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MEMORANDUM

TO: His Excellency Hassan Saka  
FROM: The Secretary of Committee II/1

VOTING IN COMMITTEES

It has been suggested by the Secretary General of the Conference that in order to obtain as much genuine agreement on the proposed Charter as possible the Committees should endeavor to avoid reaching decisions by majority vote when there is substantial disagreement and that they should rather attempt to reach their decisions as far as possible by acclamation.

The procedure which is suggested is that the Chairman in putting a question, should not ask in the first place for a show of hands, but ask whether there is any objection, and if no objection is voiced to declare the motion approved.

If there is objection, the Chairman might take note of whether the objection is substantial, and if it is substantial, he might temporarily postpone further discussion of the point in order to give time for informal negotiation outside the Committee, which might result in the introduction later of some compromise proposal.

Should it seem impossible by this procedure to reconcile major differences, the Chairman might wish to suggest that the matter be referred to the Steering Committee, if he deems this appropriate.

PRESS RELATIONS

The Secretary General has advised the committee secretaries that the responsibility for the relations of the various committees with the press is in the hands of the chairmen of the committees.



The press officer of the Conference has suggested that the chairman should meet the press in conference in the auditorium of the Veterans Building very briefly after each meeting if he feels that there is something that should be communicated to them. It is planned however to prepare a brief press communique after each meeting, which will be given to the press and also appear in the JOURNAL the next morning. It might be possible for one of the assistant secretaries to prepare such a communique just before the end of the meeting in order to obtain the approval of the Chairman and the Reporter. Otherwise it might be prepared immediately after the meeting and the Secretary would like to have His Excellency's instructions as to how he should proceed in this matter, and whether this communique should be approved by the Chairman before being made public in every case.

Third Meeting of Committee 2, Commission 1, May 10, 1945.

PRIVATE AGENDA FOR THE CHAIRMAN

1. Report of the Chairman on meeting of the Steering Committee.
2. Continuation of the discussion of Chapter V, Section B, paragraph 2 (Admission of New Members).

The Secretary has circulated the revised amendment proposed at our last meeting by the Australian delegate as Doc. 204, II 1/5.

The full text of all the comments and amendments of delegations relevant to this paragraph is given in the annex of today's agenda, including the text of the revised Australian amendment.

At the end of our <sup>last</sup> ~~next~~ meeting the following delegates had asked for the floor at the time of adjournment:

Iraq  
Netherlands  
Chile

3. Discussion of Chapter V, Section B, paragraph 4, (Elections by Assembly). The Secretary has prepared for circulation at the next meeting the text of the comments and amendments relative to this Section.

NOTE: The Chairman might think it best to adjourn the discussion of this Section till the next meeting since it has been impossible to have this material ready for this meeting.

Troisième Séance du Comité 2, Commission I, le 10 mai 1945.

ORDRE DU JOUR PARTICULIER A L'INTENTION DU PRESIDENT

1. Compte-rendu du Président sur la séance du Comité de Direction.
2. Suite des débats sur le Chapitre V, Section B, paragraphe 2  
(Admission de nouveaux membres)

Le Secrétaire a fait distribuer l'amendement révisé (Doc.204, II 1/5), proposé par le Délégué d'Australie au cours de la dernière réunion.

Le texte complet de tous les commentaires et amendements des Délégations relatifs à ce paragraphe, ainsi que le texte de l'amendement révisé du Délégué d'Australie, figurent dans l'annexe de l'Ordre du Jour d'aujourd'hui.

Lors de l'ajournement de la dernière réunion, les Délégués des pays suivants ont demandé la parole:

*Liberia*  
Irak  
Pays-Bas  
Chili

3. Discussion du Chapitre V, Section B, paragraphe 4 (élections par l'Assemblée). Le Secrétaire a préparé pour distribution le texte des commentaires et des amendements relatifs à cette Section, au cours de la prochaine réunion.

NOTE: Le Président pourrait juger à propos d'ajourner la discussion de cette Section à la prochaine séance, car il a été impossible de compléter la documentation à temps.