STUDIES REGARDING THE SELECTION OF HEADQUARTERS OF THE
INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATION

The terms of reference of the Interim Commission require it to submit to the first regular session of the Conference of the ITO, inter alia, studies regarding the selection of the Headquarters of the Organization. At the second session of the Executive Committee of the Interim Commission, the Secretariat was instructed to prepare studies relating to the New York area and Geneva. It was further agreed that if members of the Interim Commission wished to suggest other sites they should themselves present the necessary studies for consideration by the Executive Committee and eventually by the Conference. In order to ensure uniformity between the Secretariat studies relating to Geneva and New York and any other studies presented by members of the Interim Commission, there are set out below the headings under which the Secretariat's report will be presented.

I. Office Space and Meeting Hall Facilities
   a. Existing space - availability, location, cost and suitability for needs of organization.
   b. Possibilities of new construction in the near future.
   c. Availability, Cost, Location and Suitability of Permanent site; geological conditions and other factors affecting cost of new construction.

II. Housing Accommodation
   a. Availability in urban and suburban centres, located conveniently with reference to office and meeting hall facilities.
   b. Construction of housing units in the near future in urban and suburban areas.
   c. Sites for possible future developments in urban and suburban areas which would be suitable.

III. Transportation and Communication
   a. Availability of regular service required by the organization in its daily work.
   b. Availability for residential purposes.
IV. Cost of living
   a. Rent, food, clothing, transportation, medical care, cultural and entertainment items.

V. Cultural Facilities
   a. Availability of libraries, universities, theatres, musical organizations, churches, schools, newspapers.

VI. Physical Characteristics
   a. Climate, temperature range and other climatic conditions affecting workers.

VII. Attitude of Population
   a. Lack of discrimination against any religious, racial or national groups.
   b. Interest in international organizations.
   c. Types of local government and administrative units.

VIII. Location with respect to the United Nations Headquarters.
   a. Possible saving to the Specialized Agency due to common services.
   b. Advantages of being located near the substantive departments of the United Nations for co-ordination purposes.