1. The drafting committee appointed by the Heads of Delegations at their fourth meeting met on 12 November 1945 and considered draft resolutions submitted by the Secretariat concerning the convening of a second session of the Preparatory Committee and the Report of the Preparatory Committee including the establishment of a Drafting Committee.

2. After a discussion of these draft resolutions the Secretariat was requested to prepare fresh texts in the light of various suggestions made during the meeting of the sub-committee and of the decisions which were taken.

3. Accordingly there are submitted herewith the following documents:

(a) Draft Resolution concerning the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee.

(b) Draft Instructions to the Executive Secretary regarding the Report of the First Session of the Preparatory Committee.

(c) Draft Resolution regarding the Appointment of a Drafting Committee.

(d) Draft Resolution regarding the Negotiation of a Multilateral Trade Agreement concerning Tariff Concessions.
DRAFT RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE SECOND SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS the Economic and Social Council on 18 February 1946 decided to call an International Conference on Trade and Employment and constituted a Preparatory Committee to draw up an annotated draft agenda for consideration by the Conference.

AND WHEREAS it has not been found practicable to complete the work of the Preparatory Committee at its First Session.

The Preparatory Committee of the International Conference on Trade and Employment

HEREBY RESOLVES to convene a Second Session at Geneva on 8 April 1947, which shall consider, inter alia, Items 11, 12, 13 and 15 of the Agenda of the Preparatory Committee.

AND INSTRUCTS the Executive Secretary to make the necessary arrangements for such Second Session.
THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT HEREBY INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

1. To prepare and publish a Report of the First Session of the Preparatory Committee for consideration by the Committee at its Second Session.

2. To draft the Report in two parts. Part I should provide a general narrative statement of the discussions of the Preparatory Committee. Part II should be drafted under the headings of item 10 of the Agenda adopted by the Preparatory Committee at its Third Executive Session on 17 October 1946, and such additional headings as may be appropriate in the light of the discussions of the Preparatory Committee. Under each of these headings there should be a report in continuous form, reviewing the main principles upon which a general identity of view was established and drawing attention to any conflicting views.

3. To submit this Report to the E.C. Council as an interim Report of the work of the P.C., together with the Resolution approved by the P.C. at its first session.
WHEREAS the Preparatory Committee has decided to convene a Second Session at Geneva on 8 April 1947

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that further drafting be done on the basis of the work carried out at the First Session before the commencement of the Second Session, the Preparatory Committee of the International Conference on Trade and Employment

HEREBY APPOINTS a Drafting Committee consisting of representatives of members of the Preparatory Committee to meet in New York beginning 20 January 1947 for the purpose of preparing a Draft Charter or Articles of Agreement based upon the Report and other documents of the First Session of the Preparatory Committee.

IT IS RESOLVED THAT

1. It will not be the function of the Drafting Committee to endeavour to reconcile differences of opinion revealed in the work of the Preparatory Committee, except insofar as the Drafting Committee may feel able to submit draft articles or clauses aimed at the reconciliation of different viewpoints expressed in the Report.

The Drafting Committee will confine itself to preparing a Draft Charter or Articles of Agreement, including such alternative draft clauses as may be appropriate to take account of different views expressed at the First Session, together with such explanatory notes and commentaries as the Drafting Committee may consider desirable and useful.

2. The Drafting Committee should prepare a Report for consideration by the Preparatory Committee at its Second Session.
3. The Drafting Committee should complete its work with all possible despatch and in any case not later than 28 February 1947 in order that its Report may be forwarded to Governments for full consideration and study in advance of the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee.

**IT IS SUGGESTED** that members appoint to the Drafting Committee not more than two or three technical experts drawn as far as possible from the delegations which have participated in the work of the First Session of the Preparatory Committee.
WHEREAS the Resolution of the Economic and Social Council of 18 February 1946 decided to call an International Conference on Trade and Employment for the purpose of promoting the expansion of production, exchange, and consumption of goods, constituted this Committee to elaborate an annotated draft agenda, including a draft convention, for consideration by the Conference, and suggested that the agenda of this Committee include among its topics "International Agreement relating to regulations, restrictions and discriminations affecting international trade," and "Establishment of an international trade organization;" and

WHEREAS the United States Government had invited the governments appointed by the Economic and Social Council as members of this Committee to meet to negotiate concrete arrangements for the relaxation of tariffs and trade barriers of all kinds and the invitation has been accepted by the Governments attending the present session of the Preparatory Committee; and

WHEREAS the task of the Conference will be facilitated if concrete action is taken by the principal trading nations for the actual reduction of tariffs and other trade barriers, and for the elimination of preferences on a mutually advantageous and selective basis, consistently with the purpose for which the Conference is being called The Preparatory Committee of the International Conference on Trade and Employment

HEREBY RECOMMENDS TO THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED that the meeting of members of the Preparatory Committee envisaged by the invitations sent out by the United States Government should be held under the sponsorship of the Preparatory Committee in connection with, and
as a part of the Second Session of the Committee

AND INVITES the member Governments to communicate to the Executive Secretary their views on this recommendation.

Conducted according to the procedures recommended in the Annex of the Proc Es of Comm. II (No. ____. ___.)