Note by the Secretariat

1. The Mexican proposal for the insertion of a new Section D bis - Committee for Economic Development - in Chapter VIII contained in pages 11, 12 and 13 of E/CONF.2/C.6/12* was referred by Committee VI to the Joint Sub-Committee of Committees II and VI in accordance with the terms of reference as recorded in the Report of the Joint Sub-Committee on Articles 9, 10 and 11 (E/CONF.2/C.2/36 and E/CONF.2/C.6/72).

2. This proposal was considered by the Joint Sub-Committee and a Working Party was set up to examine the proposal. However in view of the connection between the Mexican proposal for the establishment of a Committee for Economic Development and proposal with regard to the establishment of a Tariff Committee these questions were considered by a joint meeting of Sub-Committee A of Committee III, of Sub-Committee D of Committee VI and of the Joint Sub-Committee of Committees II and VI held on 3 February 1948 which considered suggestions of the Mexican, Australian, United States and Pakistan Delegations ** and set up a Working Party representing the three Sub-Committees. This Working Party reached provisional agreement. At that stage, the Co-ordinating Committee, which was considering a number of unresolved issues affecting economic development decided that the questions before the Working Party should be transferred to it. After consultation with the Chairmen of the Sub-Committees concerned the questions were so transferred.

The Report of the Co-ordinating Committee on this matter is contained in Annex 3 of E/CONF.2/43/Rev.1 and the recommendations thereon of the Heads of Delegations in E/CONF.2/51. As no changes in the text of the Charter were indicated in the aforementioned Annex, no further action was required by the Joint Sub-Committee of Committees II and VI (See Secretariat Note - E/CONF.2/58) and the Report of the Joint Sub-Committee on Articles 9, 10 and 11

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is its final Report. In view of the agreement reached by the Heads of Delegations with regard to the suppression of the proposed Tariff Committee and other related matters, the Mexican Delegation agrees that no further action is required on its proposal.