Procedure for Resumption of Charter discussions and for the Consideration of Certain Other Agenda Items

Note by the Executive Secretary.*

Although it has been decided to defer resumption of Charter talks until May 15th, there would seem to be advantage in Heads of Delegations giving early consideration to the scope and programme of the work involved. In order to facilitate this consideration the Secretariat is preparing an analysis of the latest draft of the Charter with a view to indicating the principal points outstanding for discussion. This analysis will be submitted to Heads of Delegations as soon as it is completed.

In the meantime I venture to suggest that Delegations which have specific points to raise on the Charter which could conveniently form the subject of papers for submission to the Committee, should make every effort to table such papers in advance of the resumption of discussions in order that they may receive prior study and consideration by other Delegations.

There are two items on the agenda of this Session over and above the consideration of the draft Charter and the annotated draft agenda for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment, viz., Item 11, Date and place of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment, and Item 12, Consideration of recommendation to the Economic and Social Council regarding what states if any, non-Members of the United Nations, should be invited to the Conference.

Whilst Heads of Delegations may feel that it might be somewhat premature to take up the first of these items now, there might be advantage in giving preliminary consideration to Item 12 in order that it might be taken up early in the order of business of the Committee as from May 15th.

* this paper will be included in the Agenda of the next meeting of the Chairman's Committee (Heads of Delegations).