1. At its twenty-ninth meeting on 19 February 1948 the Sixth Committee adopted the following text of paragraph 1 of Article 100:

"Subject to the provisions of the Statute of the International Court of Justice such texts shall be equally authoritative for the purpose of the interpretation of this Charter, and any discrepancy arising from a difference between texts shall be settled by the Conference."

2. In view of this decision it will be necessary for the General Committee to consider ways in which authentic texts of the Charter in the Chinese, Russian and Spanish languages may be prepared. It is obvious that at the present advanced stage of the Conference little progress could be made upon such a task at Havana.

3. In the light of suggestions made by the representative of Mexico in the Sixth Committee, the following procedure is suggested for consideration:

(a) The General Committee should forthwith request the Chinese and Spanish speaking delegations and any delegation which indicates its willingness to undertake the preparation of the text in the Russian language to submit as soon as possible to the Executive Secretary of the proposed Interim Commission for the Organization drafts of the Charter in the Chinese, Spanish and Russian languages respectively.

(b) Upon receiving these drafts the Executive Secretary of the Interim Commission would circulate them to all governments which sign the Final Act of the Conference and ask these governments to forward their comments upon the drafts, if any, to him not later than two months from their receipt.

(c) The Executive Secretary would submit the drafts, together with the comments made by governments and any comments which the Executive Secretary himself might wish to offer, to the Executive Committee of the Interim Commission for study and preparation of the authentic texts.

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(d) When these texts had been prepared by the Executive Committee, the Executive Secretary should circulate them to all governments which sign the Final Act of the Conference for approval.

(e) When a majority of such governments had signified their approval of each text to the Executive Secretary or after two months from the date of circulation, whichever is the later, the texts would be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

4. Should the procedure suggested above be adopted, a consequential amendment to the Final Act of the Conference (document E/CONF.2/BUR/24) would be required. This amendment would be to insert between the third and fourth paragraphs the following:

"The authentic texts of the Charter in the Chinese, Russian and Spanish languages will be established by the Interim Commission in accordance with the procedure approved by the Conference."