Consideration of Proposed Amendments to Article 96

The principle of the amendment proposed by the delegation of India to review the provisions of the Charter within five years, instead of ten years, was accepted by the Sub-Committee. The amendment submitted by the delegation of Peru was carefully considered but the Sub-Committee felt that the addition of the proposed sentence was unnecessary as Article 96 did not exclude the right of amending any of the provisions of the Charter by means of the procedure indicated in Article 95.

A majority of the Members of the Sub-Committee agreed that Article 96 should remain as a distinct and separate Article and agreed that a new draft of Article 96 presented by the delegation of Mexico during the meeting, appeared to be the best compromise of the various views expressed. This draft is now being circulated to Members of the Sub-Committee and will be considered at the next meeting.

Consideration of Proposed Amendments to Article 98

Paragraph 1

The Sub-Committee unanimously approved the substitution of the words "Instruments of acceptance of this Charter shall be deposited with, etc." for the words "The Government of each State accepting this Charter shall deposit an instrument of acceptance with, etc.".

The delegate of Uruguay withdrew his amendment to paragraph 2, to support, together with Argentina, the amendment of Mexico. The delegate of the United States supported by the United Kingdom and France was in favour of the present text. He pointed out that if the number of countries necessary to bring the Charter into force was too high, it would operate as a hindrance to the Organization.