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~~PROVISIONAL~~ SUMMARY RECORD OF THE EIGHTH PLENARY MEETING

held at Church House, Westminster, London, S.W.1,
on Tuesday, 10 June 1969, at 12.10 p.m.

President:	Admiral E.J. ROLAND (USA)
Secretary-General:	Mr. Colin GOAD
Executive Secretary:	Mr. V. NADEINSKI

A list of participants is given in TM/CONF/INF.1/Rev.1

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AGENDA ITEM 8 - EXAMINATION OF REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

~~(TM/CONF/C.2/5; TM/CONF/WP.5; TM/CONF/9/Add.1)~~
(continued)

Second Report of the Technical Committee (TM/CONF/C.2/5; TM/CONF/WP.5;
TM/CONF/9/Add.1)

Mr. SPINELLI (Italy) ^{Chairman of the Technical Committee,}
~~speaking in his capacity as Chairman~~
~~of the Technical Committee,~~ said that, in accordance with the
Conference's instructions (TM/CONF/WP.5), the Committee had
considered a net tonnage formula based on displacement as a
principal parameter. In the light of the difficulties it had
encountered, it had decided to ask the Conference to amend its
terms of reference to enable it to study a formula based on the
proposal submitted by Norway (TM/CONF/9/Add.1).

The PRESIDENT stated that, in its instructions of 3 June
(TM/CONF/WP.5), the Conference had taken a decision of substance;
however, the amendment of the Technical Committee's terms of
reference was a matter of procedure which could be decided by a
simple majority vote, pursuant to Rule 28, paragraph 2, of the
Rules of Procedure.

Mr. MURPHY (USA) proposed that the Conference should instruct
the Committee to study an alternative formula for net tonnage
based on the Norwegian proposal contained in TM/CONF/9/Add.1 and
as modified later, in order to consider its merits.

Mr. GUPTA (India) and Mr. PROSSER (UK) supported that
proposal.

Mr. ROCQUEMONT (France) did not think it was good policy to
alter the Technical Committee's terms of reference in mid-session.
The French delegation considered that, with only four weeks to
complete its work, the Conference had taken a very wise decision
when, on 3 June, it ^{had} adopted principles constituting an acceptable
basis for discussion. It was doubtful whether, within the time-
limits imposed on it, ^{the Conference} ~~it~~ would succeed in choosing ~~a net tonnage~~
a formula which could be included in the Convention.
for net tonnage

Mr. DE JONG (Netherlands) agreed with the French representative that a change in its terms of reference was liable to jeopardise the outcome of the Committee's work.

The PRESIDENT proposed that the Conference should decide whether to authorize the Technical Committee to study a new formula for net tonnage.

The proposal was adopted by 33 votes to 6.

The PRESIDENT then put to the vote the proposal submitted by the United States delegation which reproduced the wording used in paragraph 3 of the Second Report of the Technical Committee, by which the Committee would be empowered "to study also an alternative formula for net tonnage based on the Norwegian proposal contained in TM/CONF/9/Add.1 and as modified later".

The United States proposal was adopted by 33 votes to 3.

The meeting rose at 12.45 p.m.