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

EDITING OF DRAFT CHARTER TEXT

Note by the Secretariat

The text of the Charter as approved at the Second Session will require careful editing with a view to assuring the highest attainable degree of clarity and consistency in the text. It will also be necessary to ensure that the English and French texts are exact equivalents. It is, therefore, suggested that as soon as the Committee has made substantial progress on the Charter, there should be established a legal editing group composed of two French-speaking and two English-speaking experts, who would examine the Charter from a purely legal and drafting point of view with the above aims in mind. The group would have no authority to make changes in the text. It would submit a report to the Preparatory Committee on such parts of the Charter as it considered could be improved and the Preparatory Committee could then decide itself which of these changes it wished to adopt.

This proposal is submitted for consideration by Heads of Delegations.