At meetings of the Working Party on Organization the German delegation has suggested, as a compromise proposal, that there should be two sessions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES each year, and also an Inter sessional Committee to hold one fixed meeting each year. In order to facilitate discussion, the German delegation would elaborate its proposal as follows:

I. Sessions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES

In each year there should be two sessions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, each of three weeks. The timing of each session should be fixed in advance.

(a) Autumn Session

The Autumn Session should be held in the last three weeks of October. At this Session there would be a Ministerial meeting and the CONTRACTING PARTIES would take up basic questions of policy.

(b) Spring Session

The Spring Session should be held in the first three weeks of March and should deal with the "routine" items.

It should be agreed by the contracting parties that their delegates would come to each session prepared to undertake plenary discussion on each item on the agenda as from the opening day of the session. Further, it should be agreed that any item which could not be fully discussed in plenary meeting during the first week should be removed from the agenda.

It is suggested that in 1959, at least, it should be the Autumn Session which would include a Ministerial meeting and take up questions of policy. Whether this "policy" Session might at some time be changed to the Spring Session should not be prejudged.
The rules for airmail and telegraphic ballots should be maintained (BISD, Fifth Supplement, p.21).

II. **Intersessional Committee**

An Intersessional Committee should be elected at each Autumn Session. The Committee should meet for two weeks in mid-June to take up matters referred to it by the Spring Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES and any urgent matters that may have arisen since the Spring Session. It should be agreed that contracting parties would not request other meetings of the Committee except in cases of extreme urgency. For dealing with such urgent matters the Committee should be given specific powers.

The Committee should be composed of seventeen members. Its composition should conform to the criteria set out in BISD, Volume II, p. 201. The Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES should be Chairman of the Committee. Contracting parties not members of the Committee should be entitled to be represented by observers at all meetings. Any contracting party claiming a substantial interest in a matter under discussion, and so wishing, should be co-opted as a full member.

The CONTRACTING PARTIES should re-affirm the conclusions reached during the Review Session that the paramount consideration in setting up an Intersessional Committee is that it should be "an effective Committee". The report of the Review Session continues "this implies that the contracting parties nominated for membership should agree to provide adequate representation and, in fact, that it should be a condition of acceptance of membership that those contracting parties would undertake to send as representatives persons appropriately qualified". (BISD, Third Supplement, p.245).

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1 The intersessional procedures at present applicable are reproduced in BISD, Fifth Supplement, p.17.

2 This meeting would have to be held at the Headquarters of the International Labour Organisation.