



Minutes

of decisions taken at the Standing Commission meeting Bern, 23rd September, 1984

President: Mr. Albert

Present: Mr. Gonthier, 2nd vice-president; Mr. Kuwahara, 3rd vice-president; Mr. Eda (J); Mr. Watabe (J)
Mrs. Schmid, Mrs. Galeazzi, Miss Moser

Minutes: Mr. Sommer, secretary-general

ad 1: President Albert welcomes participating members and informs them of the surprising professionally motivated resignation of Mr. Wang, president of the administrative committee.

Decision: the minutes of the previous meeting are adopted and point 11 clarified so that Mr. Eda's comments, in brackets, fall away.

ad 2: Decision: the provisional programme for the Bern meetings is approved.

ad 3: Decision: 4 interpreters from Europe, at General Secretariat's costs, 4 interpreters provided by the Japanese organisation (2 English/French, 1 English/Spanish, 1 English/German) at Japan's costs. Mr. Sommer will inform Mr. Eda of the detailed composition of the general secretariat staff.

Depending on member country participation, Spanish and French will be translated consecutively in Osaka.

Mr. Eda will confirm at the latest by February 1985, if Japan can supply the 4 interpreters. The question remains open whether more interpreters will be taken from Europe if needs be, at Japan's cost. Another possibility is a redistribution of the meetings, with simultaneous translation, to keep the interpreter numbers to a minimum.

ad 4: as Messrs. Wang and Bertelsmann fall away, it is decided that Mr. Kuwahara will open the meeting and that Mr. Sommer will lead the proceedings. It is not possible to say whether successors can be elected at this point in time as the number of candidates is small.

Regarding Venezuela, contacts will be maintained even though this country can no longer participate.

As far as Spain is concerned, it is impossible to make a concrete statement at this stage. Decisive meetings are being held in Spain in October.

Personal contact was established with New Zealand.

India will participate in the meetings. All other interested countries have been invited, but further contact has not materialised (see appendix for new list).

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ad 5: The agenda for the administrative committee is discussed point by point.

- Accounts 1983 : OK.
- Outstanding fees for 1983 must be settled by the end of 1984.
- The mediatory proposal regarding Atlanta was tacitly approved by the USA.
- ~~Contacts with the ILO : nothing new.~~
- Constitution and by-laws: no remarks.
- World Congress : obvious reticence, for financial reasons.
- The election of honorary members is postponed. Mr. Albert mentions additional names of former representatives from Portugal.
- Budget : OK.

The agenda for the technical committee is dealt with bilaterally.

ad 6: Mr. Eda requests that a standing commission meeting precede the technical committee meeting. This committee should meet in April 1985.

Responsible for the minutes :



D. Sommer
secretary-general

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