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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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THE QUESTION OF THE COMMITTEE'S FUTURE PREMISES

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Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

1. The GERMAN Delegate, referring to the coming transfer of the NATO offices and to the demolition of the temporary buildings at the Palais de Chaillot, asked the Chairman what arrangements had been taken as to the Committee's future premises. What date had been foreseen for the Committee's departure from the temporary offices in the Passy Wing? Where was the Committee going?

2. The CHAIRMAN thanked the German Delegate for drawing the Committee's attention to a problem which was becoming more urgent every day. He said that the question of the reinstallation of the Committee had been and continued to be the subject of conversations between the French Delegation and himself. In asking the French authorities - who had kindly offered hospitality to the Committee - to seek a solution of the problem, the Chairman pointed out that he had been anxious above all to obtain an assurance that the work involved in the revision of the Lists could be carried out in the required conditions as to quiet and security. The Chairman left it to the French Delegate to reply directly to the German Delegate's questions and to inform the Committee of the latest results of the current negotiations.

3. The FRENCH Delegate confirmed that the problem raised by the reinstallation of the Committee had been under study by the competent French departments for almost a year. No final decision had as yet been reached. It would be taken by the Prime Minister's Office on the basis of advice from the Budgetary and Technical Department of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Even at this stage it was clear that it would be difficult to house the Committee in premises having the same area as at present. The Delegate had again recalled this matter to the notice of the Prime Minister's Office and would not fail to inform the Committee of the reply, which he hoped to receive shortly. In any event the French Delegate could assure his colleagues that the Committee's transfer to new premises would not take place before the beginning of the following year, i.e. after the List revision scheduled for November and December.

4. The GERMAN Delegate thanked the French Delegate for the details he had given to the Committee. He asked him to convey to his authorities the Committee's gratitude for the efforts the French Government were making to find a solution of the problem confronting the Committee.

5. The COMMITTEE associated themselves with the German Delegate's remarks and, after agreeing that the matter was urgent, invited the Chairman and the French Delegation to continue their efforts to find a solution which would be satisfactory to all.

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