SIXTH COMMITTEE: ORGANIZATION

WORKING PARTY TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF AN INTERIM COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATION

NOTES ON THIRD MEETING
Held 28 January 1948 at 10.30 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. COLBAN (Norway)


The Preamble

It was agreed that the first two paragraphs of the preamble should be amended to read:

"THE GOVERNMENTS represented at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment, having prepared a Charter for an International Trade Organization (hereinafter referred to as 'the Charter' and 'the Organization' respectively) and being entitled to original membership of the Organization under Article 68 of the Charter."

Paragraph 2 (a)

It was agreed that the alternative "six months" should be accepted.

Paragraph 2 (c)

The following redraft was agreed:

"to prepare, in consultation with the United Nations, a draft agreement of relationship as contemplated in paragraph 1 of Article 84 of the Charter for consideration by the first regular session of the Conference."

Paragraph 2 (d)

The following redraft was agreed:

"to prepare, in consultation with inter-governmental organizations other than the United Nations, for presentation to the first regular session of the Conference documents and recommendations regarding the implementation of paragraphs 2 and 4 of Article 84 of the Charter."

Paragraph 2 (e)

The following redraft was agreed:

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"to prepare, in consultation with non-governmental organizations, for presentation to the first regular session of the Conference recommendations regarding the implementation of paragraph 3 of Article 84 of the Charter".

**Paragraph 2 (f)**

The following redraft was agreed:

"to prepare with a view to recommendation by the Economic and Social Council to the first regular session of the Conference the annex referred to in paragraph 3 of Article 87 of the Charter".

**Paragraph 2 (g)**

It was pointed out that the wording from which this paragraph was taken had been slightly amended since the document was prepared. It was noted that the wording of this paragraph would need to be brought up to date with the wording finally adopted by the Conference in drafting the Charter.

**Paragraph 2 (h)**

The following redraft was agreed:

"to enter into consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations regarding expenses incurred.............Conference".

**Paragraph 3**

The word "own" was deleted.

**Paragraphs 4, 5 and 6**

After the Executive Secretary has explained that he was discussing with the Secretary-General of the United Nations the possibility of the latter supplying the staff of the Interim Commission from the resources already under his control, it was agreed that paragraphs 4 and 5 and the first sentence of paragraph 6 should be inserted provisionally between square brackets.

It was noted that it might be necessary at the appropriate time to amend these paragraphs so as to give the Executive Committee power to appoint the Executive Secretary and to approve the budget estimates.

**Paragraph 8**

The following redraft was agreed:

"Arrangements may be made with the Secretary-General of the United Nations regarding the provision of such personnel as may be required to carry on the work of the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements."

**Paragraph 9**

It was agreed that the Executive Secretary should furnish for consideration at the next meeting of the Working Party information regarding the relative availability at Lake Success and Geneva of the technical facilities which would be required
would be required by the Commission, it being understood that this action would not preclude the possibility of sites other than the two mentioned being selected.

Paragraph 10

The words "the Commission" were amended to read "the Executive Committee".

After approving paragraph 11 without change the Working Party concluded its meeting. Apart from the amendments which are detailed above, the text of the arrangement as set out in document E/CONF.2/C.6/W.68 was accepted as is stood.