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PAYMENT OF COMMITTEE EXPENSES

An Amendment to Rule 12 of the Financial Rules was proposed by the Danish Delegation at the first Session of Council (7-8 October, 1954) as follows:

"Travelling and subsistence expenses of representatives of Member States at meetings of the Council shall be borne by the Member States concerned. Travelling and subsistence expenses of members of Committees of the Organization shall be defrayed by the Organization."

After discussion the Council decided to remit the problem to the Finance Committee to make recommendations. At its meeting in Brussels of November 19th, 1954, the Working Party of the Finance Committee agreed to recommend, as guiding principle, that

- a) For bodies where attendance was as representatives of Member States the expenses should be borne by the Member States, but that
- b) For all other bodies, expenses, at the approved rates, should be met by CERN;

and that, on these principles,

- 1) The cost of attendance at the Council and the full Finance Committee should fall on the Member States;
- 2) The cost of attendance at the Committee of Council, the Scientific Policy Committee and the Working Party of the Finance Committee should be paid by CERN except that -
- 3) When on any occasion a meeting coming under 2) was arranged immediately before or after a meeting coming under 1), the whole cost of attendance of a member who would in any case have attended the latter would be borne by his Government.

- 4) The cost would in any case be paid for only the one nominated member of a committee and would be at the rates and under the conditions laid down in the Staff Rules.

Point 2) of these principles has already been applied to the Scientific Policy Committee after having been approved by the Chairman of the Council on November 3rd, 1954, and by the Chairman of the Finance Committee on November 6th, 1954.

These proposals are now presented to the Council for approval. They require no amendment of the Financial Rules. The Council is also asked to approve the action taken ad interim by the Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

The Council may also wish to consider whether these arrangements, if they are accepted, should be made retrospective to the time when the question was raised in the Council.