The Working Party on Paragraph 2 of Article 98 was established at the twenty-seventh meeting of the Sixth Committee and was composed of the representatives of Canada, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico, the Philippines, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay. The Working Party held one meeting on 18 February 1948, under the chairmanship of Mr. COUILLARD (Canada) and unanimously adopted the following text of Article 98*:

**Article 98**

**Entry into Force and Registration**

1. The Government of each State accepting this Charter shall deposit an instrument of acceptance with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who will inform all governments represented at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment and all Members of the United Nations not so represented, of the date of deposit of each instrument of acceptance and of the day on which this Charter enters into force. After the entry into force of this Charter pursuant to the terms of paragraph 2 of this Article, each instrument of acceptance so deposited shall take effect on the sixtieth day following the day on which it is deposited. Provided that for the purpose of the first regular session of the Conference any Government which has deposited an instrument of acceptance pursuant to this paragraph prior to the first day of the session, shall have the right to participate in the Conference as a full Member.

* Changes and additions in text are indicated by underlining. Paragraphs 1 and 4 as adopted by the Sixth Committee on second reading are reproduced for convenience.
2. This Charter shall enter into force:

(a) on the sixtieth day following the day on which a majority of the Governments signing the Final Act of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment have deposited instruments of acceptance pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Article;

(b) if, during the period of one year from the date of signature of the said Final Act, the Charter has not entered into force pursuant to sub-paragraph (a) of this Article, then on the sixtieth day following the day on which the number of Governments represented at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment which have deposited instruments of acceptance pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Article shall reach twenty:

(c) if this Charter shall not have entered into force by 30 September 1949, then the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall institute consultation among those Governments which have deposited acceptances to determine whether and on what conditions they desire to bring the Charter into force,

3. Until 30 September 1949 no state or separate customs territory whose government has signed the said Final Act shall be deemed to be a non-Member under the terms of Article 93.

4. The United Nations is authorized to effect registration of this Charter as soon as it comes into force.

The Working Party also agreed to recommend to the Working Party on the Interim Commission through the Chairman of the Sixth Committee that the first Conference of the Organization should not be convened within the first four months following the entry into force of the Charter.