

SECOND SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE
UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENTReport of the SECOND SESSIONNote by the Secretariat

The Chairman's Committee (Heads of Delegations) refers the following note prepared by the Secretariat to the Preparatory Committee for consideration in connection with the Draft Report to the Economic and Social Council on Monday, 7 July, at 2.30 p.m.

As soon as the Charter discussions have progressed sufficiently, it is proposed to put in hand the preparation of a report of the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee.

The Secretariat therefore submits the following proposal regarding the form which this report should take.

It is suggested that the report should follow the form of the report of the Drafting Committee, rather than that of the report of the First Session. In the report of the First Session, considerable prominence was given to the discussion of principles, which resulted in the evolving of the text of the draft Charter which was included in the annex to the report. This was a logical arrangement having regard to the nature of the discussions at the First Session. The Second Session, however, has been concerned with the reconsideration and the refining of the text resulting from the work of the First Session and of the Drafting Committee. It would therefore seem appropriate that the report should consist essentially in the presentation of the new draft as it emerges from the discussions at Geneva.

In so far as it may be desirable to include some summary of the discussions themselves by way of explanation of the principal changes made in the Draft Charter at the Second Session, it is suggested that these explanatory notes be relegated to an appendix, in order that attention may be concentrated on the vital part of the report, i.e., the revised text of the Draft Charter.

If these proposals are adopted, the report would consist of:-

- (a) a brief introduction;
- (b) a draft Charter;
- (c) explanatory notes.