GENERAL COMMITTEE

REPORT TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE UPON RULE 54 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Sub-Committee, consisting of Messrs. Beteta, Hakim, Nash and Philip, which was set up by the General Committee to consider a substitution for an amendment to the present text of Rule 54, recommends with the concurrence of the delegate for Chile, that the following text be substituted for that approved by the Conference on 26 November 1947:

"Chairmen of Committees and Sub-Committees shall arrange the control of meetings in such a manner as to give the maximum opportunity to all delegates to express their views and in particular those delegates who advise the Chairman in writing of their desire to be heard on a particular subject.

"Results of discussion and eventual voting on proposals or amendments to the Charter in Committee and Sub-Committees shall, when reported to principal Committees or Plenary Sessions, mention accepted and rejected proposals or amendments.

"Any member may reopen debate in plenary meetings on proposals or amendments accepted or rejected by committees or sub-committees".

It will be noted that the first paragraph of the present text of Rule 54 has already been covered by the following Conference decision reached on 28 November 1947 (E/CONF.2/SR.5):

"All formal proposals to amend the draft Charter, apart from those arising out of and in the course of discussion at the Conference, shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Secretary not later than Saturday, 6 December." (General Committee Recommendations to the Conference, E/CONF.2/BUR.2).