In the opinion of the Netherlands delegation the memorandum on International Employment policy, drawn up by the delegation of the United Kingdom, forms an admirable and very valuable contribution to the solution of the problems, by which the conference is faced in the matter of full employment; not merely on its own merits, but also because several important suggestions, made by other delegations, have been successfully embodied in it. Although the work of the sub-committee is not yet finished, we may, therefore, assume that this memorandum, or at least its principles, will form an appropriate starting-point for the discussions in Committee I.

On this assumption the Netherlands delegation think it might be helpful to make the following remarks and suggestions:

1. In as far as international employment policy covers a field, which, though connected with, is nevertheless distinct from the field of work of the International Trade Organization, it might be advisable to set up a separate convention, signed at the same time and by the same countries as the ITO Charter.

2. In that case it seems necessary to create a separate executive agency for this special purpose, as neither the Economic and Social Council nor its commissions and sub-commissions, possess the necessary executive powers.
3. The wording of consideration (f) and paragraph 3 in Annex A might perhaps be somewhat elucidated by inserting the word "active" after "fundamental".

4. Furthermore, in the above-mentioned paragraph 3, we deem it advisable to insert after the word "institutions" the following: "and consistent with the regulations of the various international specialized agencies".

5. Taking into consideration that in many countries the work of the central statistical bureaux and planning boards consists not only of collecting data relating to the past and present but also to the forecasting of the probable future development, these data being of much importance for the realization of a correct employment policy, it might be useful to read the end of paragraph 4 (i) as follows: "and the level and composition of demand, realized as well as expected or planned for future periods".

6. In order to give some stimulus to the consultations on employment problems, dealt with in paragraph 4 (iii), we suggest to insert the word "annual" after "for".

7. The special provision, included in the final clause of Annex A, can indeed be better considered after agreement has been reached upon the ITO Charter. Nevertheless, even at this stage we wish to point out that it seems not sufficient to get the opinion of the Economic and Social Council on the question, raised sub (b) "whether the terms . . . . provide adequate opportunity for remedial action without a temporary release from obligations under the ITO". If this opinion should be in the negative, the ITO should be obliged to grant such a temporary release for the duration of the difficulties.