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December 30, 1965.

Draft Minutes of the First Meeting of the Indian Group of the Liberal International held in the Committee Room of the India International Centre on December 10, at 3:30 p.m.

Present:

Madame Sophia Wadia

Mr. M. R. Masani

Mr. N. C. Zamindar

Dr. S. P. Aiyar

Prof. A. B. Shah and

Mr. S. V. Raju.

Mr. Richard Moore attended as an Observer on behalf of the Liberal International.

Madame Sophia Wadia was requested to take the Chair.

The meeting reviewed the arrangements made for the evening's public function in connection with the inauguration of the Indian Group of the Liberal International and of the School for Freedom. The meeting then went on to elect initial Office bearers and members of the Committee of the Indian Group. Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyar was unanimously elected as President. Mr. Masani conveyed Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyar's willingness to accept the position.

Madame Sophia Wadia was unanimously elected Vice-President. Mrs. Sosan Panday was unanimously elected Honorary Treasurer. Mr. Khuswant Singh, Prof. B. R. Shenoy, Mr. N. C. Zamindar, Mr. H. V. R. Iyengar, Mr. M. R. Masani and Prof. A. B. Shah were elected members of the Executive Committee.

The question of nominating one or more Secretaries was held over for further consideration. The nominations should be made by the Executive Committee by circular.

Office

Madame Sophia Wadia very kindly agreed to permit the use of the premises at 40, New Marine Lines, Bombay 1, as the office of the Indian Group and for purposes of correspondence.

Affiliation

It was decided to seek affiliation with the Liberal International next year. In this connection, Mr. Masani was authorised to go ahead and negotiate with Liberal International the terms and conditions for affiliation.

The Executive Committee was authorised to draft the necessary rules and by-laws for the conduct of the Indian Group. It was further decided that in view of the distances which separated the members of the Committee, decisions could be taken by circular.

Mr. Masani then drew the attention of the meeting to a communication he had received from the Liberal International in regard to a meeting of the Council of the Liberal International in September 1966 and their request for a paper on Planning from India. The meeting decided to request Mr. C. R. Irani, a member of the Group in Calcutta, to write such a paper with the assistance of Mr. K. K. Sinha another member in Calcutta.

The meeting decided to open a Bank Account in the name of the Indian Group of the Liberal International and unanimously adopted the following Resolution :

"RESOLVED to open a Current Account in the name of the Indian Group of the Liberal International with the Bank of India, Bombay, and that the said account be operated by anyone of the following Committee members whose specimen signatures are given below :

Madame Sophia Wadia - Vice President

Mrs. Sosan Panday - Treasurer

The meeting then terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.
