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

There is circulated below the text of a letter received by the Executive Secretary from Mr. Boissier, Secretary General of the Union Interparlementaire, in reply to a letter inviting the Union to consult with the Preparatory Committee regarding the Draft Charter through the medium of a Consultative Committee established for that purpose. The arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations in Category A are set out in Document E/PC/T/45, Rev. 1.

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Sir,

I have read your letter of 14th May with the greatest interest and have noted that the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment has appointed a Consultative Committee for the specific purpose of affording non-governmental organizations in Category A as ample opportunity as possible to make their views known. The directing bodies of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will greatly appreciate the courtesy of the Preparatory Committee in taking this step to allow for the fullest possible consultation.

For the time being, the whole question of the best method for establishing the liaison between the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the United Nations Organization and its various bodies is being carefully studied by the authorities of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. This being so, I am not yet able to give you a definite answer as to the exact methods which will finally be adopted.

As regards the work of the Preparatory Committee on Trade
and Employment, the Inter-Parliamentary Union has as yet no remark to offer on the work actually in progress, as its Conference and its Council, which are the two competent bodies to express its official opinion, have not yet taken a stand with respect to these questions. But the Inter-Parliamentary Bureau will follow the work of the Preparatory Committee and the Conference, which is to follow, very closely, and will, in particular, give its careful attention to any draft conventions which may be drawn up in order that the Inter-Parliamentary Union may, if this is thought desirable, recommend these to the various Parliaments for ratification.

The important thing at the present moment is, therefore, for this office to follow the work of the Preparatory Committee and Conference so as to enable the directing bodies of the Union to express their opinion on the results of that Conference with a full knowledge of the facts.

Thanking you again for your courtesy in this matter, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Leopold Boissier
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