

NOTE CONCERNING THE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
TO THE CONFERENCE

OBSERVATIONS BY THE DELEGATION OF CHILE

The delegation of Chile has noted with interest document E/CONF.2/41, concerning the Reports of Committees to the Conference, and wishes to make the following observations in this connection.

Many delegations, and this is especially true of the delegation of Chile, have not pressed certain amendments or have withdrawn various reservations since it has been possible to insert in the Sub-Committee Reports explanations or interpretations of the relevant Articles of the Charter, apparently covering the situation that such amendments or reservations were intended to protect; these Reports are, therefore, of special interest to many countries.

The procedure suggested in the document under consideration, which is to request the inclusion in the Committee Reports of certain parts of the Sub-Committee Reports, seems unsatisfactory, since it may be deduced therefrom that certain parts of the Sub-Committee Reports have been officially approved by the Committee while others have not; whereas in fact, as we understand it, the Committees have approved all the text of the Sub-Committees' Reports that has not actually been rejected. Furthermore, the procedure referred to may give rise to lengthy discussions and the loss of time which these imply, since in respect of each of the Sub-Committee Reports many delegations will undoubtedly request the insertion of the section with which they are specially concerned. Such a result would be the reverse of that evidently intended by the Secretariat when making this proposal.

For these reasons, the Chilean delegation considers that it should be noted in the Reports of the Committees, in the sections corresponding to each of the Sub-Committees set up by them (item (b) of document E/CONF.2/41), that the Reports of the respective Sub-Committees have been approved in full by the Committee, excepting, of course, those parts that have been rejected. It would also be advisable to append a statement to the effect that unless objections are raised at the plenary sessions, the Reports shall be deemed to have been approved by the Conference in the same form as that in which they were approved by the Committees.
