Owing to the length and scope of the present session of the Preparatory Committee I feel that it will be necessary to appoint a larger number of Vice-Chairmen to assist me in the conduct of the Committee's business than the two officers provided for in the Rules of Procedure adopted at the First Session. For this reason, the Secretariat, with my full concurrence, put forward an amendment of Rule 7 to admit the election of as many Vice-Chairmen as the Committee deems necessary for the efficient despatch of its responsibilities. This amendment was adopted at the First Meeting of the Second Session (E/PC/T/37).

Having given careful consideration to this matter, I now venture to put forward for consideration by Heads of Delegations the following:

(a) That the Committee should elect five Vice-Chairmen from whose number I would designate individuals to preside over such Sub-Committees or Working Parties as may from time to time be set up.

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I would except from this arrangement any Committee that may be established in connection with the supervision of Tariff Negotiations as the work of such a Committee would be of a technical character and the Chairman should, therefore, have technical qualifications. I would, therefore, propose that any Tariff Committee that may be set up should select its own officers.

(b) As a basis for discussion I would suggest the following nominations, which aim not only at a reasonable apportionment of offices between the various regions represented at this Conference, but also at securing the assistance of certain delegates whose experience would be of the greatest possible assistance to the Committee:

The Principal Delegate of Norway (who has previously served as Chairman of the Interim Drafting Committee)

The Principal Delegate for Czechoslovakia (a Vice-Chairman of the First Session)

The Principal Delegate for China (Dr. Wunsz King served as Chairman of Committee I: Employment and Economic Activity, at the First Session)

The Principal Delegate for India (India provided the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Industrial Development at the First Session)

The Principal Delegate for Cuba (The Delegate for Cuba at the First Session was elected 2nd Vice-Chairman)
(c) I would also propose to designate the Delegate of Norway as first Vice-Chairman and the Delegate for China as second Vice-Chairman for the purposes of rules 8 and 9.

I should be glad to discuss these proposals with Heads of Delegations within the next few days prior to submitting them to the Preparatory Committee. I therefore invite any delegates who have any comments to get in touch with me as soon as possible.