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The Committee was presented with a difficult Constitutional problem when the eligibility of one member of the Executive Board for re-election came under question. On first election, members of the Executive Board must be members of a delegation. In this instance the Board member eligible for re-election was not a member of a delegation. The Committee decided by a one-vote majority that members of the Executive Board are eligible for re-election even if they are not members of a delegation attending a General Conference.

The Procedure Committee amended the rules of procedure to determine in more definite terms the constitution of a delegation and to ensure that no delegation could enjoy its rights and privileges if, after nomination, it refused to attend the General Conference. It also recommended the establishment of a special tribunal to consider matters of interpretation of the Constitution not considered sufficiently important to refer to the International Court of Justice (see Constitution, Article XIV, para. 2).

Amendments to the Constitution of UNESCO proposed by Ecuador, the Director-General, and New Zealand were considered by the Procedure Committee and later by the General Conference. The amendment submitted by Ecuador concerning the admission of States to UNESCO (without vote) after suspension or expulsion by UNO was rejected.

The Director-General submitted an amendment to the Constitution (Article IV_E) concerning invitations to observers from non-governmental and semi-governmental organizations approved by the Executive Board for consultative status. This amendment was adopted after rewording.

The New Zealand amendment designed to eliminate from the Constitution (Article IV_D 9) the clause which obliged the General Conference to change its place of meeting each year was adopted unanimously.

NATIONAL COMMISSIONS' MEETING

A meeting of representatives of National Commissions was held on 15 and 16 November, immediately prior to the opening of the General Conference. Thirty-two of UNESCO'S forty-four member States have established National Commissions and twenty-eight were represented at the meeting.

Dr. Milton Eisenhower (Chairman, United States National Commission) was elected Chairman. New Zealand was represented by Messrs. M. H. Holcroft and D. Cairns.