Notwithstanding the previous failures to agree on a firm timetable for the termination of the Conference, the need for doing so as set out in E/CONF.2/47 remains. The attached timetable has, therefore, been prepared as a basis for discussion by the Conference. It must be repeated that there is no point in agreeing on a timetable to which the delegations are not determined to adhere. If the timetable is to serve its purpose, the work allocated to each work period must be completed within that period. In so far as the time allocated may prove inadequate it will be necessary to arrange night meetings for the purpose.

One of the major difficulties is the heavy load which would be imposed on the Central Drafting Committee, and it is, therefore, recommended that the Central Drafting Committee should be reinforced and divided into two sections. In each of them, arrangements should be made for the inclusion of some members who have participated throughout the work of the Central Drafting Committee. It is believed that this could be achieved by establishing the following two sections of the Central Drafting Committee:

Section 1
Mr. Catudal, Chairman
Mr. de Gaiffer
Mlle. Lissac
Mr. Best

Section 2
Mr. Royer, Chairman
Mr. Couillard
Mr. Kellogg

As pointed out in E/CONF.2/47, it is necessary at this stage to make firm arrangements for the dispersal and travel of delegations and secretariat staff. In view of the advanced stage of the Conference and the congestion of travel services which is likely to be occasioned by the Easter holiday, the making of the necessary arrangements can no longer be deferred. As regards the Secretariat, therefore, on the assumption that this timetable /is approved
is approved, arrangements are being made for the bulk of the staff to leave Havana on 23 March. The skeleton staff remaining after that date would not be sufficient to staff any further Conference meetings.
CONFERENCE TIMETABLE

Saturday, 13 March

3.00 p.m. Committee II

Monday, 15 March

10.30 a.m. Committee VI
3.00 p.m. Committee III
6.00 p.m. Working Part 2 of Sub-Committee F of Committee III. Followed by Sub-Committee F on Article 23

Tuesday, 16 March

10.30 a.m. Committee VI
4.00 p.m. Committee III

Wednesday, 17 March

10.30 a.m. Committee II
4.00 p.m. Committee III

Thursday and Friday, 18 and 19 March
Preparation, distribution and consideration of final texts.

Saturday, 20 March

9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Plenary Meeting
3.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. Plenary Meeting

Sunday, 21 March

9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Plenary Meeting
3.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. Plenary Meeting

Monday, 22 March

10.00 a.m. Signature of Final Act
3.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. Interim Commission followed by Executive Committee

1. To complete second readings.
2. To approve Committee Report, report of working party on the Interim Commission and report of Central Drafting Committee on Chapter VIII.
3. To complete agenda with the exception of Central Drafting Committee report on Articles 23 and 24.
4. To complete report on Article 23.
5. To approve reports from Central Drafting Committee.
6. To approve Central Drafting Committee report on Articles 13, 14, 15 and Committee Report.
7. To approve Central Drafting Committee report on Articles 23 and 24.