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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE SECOND SESSION  
OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS the Economic and Social Council on 18 February 1946 decided to call an International Conference on Trade and Employment and constituted a Preparatory Committee to draw up an annotated draft agenda including a draft convention for consideration by the Conference AND WHEREAS it has not been found practicable to complete the work of the Preparatory Committee at its First Session

The Preparatory Committee of the International Conference on Trade and Employment

HEREBY RESOLVES to convene a Second Session at Geneva on 8 April 1947, which shall consider, inter alia, Items 11, 12, 13 and 15 of the Agenda of the Preparatory Committee

AND INSTRUCTS the Executive Secretary to communicate with the member governments to make the necessary arrangements for such Second Session to commence on 8 April 1947.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REGARDING THE  
REPORT OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

The Preparatory Committee of the International Conference on  
Trade and Employment:

HEREBY INSTRUCTS the Executive Secretary:

1. To prepare and publish forthwith a Report of the First Session of the Preparatory Committee for consideration by the Committee at its Second Session.
2. To draft the Report in two parts. Part I should provide a general narrative statement of the discussions of the Preparatory Committee. Part II should be drafted under the headings of Item 10 of the Agenda adopted by the Preparatory Committee at its Third Executive Session on 17 October 1946, and such additional headings as may be appropriate in the light of the discussions of the Preparatory Committee. Under each of these headings there should be a report in continuous form, reviewing the main principles upon which a general identity of view was established and reporting other suggestions and conflicting views.

Any texts completed at this meeting should be appended to the Report together with alternative texts giving expression to different points of view and reservations.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A  
DRAFTING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS the Preparatory Committee has decided to convene a Second Session at Geneva on 8 April 1947

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that further drafting be done on the basis of the work carried out at the First Session before the commencement of the Second Session.

The Preparatory Committee of the International Conference on Trade and Employment

HEREBY APPOINTS a Drafting Committee consisting of representatives of members of the Preparatory Committee to meet in New York beginning 20 January 1947 for the purpose of preparing a Draft Charter based upon the Report and other documents of the First Session of the Preparatory Committee,

IT IS RESOLVED THAT

1. It will not be the function of the Drafting Committee to endeavour to reconcile differences of opinion revealed in the work of the Preparatory Committee. The Drafting Committee will confine itself to preparing a Draft Charter, including such alternative draft clauses as may be appropriate to take account of different views expressed at the First Session, together with such explanatory notes and commentaries as the Drafting Committee may consider desirable and useful.
2. The Drafting Committee should prepare a Report for consideration by the Preparatory Committee at its Second Session.
3. The Drafting Committee should complete its work with all possible despatch and in any case not later than 28 February 1947 in order that its Report be forwarded to Governments for consideration in advance of the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee.

IT IS SUGGESTED that members appoint to the Drafting Committee not more than two or three technical experts drawn as far as possible from the delegations which have participated in the work of the First Session of the Preparatory Committee.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE NEGOTIATION OF A MULTILATERAL TRADE  
AGREEMENT EMBODYING TARIFF CONCESSIONS

WHEREAS the Resolution of the Economic and Social Council on 18 February 1946 decided to call an International Conference on Trade and Employment for the purpose of promoting the expansion of production, exchange and consumption of goods, constituted this Committee to elaborate an annotated draft agenda, including a draft convention, for consideration by the Conference, and suggested that the Agenda of this Committee include among its topics "International Agreement relating to regulations, restrictions and discriminations affecting international trade", and "Establishment of an international trade organization;" and

WHEREAS the United States Government had invited the governments appointed by the Economic and Social Council as members of this Committee to meet to negotiate concrete arrangements for the relaxation of tariffs and trade barriers of all kinds and the invitation has been accepted by the Governments attending the present session of the Preparatory Committee; and

WHEREAS the task of the Conference will be facilitated if concrete action is taken by the principal trading nations, to enter into reciprocal and mutually advantageous negotiations directed to the substantial reduction of tariffs and to the elimination of preferences

the Preparatory Committee of the International Conference on Trade and Employment

HEREBY RECOMMENDS TO THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED that the meeting of members of the Preparatory Committee envisaged by the invitations sent out by the United States Government should be held under the sponsorship of the Preparatory Committee in connection with, and as a part of, the Second Session of the Committee, conducted in accordance with the

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procedures recommended in the Memorandum on Procedures approved by  
the Preparatory Committee at its current session  
AND INVITES the member Governments to communicate to the Executive  
Secretary their views on this recommendation.