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INVITATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATION
TO BE REPRESENTED IN THE MANPOWER CONFERENCE IN ROME

The Executive Secretary has received from the President of the delegation of Italy an official invitation to the International Trade Organization to participate in the Conference on Manpower which is being convened in Rome on 26 January 1948. The texts of this invitation and of the reply by the Executive Secretary are circulated herewith:

"December 22nd, 1947

"Mr. Executive Secretary,

"I have the honor to inform you that the Italian Government has directed me to transmit an official invitation to ITO to participate in the Conference which will meet in Rome on January 26th, 1948, with the purpose of examining the problems relating to manpower in the framework of the Marshall Plan.

"As it is known, the European Economic Co-operation Committee requested Italy to call in Rome such a meeting and to invite Governments and Chief International Organizations.

"Similar invitations are being extended to the sixteen Governments participating in the European Economic Co-operation Committee which met in Paris last summer, as well as to ITO, ILO and IRO.

"In accordance with the aims of the Marshall Plan, the meeting is open also to the other European Countries which did not participate in the Paris conversations. Their Governments have been duly notified.

"I was requested by the Italian Government to submit to the ITO the provisional agenda of the Rome meeting, which is herewith attached, and to inform you that such agenda is subject to modifications according to suggestions or observations which may be made by Governments or Organizations invited. These suggestions as well as the communications concerning the composition of the delegations, should reach Rome (General Secretariat of the Manpower Conference, Palazzo Venezia) within the 10th of January.

/"I warmly wish

"I warmly wish that the ITO will be able to accept the present invitation.

"I am at your disposal, Mr. Executive Secretary, for whatever further information you may need in this connection.

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Ezio Vanoni

(Ezio Vanoni)
President Italian Delegation."

"Provisional Agenda of the ERP Conference on Manpower"

(Rome, January 26, 1948)

- "1. Examination of provisions concerning utilization of manpower in the territories of participating Countries;
2. Examination of possible utilization of agricultural manpower in undeveloped or under-developed areas;
3. Examination of problems of workers qualification and specialization;
4. Technical problems connected with the above mentioned and especially those relating to living standards of migrant workers and their families, transfer of workers remittances, continuity of social security rights, housing."

"27 December 1947

"Mr. Ezio Vanoni
President, Italian Delegation,
Conference on Trade and Employment,
El Capitolio,
Havana.

Dear Mr. Vanoni:

"Many thanks for your letter of 22 December transmitting an official invitation from the Italian Government to the International Trade Organization to participate in the Conference on Manpower Problems to be held in Rome on 26 January, 1948. Whilst I very much appreciate this invitation from your Government, I feel that it will be impracticable to arrange for ITO participation in any conference until the Organization itself or some interim body is established. At the present moment, there only exists the present Conference Secretariat which could not appropriately represent the future Organization in outside conferences.

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"As soon as the International Trade Organization or an interim body is established, I will bring your letter to the attention of its director.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ E. Wyndham White

E. Wyndham White
Executive Secretary"
