

SECOND SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE
UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENTINVITATION OF NON-MEMBERS OF THE UNITED
NATIONS TO THE CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENTNote by the Executive Secretary

1. The Economic and Social Council charged the Preparatory Committee, inter alia, with recommending to the Council what States, if any, not Members of the United Nations should be invited to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment.

2. The following table sets out those states in the world which are not Members of the United Nations and which have any appreciable interest in world trade, together with the percentages of their trade to the total amount of world trade in 1938, the latest figures available.

<u>State</u>	<u>Percentage of Trade to Total World Trade</u>
Austria	1.00
Bulgaria	0.27
Finland	0.78
Hungary	0.59
Ireland	0.68
Italy	2.41
Portugal	0.32
Roumania	0.63
Switzerland	1.42

States whose share of world trade in 1938 was less than 0.25% have been omitted from the list.

3. In view of the resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 12th December, 1946, regarding Spain, which recommends, inter alia, that the Franco Government of Spain be debarred from participation in conferences arranged by the United Nations, Spain has not been included in the list set out above.

4. The Preparatory Committee may also wish to consider the position of certain customs territories which are autonomous as regards matters covered by the Draft Charter but whose international relations are the responsibility of certain states. In this connection the Preparatory Committee's attention is drawn to Article 88(4) of the Draft Charter which in the present draft of the Charter reads as follows:

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"Each government accepting this Charter does so in respect of its metropolitan territory, and such other territories for which it has international responsibility with the exception of those territories which are self-governing in respect of matters provided for by the Charter. Each Member shall notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations of its acceptance of this Charter on behalf of any such self-governing territory, and the provisions of this Charter shall become applicable to that territory on the sixtieth day following the day of the receipt of such notification."

5. The Committee may also wish to consider the position of Trieste. By Article 24(iii) of the Permanent Statute of the Free Territory of Trieste "the Free Territory may be or become a party to international conventions or become a member of international organizations provided the aim of such conventions or organizations is to settle economic questions." It would seem to follow from this provision that the Free Territory may be represented at an international conference convened to establish an organization in the economic field. However, the peace treaty with Italy has not yet come into force and no date has been fixed by the Security Council for the entry into force of the Permanent Statute for the Free Territory.

6. It is suggested that the Preparatory Committee's resolution to the Economic and Social Council might be along the following lines:-

WHEREAS in the Resolution whereby the Economic and Social Council constituted the Preparatory Committee the Council requested the Committee to recommend, inter alia, what states if any non-Members of the United Nations should be invited to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment and

WHEREAS the Preparatory Committee has now considered this request

THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS, subject to the Resolution passed by the General Assembly of the United Nations on the 12th December, 1946, on the relations of Members of the United Nations with Spain, that invitations should be sent to all states not Members of the United Nations (with the exception of Germany and Japan) which on the basis of the latest available figures (1938) have an appreciable interest in world trade, namely, Austria, Bulgaria, Finland, Hungary, Eire, Italy, Portugal, Roumania, Switzerland.

THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FURTHER that invitations should also be sent to those customs territories which are not responsible for the full conduct of their international relations but in respect of which the Government of the metropolitan country, being a state which is a Member of the United Nations, or, if not, receives an invitation, declares that they possess full autonomy in the conduct of their external commercial relations and other matters provided for by the Draft Charter.

7. It is suggested that this paper and the draft resolution should be discussed by the Chairman's Committee (Heads of Delegations) prior to submission to the Preparatory Committee.