AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO ARTICLE 68

1. The Burma delegation proposes the following text for Article 68:

"Membership

1. the original Members of the Organization shall be those States and separate customs territories invited to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment whose Governments accept this Charter by ..........194... in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 98; or, if this Charter shall not have entered into force by .................194..., those States and separate customs territories whose Governments agree to bring this Charter into force in accordance with the proviso in paragraph 2 of Article 98.

2. Any other State whose membership has been approved by the Conference shall become a Member of the Organization upon its acceptance, in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 98 of this Charter, as amended up to the date of such acceptance.

3. The following separate customs territories, though not responsible for the formal conduct of their diplomatic relations, shall be admitted to the Organization on such terms as may be determined:

(i) any separate customs territory invited to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment upon acceptance of the Charter on its behalf by the competent Member in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 99;

(ii) any separate customs territory not invited to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment, proposed by the competent Member having responsibility for the formal conduct of its diplomatic relations and which is autonomous in the conduct of its external commercial relations and of the other matters provided for by this Charter and whose admission is approved by the Conference shall become a Member.

* The use of square brackets indicates words which it is proposed to delete from the text of Article 68 of the Draft Charter while the use of underlining indicates words which it is proposed should be added to that text upon acceptance
upon acceptance of the Charter on its behalf by the competent Member in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 99, or, in the case of a territory in respect of which the Charter has been accepted under paragraph 1 of Article 99, upon its becoming thus autonomous.

"\[1\] Any separate customs territory admitted to the Organization under paragraph 3 of this Article which is accorded full voting rights shall thereupon be a Member of the Organization.\[1]

"\[2\] 2. The Conference shall determine the conditions upon which membership rights and obligations shall be extended to Trust Territories administered by the United Nations and to the Free Territory of Trieste."

2. The Burma delegation explains the amendment it has proposed as follows:

"The separate customs territories which are present at this Conference are signatories to the Final Act of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and if they apply the Agreement provisionally they will be represented at meetings of CONTRACTING PARTIES. (Articles XXV and XXXII of General Agreement). However according to Article 68 and 81 of the Draft Charter these separate customs territories will not be on Tariff Committee. There is still another confusion in paragraph 2 of Article 98 when in the proviso it is stated that any of the Governments applying the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade .......... may, upon conditions to be agreed between them, bring this Charter into force. Such governments may include any of the separate customs territories which have signed the Final Act.

"The separate customs territories which are signatories to the Final Act of the General Agreement have been invited to this Conference on the strength of their participation in trade negotiations in Geneva. They are present at this Conference independently of the metropolitan country. The metropolitan country is not responsible for their action in this Conference. Hence it is only equitable that these separate customs territories should become Members of the Organization."

3. The delegation of Pakistan proposes to add the words "by the Conference" in the fourth line of paragraph 3 of Article 68 between the words "Organization and "on such terms".

4. The delegation of Italy proposes the deletion of the words "and to the Free Territory of Trieste" at the end of paragraph 5 of Article 68.