PROCEDURES FOR FUTURE APPOINTMENT OF THE
DEPUTY DIRECTORS-GENERAL

Note by the Chairman of the Council

When the Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES at the Forty-Second Session reported on the results of his consultations on procedures for future appointment of the Director-General (L/6099), he pointed out that procedures for appointing the Deputy Directors-General had also been discussed (SR.42/4, page 8). He said that it had been agreed in the consultations to recommend to the CONTRACTING PARTIES to decide that the procedures for appointing Deputy Directors-General be pursued by the Council. The CONTRACTING PARTIES so agreed.

I wish to emphasize that, in the consultations carried out by the Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, consensus had been reached on the following text. It was not included in the Chairman's report (L/6099) to the Session as at that time all governments participating in the consultations had not received final instructions in respect of the text.

The Deputy Directors-General are to be appointed by the Director-General for renewable terms of three years. The Director-General is to announce at a meeting of the Council that he will hold consultations on the appointment or reappointment of a Deputy Director-General. Such consultations will start not less than three months before the expiration of the term of office of the Deputy Director-General. After the termination of the consultations, the Director-General will inform the Council of his decision concerning the appointment.

I suggest that the Council adopt the above text.