TEXTS OF ARTICLE 68 (MEMBERSHIP) AND ARTICLE 69 (FUNCTIONS OF
THE ORGANIZATION) AS ADOPTED BY THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

Article 68

Membership

1. The original Members of the Organization shall be:
   (a) those States invited to the United Nations Conference on Trade and
       Employment whose Governments accept this Charter by ............ 1944 in
       accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 98, or, if the Charter shall not
       have entered into force by ............ 1944, those States whose
       Governments agree to bring this Charter into force in accordance with
       the proviso to paragraph 2 of Article 98;
   (b) those separate customs territories invited to the United Nations
       Conference on Trade and Employment upon acceptance by ............ 1944 of
       the Charter on their behalf by the competent Member in accordance
       with paragraph 2 of Article 99, or, if this Charter shall not have
       entered into force by ............ 1944, those separate customs
       territories upon acceptance of this Charter on their behalf by the
       competent Member in accordance with the proviso to paragraph 2 of
       Article 98. Should any of these customs territories have, by the time
       it wishes to deposit an acceptance of the Charter, become fully
       responsible for the formal conduct of its diplomatic relations, it
       shall proceed under sub-paragraph 1 (a) of this Article.

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. 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
   it 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 upon acceptance of the Charter on its
   behalf by the competent Member in accordance with Article 99, or, in the case
   of a territory
of a territory in respect of which the Charter has been accepted under the said Article, upon such approval by the Conference, after it has thus become autonomous.

4. The Conference shall determine, by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast, the conditions upon which, in each individual case, membership rights and obligations shall be extended to:

(a) the Free Territory of Trieste;
(b) any Trust Territory administered by the United Nations; and
(c) any other special regime established by the United Nations.

5. The Conference, on application of the competent authorities, shall determine the conditions upon which rights and obligations under the Charter shall apply to such authorities in respect of territories under military occupation and shall determine the extent of such rights and obligations.

Article 69

Functions

The Organization shall perform the functions provided for elsewhere in this Charter. In addition the Organization shall have the following functions:

(a) to collect, analyse and publish information relating to international trade, including information relating to commercial policy, business practices, commodity problems and industrial and general economic development;*
(b) to encourage and facilitate consultation among Members on all questions relating to the provisions of this Charter;
(c) to undertake studies on and, having due regard to the objectives of the Charter and the constitutional and legal systems of Members, make recommendations for, and promote international bilateral or multilateral agreements on, measures designed

   (i) to assure just and equitable treatment for foreign nationals and enterprises;
   (ii) to expand the volume and to improve the bases of international trade, including measures designed to facilitate commercial arbitration and the avoidance of double taxation;
   (iii) to carry out, by regional or other basis, having due regard to the activities of existing regional or other organizations, the functions specified in paragraph 2 of Article 10;

* The proposal of the delegation of Argentina to add the word "social" before the word "economic" has been postponed pending adoption of the Report of the Sub-Committee on Article 1.

(iv) to promote
(iv) to promote and encourage establishments for the technical training that is necessary for progressive industrial and economic development; and

(v) generally to achieve any of the objectives set forth in Article 1;*

(d) generally to consult with and make recommendations to the Members and, as necessary, furnish advice and assistance to them regarding any matter relating to the operation of this Charter, and to take any other action necessary and appropriate to carry out the provisions of this Charter;

(e) to co-operate with the United Nations and inter-governmental organizations in furthering the achievement of the economic and social objectives of the United Nations and the restoration and maintenance of international peace and security;

(f) in such collaboration with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and with other inter-governmental organizations as may be appropriate, to undertake studies on the relationship between world prices of primary commodities and manufactured products, to consider and, where appropriate, to recommend international agreements on, measures designed to reduce progressively any unwarranted disparity in those prices.**

* Consideration of the proposal of the delegation of Czechoslovakia to amend the introduction to sub-paragraph (c) to read "to promote international agreement on and measures designed . . . ." has been postponed pending the adoption of the Report of the Joint Second and Sixth Committees.

** The Central Drafting Committee is requested to take account of the observation of the representative of China that sub-paragraph (f) should be placed before sub-paragraph (d) and of the rearrangement of Article 69 proposed by the representative of Costa Rica. (document E/CONF.2/C.6/12/Add.17).