In order to assure the rapid and orderly conduct of the discussions on the Draft Charter, I submit the following proposals as a basis for discussion by Heads of Delegations:

1. That there be established a small Steering Committee of six persons whose task shall be to run over the annotated draft agenda which is being prepared by the Secretariat and to take such steps as may be appropriate in consultation with the Secretariat for securing the consolidation of amendments, the preparation of textual amendments to meet various points of view expressed by members of the Committee, and generally to make suggestions to the Preparatory Committee for the expedition of the Charter discussions. The Steering Committee would also, upon the request of the Preparatory Committee, undertake the detailed examination of controversial points, consulting with particular delegations on points of special interest to them in the same manner as the Tariff Working Party consults with Delegations on points arising in tariff negotiations.

2. The Steering Committee should have the power to co-opt additional members as their business may render desirable.

3. The Steering Committee should determine its own working methods and should choose a Chairman from amongst its members.

4. The Steering Committee should normally report direct to the Preparatory Committee but should, if it deems it desirable, report either on specific points or on the progress of the discussions to the Chairman's Committee (Heads of Delegations).

5. The first task of the Steering Committee shall be to determine target dates for the submission of amendments to the various chapters of the Draft Charter.