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Note by the Secretariat Concerning a Resolution on the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements

During the First Session of the Preparatory Committee a resolution was communicated to the Economic and Social Council recommending the establishment of an Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements (see Annexure 9 to the Report of the First Session, document E/PC/T.33).

On the basis of this recommendation, which was endorsed in principle by the Preparatory Commission on World Food Proposals of the Food and Agriculture Organization, the Economic and Social Council adopted a resolution on 28 March 1947 requesting the Secretary-General of the United Nations to appoint such an interim co-ordinating committee which would have the function of keeping informed on, and facilitating by appropriate means, inter-governmental consultation on action with respect to commodity problems. The Resolution of the Economic and Social Council provided that the Committee should consist of "a Chairman to represent the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment, a person nominated by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to be concerned in particular with agricultural primary commodities, and a person to be concerned in particular with non-agricultural primary commodities."

In view of the fact that the Preparatory Committee has now ceased to exist, it would seem appropriate for the present Conference to propose that the composition of the Interim Co-ordinating Committee be revised to provide that the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization should assume in respect of this co-ordinating committee the position previously filled by the Preparatory Committee. For this purpose the Secretariat suggests that either the Fifth Committee or the Sixth Committee should consider the recommendation to the Plenary Session of the Conference of a resolution on the lines of the attached draft. Such a resolution could not, of course, be transmitted to the Economic and Social Council until the

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Conference had completed arrangements for establishing an Interim Commission. However, in the meantime it would seem desirable for one or other of the two above-mentioned committees of the Conference to consider a resolution on this subject on the understanding that action by the committee on this resolution does not prejudice the question of whether or not an Interim Commission will be established, and that formal approval by a Plenary Session of the Conference of any resolution recommended by the committee would be deferred until the question of establishing an Interim Commission had been settled.

DRAFT RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE INTERIM CO-ORDINATING
COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY
ARRANGEMENTS

THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

TAKING note of the Resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 28 March 1947 establishing an Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements with a chairman representing the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment;

NOTING that, with the commencement of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment on 21 November 1947 the Preparatory Committee ceased to exist, and that at the conclusion of the Conference an Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization was established; and

RECOGNIZING that it is desirable to avoid any interruption of the interim arrangements for co-ordinating action in this field; accordingly

RECOMMENDS that the Economic and Social Council amend the composition of the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements to provide that the Chairman of that Committee be nominated by the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization.
