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SUBJECT: Conference on Building Research
Geneva, Switzerland

Under Auspices of United Nations Social and Economic Council, Economic Committee for Europe, Industry and Materials Committee, Housing Subcommittee.

The documents received comprise the records of the meetings of the Conference held at Geneva, Switzerland, 13th - 14th November, 1950, and 19th - 22nd March, 1951, and the consolidated summary record of the proceedings issued under date of 26th April, 1951.

The following countries were represented: Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America, Yugoslavia.

The following U. N. Specialized Agencies were represented: International Labour Office, World Health Organization. UNESCO representative was unable to attend.

The following International Non-Governmental Organizations were represented: Association Internationale de Sociologie, The Cement Statistical and Technical Association, Comité International de l'organisation Scientifique, Congrès Internationaux d'Architecture Moderne, Conseil International de Documentation du Batiment, International Federation of Building and Public Works, International Federation for Housing and Town Planning, International Organization for Standardization, International Statistical Institute, Reunion Internationale des Laboratoires d'Essais et de Recherches sur les Matériaux et les Constructions, Union Internationale des Architectes.

Purpose of the Conference

The purpose of the conference was, essentially, to define the scope of international collaboration in Building Research and to determine the methods by which it might be facilitated.

To this end, four Working Parties were formed from those at the conference.

Working Party No. 1

To establish the scope and nature of international collaboration in Building Research.

Working Party No. 2

To investigate and report on the scope and nature of national facilities for Building Research.

Working Party No. 3

To propose ways and means of establishing relations with existing international organizations dealing with Building Research.

Working Party No. 4

1. To consider and advise on factors affecting the application of the results of research to the requirements of the building industry.

2. Having in mind that some system of international co-ordination may be set up, to particularly consider whether some verification of research methods, when possible, will conduce to the use of application of results of research in the international field.

The work of these Working Parties was exploratory only, and there is, therefore, no technical information or explicit data in these reports.

A record of all proceedings of the first conference held November 13th-14th may be found in the Report prepared by the Secretariat of UNESCO under date of December, 1950, entitled "Proceedings of the Conference on Building Research".