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INTERIM COMMISSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretariat

Election of the Executive Committee

At the fifteenth plenary session held on 16 March, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment agreed to suggest to the Interim Commission that, unless the Commission should devise some other formula more acceptable to it, the election of the Executive Committee should proceed along the general lines of Article 75 and the Annex thereto.

If the Commission accepts this recommendation, it is suggested that the election might proceed somewhat as follows:

I. Following the lines of paragraph 2 of the Annex to Article 75, the Commission should designate the following as members of the Executive Committee:

- (i) United States
- Canada
- United Kingdom
- France
- Benelux
- (ii) China
- India

The third state which would qualify according to the criteria of "largest population in the world and potential importance in international trade" would be the Soviet Union. As, however, the Soviet Union is not a member of the Interim Commission, it is suggested that only seven places should be filled by designation under I and that an additional place should be filled by election under III. (below).

II. In accordance with paragraph 2 of the Annex, members of the Commission should vote for four additional countries from the Western Hemisphere chosen from the following list:

/Argentina

Argentina	El Salvador
Brazil	Haiti
Chile	Mexico
Colombia	Nicaragua
Costa Rica	Panama
Cuba	Peru
Dominican Republic	Uruguay
Ecuador	Venezuela

IIII. The Commission should vote for seven other members from the following countries, bearing in mind the statement of the Sixth Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment that paragraph 3 of the Annex to Article 75 is intended to cover the cases of certain geographical groups such as the Arab States, other Middle and Near Eastern States and States in the north of Europe:

Afghanistan	Lebanon
Australia	Liberia
Austria	New Zealand
Burma	Norway
Ceylon	Pakistan
Czechoslovakia	Philippines
Denmark	Poland
Egypt	Southern Rhodesia
Greece	Sweden
Republic of Indonesia	Syria
Iran	Transjordan
Iraq	South Africa
Italy	

IV. It is suggested that no country should be declared elected which does not receive a simple majority of the votes of members participating in the election.
