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### Introduction

There were no comments.

### Chapter I

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There were no comments.

Chapter III

There were no comments.

Chapter IV

The CHAIRMAN said that the information contained in Chapter IV corresponded with that given in document EB35/AF/WP/5, with the Standing Committee's findings and observations appended.

There were no comments.

Chapter V

Part 1

There were no comments.

Part 2

Official Records No. 138, Annex 1: Organizational Meetings and Headquarters Activities

Dr LAYTON suggested that, in order to be more specific, the first sentence of paragraph 4.1.2 should be amended to read: "Recalling that . . . should be reviewed annually with a view to the Council becoming eventually financially independent, a member inquired as to the current status of the situation".

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The amendments were approved.

Official Records No. 138, Annex 2 Regional Activities

Africa

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The Americas

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Dr MANI, Regional Director for South-East Asia, in answer to a point raised by Professor AUJALEU, confirmed that the statement recorded in paragraph 14.5 was correct.

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