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OF AGRICULTURAL MARKETS

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SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSIONS  
OF THE WORKING PARTY  
AT ITS SECOND SESSION  
(6th-9th January 1953)

1. The Preparatory Working Party for the European Conference on the Organisation of Agricultural Markets held its second session at the Palais de Chaillot from 6th to 9th January under the Chairmanship of Mr. RABOT (France).

The following countries were represented Germany, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Greece, France, Italy, Luxemburg, Norway, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom (observer), Sweden (observer), Switzerland and Turkey.

The F.A.O. and O.E.E.C. were also represented.

2. After having examined the work done by the three Sub-Groups it had set up, the Working Party decided :

- 1) to approve the Report entitled "General Survey on Agricultural and Food Products" and the Commodity Reports prepared by Sub-Group No.1;
- 2) to approve the Report by Sub-Group No.2 entitled "General Conditions of Agricultural Production in the different countries" while noting that this Report only deals very generally with economic conditions of production and labour problems; there is considerable O.E.E.C. and F.A.O. documentation on this latter point.
- 3) to approve the Report by Sub-Group No.3 entitled "Documentation on Organisational Problems", with the following reservations:
  - a) that the text of the Resolution adopted on 4th September 1952 by the General Assembly of the European Confederation of Agriculture be added to the Report;
  - b) to make an amendment to the paragraph "History and Conclusion" of the Analysis of the International Wheat Agreement (page 4).

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The Working Party wished to stress the purely documentary nature of the work done by Sub-Group No.3 and pointed out that this Report cannot be considered as giving all the possible organisational patterns which might be envisaged in setting up an organisation.

4) that any amendments to the Reports made by Delegations would be included in a special corrigendum to each of the Reports.

3. During the general discussion which took place on the preparation of the Report to the European Agricultural Conference, particularly on the suggestions as to the commodities to be submitted to the Conference, the Working Party thought it advisable to emphasise a number of commodities which account for a considerable proportion of agricultural production and trade.

The Turkish Representative repeatedly requested that cotton be included in the list submitted, in view of the fact that this crop was in short supply in Europe and was important to the economy of his country.

The Greek Representative supported this request and also requested that wine be included in the list, as did the French Delegate.

The Italian Representative pointed out that if cotton were included in the list, he would be obliged to request that hemp and silk be also included.

In support of the comments made by the French and Greek Delegates, he said that an outstanding commodity like wine, which was of special importance to some countries, was not included owing to the desire of the Working Party to limit the number of commodities on the list.

The Netherlands Representative asked the Working Party to state clearly that breeding animals were included under the heading "livestock". While recalling his Government's contention that the organisation of agricultural markets should concern production as a whole, he considered that the proposed list covered a sufficiently wide range of commodities and was acceptable, although it did not include eggs.

The Turkish Delegate doubted the advisability of including breeding animals under the heading "livestock".

The Working Party agreed that the list adopted should be merely tentative and should read as follows :

Cereals (bread grains, coarse grains, rice, seeds)

Tobacco

Fruit and Vegetables (fresh and dried)

Sugar

Livestock and Meat

Dairy produce

Timber.

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4. The Working Party asked a Drafting Group to prepare the draft of a Report to the European Agricultural Conference and adopted the Report prepared under reference Ag.GT/Doc.10.
  5. The Working Party decided to continue to grade the documents as "restricted".
  6. The Working Party left the officers to decide whether to issue a press communiqué which would in any case merely state that the Working Party had concluded its work.
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