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Note by the Executive Secretary

The French and English texts of chapters of the Charter attached to Committee reports, as approved by the principal committees after consideration of the recommendations of the Central Drafting Committee, will have to be regarded by the Secretariat, for the purpose of preparing the printed text of the Charter as the final and authentic texts in those languages, subject to the correction of any typographical errors and to the renumbering of articles and cross references consequential upon the additions made to the Charter during the Conference. Similarly, the texts of resolutions not already approved in Plenary Sessions of the Conference will be printed in the form in which they appear in the reports approved by committees. Presumably for the purpose of advising their governments of the texts to accompany the Final Act, delegations will also regard the texts accompanying reports approved by committees as constituting the definitive texts of the chapters of the Charter and of the various resolutions.

With respect to the First, Fourth and Fifth Committees, these texts have already been issued in documents E/CONF.2/55, E/CONF.2/53, with Add.1 and E/CONF.2/39 (E/CONF.2/39/Rev.1 in French), respectively. The texts contained in these reports have now been submitted to the printer. The initial proofs of these chapters, and of the resolutions regarding employment and the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements, after having been proofread by the printer and by the Secretariat, will be available for examination by any interested delegation in Room 2-7 between 3.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. Tuesday, 16 March. Those delegations wishing to consult these texts should telephone extension 252.

The other chapters will be issued with the relevant committee reports as E/CONF.2/-- documents as soon as possible after approval by committee. In order that the printing of these chapters may proceed promptly, delegations are requested to examine them carefully immediately after their issuance in order that the Secretariat may be informed of any errors. The corrected texts from the committee reports will in each

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case be submitted to the printer twenty-four hours after they have been issued as documents. When proofs are returned by the printer they will be read with care by the Secretariat and will be open for examination by delegations for a period to be announced in each case. Following this proofreading and examination, the texts will be submitted again to the printer for the production of the final document.

Only by following the procedure outlined above will it be possible for the Secretariat to produce and circulate copies of the printed edition of the Final Act and related documents in advance of the Plenary meetings.