ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS

I. Questions affecting the administration of the Agreement

1. Whether the organizational provisions should be contained in a separate instrument from that containing the trade rules, as specifically proposed by the United States (L/246), and supported by other delegations.

2. If there is a separate protocol of organizational provisions, whether it should enter into force independently of the entry into force of such amendments of the Agreement as may be agreed upon, or whether the establishment of the Organization should wait upon the entry into force of the amendments.

3. The question of the structure of the Organization:

   (a) whether a permanent subsidiary body charged with continuing administration, the need for which is generally recognized, should be specifically provided for in the protocol of organizational provisions (viz. Norwegian proposals, L/276, p.10, French proposals, L/290), or whether the establishment of such a body should be left to the Conference (viz. Secretariat Notes, L/189, p.21);

   (b) if provision is made in the protocol for a subsidiary body, the question of its composition and the amount of authority to be granted to it. Several delegations have emphasized that no powers of decision should be conferred upon it.

4. Relations with other organizations:

   (a) the United Nations and its subsidiary bodies. A number of delegations have spoken in favour of the new Organization becoming a specialized agency of the United Nations. Should a provision to this effect be included in the protocol, or should this matter be left for subsequent negotiation by the Organization with the United Nations?
(b) other intergovernmental organizations. Reference has been made to the need for co-operation with the OEEC and other regional organizations;

(c) the question of relationship with the IMF will be considered by Review Working Party I;

(d) should provision be made in the protocol for establishing relations with non-governmental organizations?

Note: Detailed organizational provisions have been circulated in the Notes by the Secretariat (L/189, pp. 20-23 and L/189/Add.1, p. 4, referring to its entry into force), by the Norwegian (L/276, pp. 8-12) and French (L/290) delegations. The United States delegation has also indicated its intention to table detailed proposals for consideration by the working party.