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Members of the United Kingdom section met on November 6, 1965, in London under the chairmanship of Professor J. N. D. Anderson, to receive a report on the Edinburgh Conference on joint schemes of secondment and recruitment, September 1965, and to discuss the desirability of and arrangements for a second conference of British and African law teachers.

Mr. I. Hamnett reported on the proceedings of the Law Group at the Edinburgh Conference. The group had concluded: (i) that there was an urgent need for better co-ordination and interchange of information between British faculties and other bodies interested in law teaching and legal research in Africa; and the British section of I.A.L.A. was asked if it would assume a continuing role in this respect; (ii) that there was also a need for a second follow-up conference to the successful informal meeting of British and African law teachers which took place at Oxford in June, 1963. The British section was invited to convene a meeting of its members to discuss the feasibility of and arrangements for such a conference without delay. Observers, notably from the U.S.A., might be asked to participate in such a conference.

The meeting then proceeded to discuss the proposed conference. It was unanimously agreed that a second such conference was highly desirable, in view both of the rapid development of legal education in Africa since 1963, and of the evident wish for closer contacts between British and African law faculties. A date in summer, 1966, was proposed as the earliest possible for such a conference, to be held probably in or near London. In principle, participation would be sought from every law faculty or school in Britain and in anglo-phonetic Africa. A limited number of observers might also be invited from the United States and France.

An organizing committee was constituted to plan the detailed execution of the proposal.