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THE FINAL ACT

NOTE BY THE UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION

As agreed at the meeting of the General Committee on 9 January the United Kingdom Delegation submit the following revised text for the Final Act, together with certain explanatory notes regarding the more important changes from the version contained in E/CONF.2/BUR/21.

FINAL ACT OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE
ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

The Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, by a Resolution dated the 18th February, 1946, resolved to call an International Conference on Trade and Employment for the purpose of promoting the expansion of the production, exchange and consumption of goods.

The Conference, which convened met at Havana on the 21st November, 1947, and concluded ended on the....., 1948, drew up a "Charter of the International Trade Organization" to be submitted to the Governments represented. The text s of the Charter in the English and French languages are is annexed hereto and are hereby authenticated.

There is are also annexed to this Final Act an arrangement agreement for the establishment of an Interim Commission of the International Trade Organization signed by the parties thereto and the resolutions of the Conference.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned duly authorized representatives signed this Final Act of their Governments have subscribed their names below.

DONE at Havana, this.....day of
....., 1948, in a single copy in the
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languages each text being equally authentic.

/This Final Act

This Final Act and the documents annexed shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations who will send certified copies to each of the signatories [of this Final Act].

NOTES:

- (1) The words "to be submitted to the Governments represented" inserted in the second paragraph are in general accordance with the discussion on 9 January, no reference being made to acceptance by Governments.
- (2) In the third paragraph it would appear appropriate to refer to an agreement "for the establishment of an Interim Commission" since this would presumably be a definitive document not subject to ratification or any other process of confirmation, especially as it may be desirable for the Interim Commission to meet to elect a Committee and appoint its staff immediately at the close of the present Conference.
- (3) Since the Final Act does not import legal obligations it is not necessary to provide for authenticity of its texts.
- (4) It is thought that the other amendments are self-explanatory, some of them being merely verbal.
