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ORDER OF BUSINESS OF CONFERENCE

Made by the Secretariat

There is circulated herewith a draft of an Agenda for the Conference replacing the draft Agenda previously distributed. The principal working paper for the substantive work of the Conference will be document E/PC/T/186 (Report of the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee) to which document E/PC/T/34 (Report of the Drafting Committee) and the E/PC/T/33 Report of the First Session of the Preparatory Committee should be regarded as annotations.

Organization of the Conference

It is suggested that the Conference should as soon as possible resolve itself into a series of Committees as follows:

1. A General Committee to assist the President in the conduct of the business of the Conference. In the draft rules of procedures it is suggested that the General Committee should be composed of the President the Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the Committees of the Conference.

2. A series of Committees to consider the various chapters of the draft Charter contained in Part II of E/PC/T/186.

Committee I - Employment and Economic Activity

Committee II - Economic Development

Committee III - Commercial Policy

Committee IV - Restrictive Business Practices

Committee V - Inter-Governmental Commodity Agreements

Committee VI - Organization

Committees I to VI would be Committees of the whole open to all states attending the Conference. They would set up such sub-committees and working parties as may be necessary for the efficient conduct of their business. All Committee meetings would be open to press and public unless a Committee decides that exceptional circumstances require that a particular meeting or meetings should be held in private. Sub-Committee and Working Party meetings would normally take place in private.

It is suggested that as soon as the Committees have been established by the Conference they should each hold an initial meeting to elect their officers. This will enable the Conference to complete the composition of the General Committee on a representative basis by the election of the Vice-Presidents of the Conference. It is expected that some of the delegations will be composed of a small number of representatives. The

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difficulties of such delegations will be taken into account in the scheduling of Committee meetings.

The General Discussion

The way will then be cleared for a general discussion in Plenary Session of the business of the Conference. It is desirable that this discussion should be confined to broad discussion of the Agenda as a whole and that detailed discussion of particular proposals, of amendments to the draft Charter, etc., should be entrusted to the Committees of the Conference.

Proposals, resolutions, amendments to the draft Charter submitted by delegations

It is hoped that delegations which have proposals, resolutions or amendments to submit to the Conference will submit them in writing as soon as possible to the Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary will refer them in the first instance to the General Committee which will allocate them for discussion by the appropriate Committee of the Conference.

Suggestions regarding the organization of the Conference.

The Executive Secretary would be glad to receive as soon as possible from delegations any suggestion they may wish to make regarding the organization of the Conference.

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1. Opening Proceedings*
2. Adoption of rules of procedure**
3. Election of President
4. Appointment of Credentials Committee
5. Report of Credentials Committee
6. Adoption of Provisional Agenda
7. Establishment of Committees***
8. Election of Vice-Presidents
9. General Discussion****
10. Consideration of Reports of Committees
11. Consideration and adoption of Resolutions, Final Act, etc.
12. Other items

* It is hoped that the Conference will be opened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

** A draft will shortly be circulated by the Secretariat.

*** See E/CONF.2/1 circulated herewith.

**** This is intended to afford an opportunity to delegations which wish to do so to make statements regarding the business of the Conference in general. Detailed discussion of specific proposals should, it is suggested, be entrusted to the Committee established under item 7.