The Legal Drafting Committee was set up by decision of the Heads of Delegations. It was composed of M. Joseph van Tilichelen and Count de Liedekerke of Belgium; Sr. Teotonio Monteiro de Barros-filho of Brazil; Dr. Gustavo Gutierrez and Dr. Herbert Dorn of Cuba; M. Jean Royer and M. Pierre Dieterlen of France; Mr. J.E.S. Fawcett of the United Kingdom; and Mr. Honore M. Catudal of the United States.

Dr. Gutierrez was named Chairman of the Committee. In the Chairman's temporary absence, because of his many duties as Vice-Chairman of the Cuban Delegation, the following served successively as Vice-Chairman of the Committee: M. Royer, Mr. Catudal, Mr. Fawcett and Mr. Dieterlen.

In view of the limited time available and in accordance with its terms of reference, the Committee restricted itself to two main tasks: a) the revision of the English wording from the viewpoint of the consistency between its different parts; and, b) consistency between the English and French texts.

The Committee refrained from discussing questions of substance except in a few instances where it seemed advisable to draw the attention of the appropriate Commission or the Preparatory Committee to doubts whether the texts submitted corresponded with the intention sought to be expressed. As for general questions concerning the relation between the different parts of the Charter the Committee could only draw attention to certain problems in connection with its examination of specific articles. One of these questions may be particularly mentioned because of its importance for the definitive wording of the Charter, namely, the question whether provisions in one part of the Charter are subject to provisions in another part of the Charter without specific cross-reference, (see note of the Legal Drafting Committee on Articles 31 (b) answering the question of the Sub-Committee on Articles 31 and 32 contained in the note 7 (p.4) of the Document E/PC/T/160).

The results of the meetings which the Legal Drafting Committee has held are contained in the annexed documents, as follows:


" " " III (Employment & Economic Activity) E/PC/T/166

" " " IV (Economic Development) Document E/PC/T/167

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Due to the time-table of the Conference, the Committee was obliged to review the different parts of the Draft Charter in a rather haphazard manner as they emerged from Committees or Sub-Committees, and did not have an opportunity to review the Draft Charter as a whole.

The experience of the Committee has shown that it is very difficult, if not impossible, for a Legal Drafting Committee to adequately perform its duties if it is not set up until a late stage of a Conference. In order that the Committee may have full opportunity and sufficient time to properly fulfill its task in connection with the World Conference at Habana, it is recommended that a Legal Drafting Committee be established at as early a date as possible, and that there should be continuity in the technical assistance put at its disposal.