

SIXTH COMMITTEE: ORGANIZATION

TEXTS OF ARTICLE 68 (MEMBERSHIP) AND ARTICLE 69 (FUNCTIONS)
AS ADOPTED AT FIRST READING ON 4 DECEMBER 1947

Article 68 - Membership

1. The original Members of the Organization shall be:
 - (a) those States invited to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment whose Governments accept this Charter by.....194.. in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 98, or, if the Charter shall not have entered into force by.....194..., those States whose Governments agree to bring this Charter into force in accordance with the proviso to paragraph 2 of Article 98;
 - (b) those separate customs territories invited to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment upon acceptance by.....194.. of the Charter on their behalf by the competent Member in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 99, or, if this Charter shall not have entered into force by.....194..., those separate customs territories upon acceptance of this Charter on their behalf by the competent Member in accordance with the proviso to paragraph 2 of Article 98.
2. Any other State whose membership has been approved by the Conference shall become a Member of the Organization upon its acceptance, in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 98 of this Charter, as amended up to the date of such acceptance.
3. Any separate customs territory not invited to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment, proposed by the competent Member, having responsibility for the formal conduct of its diplomatic relations and which is autonomous in the conduct of its external commercial relations and of the other matters provided for by this Charter and whose admission is approved by the Conference shall become a Member upon acceptance of the Charter on its behalf by the competent Member in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 99, or, in the case of a territory in respect of which the Charter has been accepted under paragraph 1 of Article 99, upon its becoming thus autonomous.

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4. The Conference shall determine the conditions upon which membership rights and obligations shall be extended to Trust Territories administered by the United Nations and to the Free Territory of Trieste.*

Article 69 - Functions

The Organization shall perform the functions provided for elsewhere in this Charter. In addition the Organization shall have the following functions:

- (a) to collect, analyze and publish information relating to international trade, including information relating to commercial policy, business practices, commodity problems and industrial and general social economic development;**
- (b) to encourage and facilitate consultation among Members on all questions relating to the provisions of this Charter;
- (c) to undertake studies on, make recommendations for, and promote international agreement on, measures designed
 - (i) to assure just and equitable treatment for foreign nationals and enterprises;
 - (ii) to expand the volume and to improve the bases of international trade, including measures designed to facilitate commercial arbitration and the avoidance of double taxation; and
 - (iii) generally to achieve any of the objectives set forth in Article 1;
- (d) generally to consult with and make recommendations and, as necessary, furnish advice and assistance to Members regarding any matter relating to the operation of this Charter, and to take any other action necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of this Charter;
- (e) to co-operate with the United Nations and inter-governmental organizations in furthering the achievement of the economic and social objectives of the United Nations and the restoration and maintenance of international peace and security.

* The delegation of Italy proposed to delete the words in square brackets. This proposal will be considered further upon the second reading.

** The delegation of Argentina proposed to add the word in square brackets. Discussion of this proposal has been postponed until the amendments to Article 1 have been considered.
