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(Minutes of F.C. 1st Meeting)

EUROPEAN COUNCIL FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES of 1st MEETING held at the Salle du Conseil
Général, Geneva, on Saturday 9th OCTOBER 1954, at 2.30 p.m.

Present : Mr. J. Willems, Chairman, Belgium.

Council Members:

Messrs. Hooker	Germany
Bannier	Holland
Hadji Vassiliou	Greece
Valeur	France
Pennetta	Italy
Picot	Switzerland
Campiche	"
Nielsen	Denmark
Holtsmark	Norway
Verry	U.K.
Waller	Sweden

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Tièche

Mr. Willems said that the purpose of this first meeting of the Finance Committee was to agree on the setting up of the small working group which would study figures and prepare papers for the main Committee. He felt that this would be regarded as a duty and, for this reason and to ensure rapid work, he felt that

the number should be kept as small as possible; he suggested that five was a maximum. He asked for the comments of the Committee. Mr. Bannier said that it has always been agreed that all Member States should be represented in the Finance Committee. He hoped it was quite agreed that the working party should be regarded as being only to prepare the work of the main Committee. Mr. Willems agreed.

Mr. Willems then suggested that there should be no question of nationality in choosing a member of the working party. He felt that as Chairman he would have been a member and that Mr. Verry should also be a member. He suggested, as third member, Prof. Nielsen (who regretted that he would be unable to serve).

Mr. Willems then suggested that the French delegation should be asked to nominate a representative with financial experience, as should the German delegation. This was agreed.

Finally, he suggested that the last place be filled by Mr. Bannier, or a Swiss representative.

After some discussion, the Committee agreed that it was most important there should be a Swiss representative in the Committee, but pressed Mr. Bannier also to serve and it was therefore agreed that the working party should have six members.

The French, German and Swiss delegations are asked to provide the names of their nominees as quickly as possible, since it should be necessary to call for a Committee very soon.

Mr. Verry suggested that the Finance Committee and working party should have to give early attention to:

- The Budget.
- Amendments to Staff Rules.
- Amendments to Finance Rules.
- Swiss Headquarters agreement.
- Insurance on plant and buildings.
- Final report of the auditors.
- Finally the approval of contracts and, in particular, the contract for the linear accelerator.

Mr. Pennetta expressed the view that the full Finance Committee should always deal with contracts, or alternatively that the Agenda of the working party should be circulated to all Member States who should be entitled to attend if there seemed to be a matter that concerned them directly. Alternatively, it was suggested that Member States should have the right to require that particular questions of the Agenda should be taken only by the full Committee.

Mr. Picot suggested that the working party should see all the papers of the Finance Committee and meet two days before the Committee.

Mr. Willems said that in any case of doubt as to whether a question was appropriate to the working party or to full Committee, he would naturally consult the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of the Council. He thanked the members for their attendance.