SECOND SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE
OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

CONSULTATION WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN CATEGORY A*

Note by the Executive Secretary

The Committee is invited to consider the question of the arrangements to be made during the present Session for consultation with non-governmental agencies. The Committee's position in this matter is set out in Rule 45 of the revised Rules of Procedure (E/PC/T/40) and follows the practice endorsed and applied by the Economic and Social Council. The Committee has, for this purpose, assimilated itself to a Commission of the Council.

Owing to the pressure of business at the First Session and to the fact that most of the Committee's work was conducted in closed meetings, the non-governmental organizations were afforded comparatively limited opportunities to observe the discussions or to enter into consultation on matters of interest to them. The Committee may now wish to consider whether more ample opportunity should not be afforded during the present Session.

Following the practice of the First Session, it is assumed that the work of the Committee will normally be conducted in closed meetings. It is suggested that the Committee may wish, nevertheless, to invite the representatives of the non-governmental agencies to attend certain meetings as observers, that is, with the right to participate in the discussion without the right to vote. Such an occasion may arise either when points of particular interest to these organizations are being discussed or when there is reason to believe their representatives can make a contribution to the discussion.

In order to implement these suggested arrangements and to provide a continuous mechanism for consultation, it is recommended that the Preparatory Committee establish a committee to consult with the representatives of non-governmental organizations in Category A. This Consultative Committee, after studying the comments made by such organizations on the Report of the First Session, should invite the representatives of the organizations to discuss these comments with the Consultative Committee, together with any other points which the organizations may raise on the Report of the Drafting Committee. The Consultative Committee should also consult with the representatives of the non-governmental organizations from time to time during the course of the Charter discussions.

*The suggestions made in this paper are submitted to the Preparatory Committee in the light of a preliminary discussion by the Chairman's Committee.
It should be open to the representatives of these organizations to request, and to the Consultative Committee to recommend to the Preparatory Committee, that the representatives of non-governmental organizations be allowed to discuss particular points with the Preparatory Committee.

It is suggested that the Consultative Committee should be instructed to report regularly to the Preparatory Committee, not only because this would be useful to the latter, but because it would assure the representatives of the non-governmental agencies that their comments were being given due consideration.

The Chairman's Committee (Heads of Delegations) recommends that the following delegates, who have special knowledge of the Draft Charter, be nominated for election to the Consultative Committee:

- Dr. Coombs (Australia) - Chairman of Committee II (First Session)
- Mr. Wunz King (China) - Chairman of Committee I (First Session)
- Dr. Augenthaler (Czechoslovakia) - First Vice-Chairman (First Session)
- Mr. Malik (India) - Chairman of Joint Committee on Industrial Development (First Session)
- M. Baraduc (France) - Chairman of Drafting Committee
- Mr. Colban (Norway) - Chairman of Committee IV (First Session)
- Mr. Helmore (United Kingdom)
- Mr. Wilcox (United States)