Programme for Consideration of Draft Charter

Commissions

Two commissions should be established, as follows, on each of which all delegations would be represented:

Commission A -- would deal with Chapters IV and V.
Commission B -- would deal with Chapters VI and VII.

Representation of delegations on the commissions should be such that they could meet simultaneously. Meetings of Commissions A and B scheduled in the Annex have been staggered, but it may become necessary to schedule subsequent meetings of the two commissions simultaneously.

The Steering Committee recommends that the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee should serve as Chairman of Commission A, and that he should nominate from among the Vice-Chairmen of the Preparatory Committee two Vice-Chairmen of Commission A, and a Chairman and one Vice-Chairman of Commission B.

Amendments to Charter

All proposed amendments to the draft Charter should be in the hands of the Secretariat not later than the dates specified in the Annex hereto for submission of amendments. Any amendments which a Delegation may submit after the date prescribed would be referred directly to the appropriate sub-committee, referred to below. If no sub-committee has been established, the chairman of the commission should appoint one for the purpose or refer any amendments to the Steering Committee. The sub-committee or the Steering Committee would consider such amendments and report to the commission. There would be no opportunity for late amendments to be discussed in the commissions prior to their consideration in the sub-committee or the Steering Committee, although these committees might afford opportunity for discussions with them by the Delegation concerned.

This Report will be considered by the Preparatory Committee on Tuesday, May 20, 10.30 a.m. prior to beginning the discussion of Chapter III.
Discussions in the Commissions

Two days have been allowed for consideration of each part of the draft Charter indicated in the annexed table. The purpose of the discussions would be to identify points at issue, not necessarily to settle them. The commissions would approve all non-controversial provisions. After such discussions, if any issues remain outstanding, the presiding officer would be empowered to appoint a small sub-committee, or sub-committees, to deal with the issues developed by the discussion. Such committees should not exceed four or five persons, and should include those delegates who are representative of differing viewpoints.

Sub-Committees

The functions of the sub-committees would be to reconcile differences of view which have developed in the discussions in the commissions, and report to the commissions at the final reading drafts which they believe might be unanimously accepted.

Schedule

Determination of the latest dates on which proposed amendments to any of the provisions of the draft Charter should be submitted is desirable in order to allow Delegations to plan the work involved in determining their positions. The dates on which the various provisions of the draft Charter will be discussed in the commissions should be determined in advance in order that arrangements may be made for qualified personnel to be on hand when required, and to facilitate the allocation of time of the members of Delegations.

The schedule annexed hereto relating to the provisions to be dealt with by the two commissions, respectively, is submitted for approval. The provisions scheduled for discussion include all of Chapters IV, VI and VII, and Chapter V with the exception of Articles 15 to 23 and 37*. The latter articles are now under consideration by the Working Party on Technical Articles. This work should be carried to a conclusion under the procedure now being followed, after which the Working Party should report to Commission A at the sub-committee report stage.

* No proposals are made in this report with regard to Chapters I, II and VIII. The Steering Committee suggests that these chapters be taken up later in the Session, with the exception of such articles as can be dealt with in Commission B in the course of the discussion of Chapters VI and VII. The Steering Committee will in due course submit proposals for the scheduling of the discussions of the remainder of Chapters I and II, and VIII.
The programme of meetings for discussions in the commissions provides an interval of at least a day, and, in some instances, several days, after one of the specified portions of the draft Charter has been discussed, before another is taken up. This permits the scheduling of meetings without great delay to consider the reports of sub-committees. Also, if it should be found that the two days allotted for discussion in the commissions should be inadequate, the schedule is made more flexible by allowing a little more time for the discussion without modifying the schedule for subsequent meetings.
### Dates for Discussion in the Commissions *

**May**
- Tuesday 27: IV
- Wednesday 28: IV
- Thursday 29: VI
- Friday 30: VI
- Saturday 31:

**June**
- Sunday 1:
- Monday 2: V (14 and 24)
- Tuesday 3: V (14 and 24)
- Wednesday 4: VII
- Thursday 5: V (34,35,36,38)
- Friday 6: V (34,35,36,38)
- Saturday 7: VII
- Sunday 8:
- Monday 9: V (25 and 27)
- Tuesday 10: V (25 and 27)
- Wednesday 11:
- Thursday 12:
- Friday 13: V (26,28,29)
- Saturday 14: V (26,28,29)
- Sunday 15:
- Monday 16:
- Tuesday 17:
- Wednesday 18:
- Thursday 19: V (30)
- Friday 20: V (30)
- Saturday 21:
- Sunday 22:
- Monday 23:
- Tuesday 24: V (31,32,33)
- Wednesday 25: V (31,32,33)

### ANNEX

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May 23
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June 4
June 9
June 14
June 19

* The Commissions will meet twice daily (usually 10.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.) on the dates scheduled, and it may be necessary on some occasions to schedule a third meeting.