In the absence of the rules and regulations to be adopted by the Organization for the implementation of Article 75, and to facilitate the work of the first Conference, the following rules shall apply at the first election:

1. Six seats shall be filled, under Article 75, sub-paragraphs 3 (a) and 3 (b), by representatives of Member countries in the Western Hemisphere (North, Central and South America). If five or more of these countries, eligible under sub-paragraph 3 (b), have not become Members of the Organization at the time of the election, only three of these seats shall be filled by application of the said sub-paragraph. If ten or more of the countries in the Western Hemisphere, eligible under sub-paragraph 3 (b), have not become Members of the Organization at the time of the election, only two seats shall be filled under the same sub-paragraph. The seat or seats thus unoccupied should not be filled before the Conference otherwise decides by a two-thirds majority vote.

2. In order to insure the election of countries under the criterion of sub-paragraph 3 (a) of Article 75, the following countries shall be deemed to fulfill the conditions set out in said sub-paragraph 3 (a), namely:

(i) The two countries in the Western Hemisphere and the three countries or customs unions in Europe with the largest external trade; and

(ii) The three countries with the largest population, having in view their potential importance in international trade.

Should any of these countries not be a Member of the Organization at the time of the election, the Conference will review the situation and decide, by a two-thirds majority, whether or not the vacancy shall be filled at that election.

3. The election of Members of the Executive Board under the criterion of Article 75, sub-paragraph 3 (b), shall be conducted so as to insure the adequate implementation of the requirements of Article 75, having regard, among other considerations,
other considerations, to the fact that geographical groups may be representative of affinities between a number of countries, giving their group a character of distinctiveness and unity.

4. The eight Members elected under sub-paragraph 3 (a) of Article 75 shall serve for a term of three years. Of the ten Members elected under sub-paragraph 3 (b), five Members, as determined by lot, shall serve for a term of two years, and the remaining five Members for a term of four years.

To be Inserted in the Sub-Committee's Report

Paragraph 3 of this Annex is intended to cover the case of certain geographical groups, such as the Arab States, other Near East States, countries in the North of Europe, etc. It is anticipated that any one such group may deem it convenient to present a common candidate to represent the particular interests of all the countries of the group.