The Executive Secretary introduced the draft resolution and annex contained in document E/CONF.2/C.6/W.117 which he suggested for consideration as an alternative to the arrangement he had previously put forward. Regarding paragraph 6 of the annex he stated that he had now received advice that the Advisory Committee on the Budget at Lake Success had agreed to deal separately with the question of the expenses of the Interim Commission from those of the Preparatory Committee and the Havana Conference. The Advisory Committee was prepared to advance up to $150,000 for the period expiring 30 June 1948 to the Interim Commission on the basis of a resolution or arrangement as contemplated by the Working Party, and to consider applications for further advances after that date.

The Working Party then examined the text of the resolution and annex. Paragraph 2 (a) was redrafted as follows:

"to convene the first regular session of the Conference of the Organization (hereinafter referred to as "the Conference") not less than four months and, as far as practicable, not more than six months . . . . . . force."

Upon the suggestion of the representative of Iraq it was agreed to insert in the report of the Working Party that the performance of the functions specified in sub-paragraphs 2 (c), (d) and (e) could not result in the increase of the obligations or the decrease of the rights of Members under the Charter.

Regarding sub-paragraph 2 (g) the representative of the United States said that his delegation was alarmed at the number of inter-governmental organizations being established which were concerned with economic development. He suggested that after the words "to examine" the phrase "in co-operation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations" should be added.
After discussion it was agreed that sub-paragraph 2 (g) should be deleted and a paragraph merely referring to all the resolutions of the Conference or other documents which entrusted functions to the Interim Commission should be substituted. The Working Party agreed that the studies and recommendations referred to in sub-paragraph 2 (g) should be made after the establishment of effective collaboration with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

It was agreed that the following new sub-paragraph 2 (i) should be inserted:

"(i) generally to perform such functions as may be ancillary and necessary to the effective carrying out of the provisions of this annex."

It was agreed that one of such functions would be the publication of the more important documents, particularly the reports of committees, issued by the Havana Conference. It was also agreed that the publication of such reports would not imply necessarily that other documents issued at the Havana Conference would have no value for purposes of interpretation.

On the suggestion of the representative of Canada it was agreed that the report of the Working Party should include reference to the fact that the Executive Committee before publishing these documents should ensure, as far as possible, that they were correct and that the texts in the languages in which they were issued were identical.

Paragraph 3 of the annex was deleted as well as the phrase "including proposals regarding the structure of the Secretariat" in paragraph 6. Regarding this latter paragraph the Executive Secretary explained that it had been drafted in such a way as not to prejudice the nature of the reimbursement that might be necessary. In the wording of paragraph 6 it was open to any government participating in the Commission, which was a Member of the United Nations, to argue that the appropriate procedure for reimbursement would be repayment to the working capital fund of losses originating from monies advanced to the Interim Commission should the Organization not be established. Such a procedure would be within the existing commitments of Members of the United Nations to that Organization.

Paragraph 7 of the annex was deleted. It was agreed to insert in the report of the Working Party that the second sentence of paragraph 4 was drafted in such a way as, for example, to enable the Executive Secretary to lend the services of the staff of the Commission to the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The following wording was substituted for paragraph 9:

"The Executive Committee shall hold its first meeting in Havana immediately after its establishment. Its subsequent meetings shall be /held
held in Geneva unless it decides otherwise."

It was also agreed to insert in the report a reference to the fact that the Working Party first contemplated drafting an arrangement but later, in view of certain legal difficulties expressed by delegations, decided to establish the Commission by means of a resolution. This reference to be made in the report arose out of the suggestion of the representative of the Philippines contained at the conclusion of document E/CONF.2/C.6/W.68.

Finally it was agreed to add to the annex to the resolution the following paragraph:

"The benefit of the privileges and immunities provided in the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations shall be extended, as far as possible, to and in connection with the Commission."

Subject to the changes which have been mentioned above, the document E/CONF.2/C.6/W.117 was approved.