected, and for this reason it does not appear to be advisable to hold another meeting in September. This opinion was shared by Messrs. Hamer and Häusler-Angeli.

(2) During the month of October, meetings of the E.C.M. are planned to take place in Brussels and the National Competitions will be held in Korea, which would make the attendance of some Representatives impossible. This opinion was shared by Messrs. Vastiau and Furuya.

(3) Mr. Furuya emphasized in view of the suggestions to postpone the Taipei meeting, that this could not be done because it coincided with the holding of the Chinese National Competitions.

Messrs. Häuslet-Angeli and Laman Trip agreed that the possibility should be set on record that the competitors who were going to take part in the Lisbon Competitions in 1974 could take part in the Competitions to be held in 1975. Although the age limit would be exceeded by one year, this circumstance was not as important as giving these young people an opportunity to participate in the Competition for which they had been selected.

At the next meeting of the Organizing Council the proposal suggested would be submitted to the Council.

New Constitution for the Competitions

Mr. Albert gave an account of the work carried out by the Sub-Commission that is studying the future of the Competitions, and said that the drafts of this Constitution had been taken into account: the first draft by Mr. Laman Trip, and the second by the Commission constituted by Messrs. Laman Trip, Hill and Albert, in accordance with a resolution of the Council. This proposal had been reviewed by the Sub-Commission at its meeting in Palma de Mallorca in December 1973 and at Utrecht on the 24th of April of this year.

All the drafts had a high percentage of coincidence, which indicates an identity of points of view as to the spirit that should guide the new Constitution.

Nevertheless, and taking into account the letter from Mr. Hill to the Sub-Commission, Mr. Albert considered that both drafts could be studied and a final version of the new Constitution prepared.

Mr. Spoelgen said that the Secretariat should send a letter to Mr. Hill supporting his proposal that was made in response to a request from the Organizing Council at its meeting held in Palma. He thought that a number of principles should be established and afterwards each country, respecting these principles, could prepare its draft accordingly. Naturally, in order to establish a principle of unity, only one text would constitute the final reference in case of discrepancy of interpretation.

Mr. Vastiau asked permission to read a communication that Mr. Sablón, Secretary-General of the Secretariat of the National Committee for Vocational Training and Professional Improvement, had sent to this Sub-Commission, with the request that it should be studied and included in the future Constitution.

The following is a summary of this proposal :

"Although recognizing the efficiency of the Secretariat General directed by Mr. Albert, it is considered that it has to deal with many matters, matters which would be multiplied if all the objectives indicated in paragraph 2(2) were met. It was the same in the case of the Presidency.

Therefore, it was requested that in addition to the President, there should be a Co-President and that the Secretariat-General should be divided into two, with residence in different countries in order to guarantee the continuity of one or the other in the event of one of them for reasons of various kinds, not being able to fulfil its commitments. One Secretariat would be exclusively engaged in organizing International Apprentice Competitions, point (2) a) . . The other Secretariat would have two sections : one to organize seminars and to compile and distribute information on Vocational Training, point (2) b) c), and the other to maintain contacts with national and international organizations interested in Vocational Training and to obtain the financial means to achieve the objectives that appear in the Constitution. Two Vice-Presidents of the Administration Committee and of the Technical Committee would supervise these Secretariats!"

After considering this proposal submitted by the Representative of Belgium, it was considered that although the intention was praiseworthy, the-duplication and dispersion of functions could be prejudicial to the unity of criteria that should exist in all executive organs such as the Secretariat-General. The latter could, as was envisaged, request aid from persons or entities who concerned themselves with putting into force the postulates established in paragraph 2 (2).

Nevertheless, the office of a Vice-President of the Administrative Committee, which was not included in the proposal studied, was accepted.

The suggestions made by Messrs. Spoelgen and Vastiau having been considered, the meeting went on to study point by point the Constitution submitted by the Sub-Commission for the approval of the Organizing Council at its Meeting held in Utrecht on the 24th of April this year. The result of this study is the draft Constitution, which is attached hereto as the only Annexe to these Minutes.

At the end of the last meeting, Mr. Spoelgen reiterated his personal thanks and that of all those present to the Official Representatives of Luxembourg, Mr. Glaesener, who had been their host, and to the personnel of the Vocational Training School for Adults for the courtesy they had shown.

The President then gave instructions for the preparation of these Minutes which, as Secretary, I hereby certify.