

REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE AMENDMENT
TO RULE 38 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Ad Hoc Committee, appointed in accordance with Rule 57, met on Monday, 12 January 1948 and on 14 January 1948 under the Chairmanship of Sr. A. Vilhena Ferreira Braga of Brazil. The Committee consisted of the representatives of Canada, China, El Salvador, France, Mexico, Norway and Peru. The Committee considered an amendment proposed by the delegation of El Salvador to add to Rule 38 the words "but in Sub-Committees Spanish shall also be used as a working language" and a consequential proposal by the delegation of Argentina that the principal working documents of the Conference should be translated into Spanish.

Having considered the difficulties confronting the Spanish speaking delegations, the Committee agreed to make the following practical recommendations for meeting these difficulties:

- (a) that the maximum use should be made of simultaneous interpretation in the Sub-Committees;
- (b) insofar as the difficulties of Spanish-speaking delegations were not met under (a), the Secretariat to provide "whispering" interpreters for delegates in Sub-Committees who are unable to follow the proceedings in the working languages;
- (c) the Secretariat to provide Spanish translations of the annotated agendas, the reports of Sub-Committees, and the reports of the Committees of the Conference.

For the action taken by the Secretariat to implement these recommendations, see documents E/CONF.2/INF.109 and E/CONF.2/28.