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

ARTICLE 72
(Composition of the Executive Board)

Commission B agreed on 17 August to present three alternative texts of Article 72. The text of Alternative A (prepared by the Committee) as agreed on that date appears below. It is followed by texts of Alternative B (prepared by the Norwegian Delegate) showing the amendments proposed by the Cuban Delegate and of Alternative C (prepared by the Australian Delegate) showing the amendments proposed by the United Kingdom Delegate. Commission B has not yet adopted the texts of Alternatives B and C.

Alternative A

1. The Executive Board shall, subject to the provisions of the other paragraphs of this Article, consist of Members of the Organization as follows:

(a) Canada, China, France, India, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom, United States of America and either Belgium and the Netherlands alternating every three years or the Customs Union of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands should these States desire to be represented as a unit;

XX If the Customs Union of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands as such should not desire to appoint a representative on the Board, Luxembourg would fall under paragraph 1(d) of this Article.

XX The Preparatory Committee was not able to examine fully the conception of giving membership in the Board to customs unions. This matter may need to be considered more thoroughly by the World Conference.
(b) Three Members elected by the American Republics not entitled to a seat on the Board under sub-paragraph (a);
(c) One Member to be elected by each of the following groups of States if their members desire to be represented as a group:

(i) Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Transjordan and the Yemen;

(ii) Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden;

(d) Five Members elected by the remaining Members;

Provided that groups of not less than four States, having common interests, and representing a certain proportion of world trade may be formed with the approval of the Conference and any such group shall be entitled to elect one or more Members to the Board according to the number of States which comprise it and the proportion of world trade they together represent.

2. The Conference shall make regulations relating to paragraphs 1(b), (c) and (d) of this Article which shall provide for the mode of election, the conditions under which groups under paragraph 1(d) of this Article may be formed, the method of reallocating seats where necessary, and other related matters.

3. The Members elected to the Executive Board shall normally be elected for terms of three years. The Conference shall establish rules with regard to these terms designed to ensure a reasonable measure of continuity in representation on the Board.

4. During the time that any State mentioned in paragraph 1(a) of this Article is not a Member of the Organization, the size of the Executive Board shall be reduced accordingly.
5. If at any time the number of States referred to in paragraph 1(b) of this Article be seven or less, those States shall be entitled to elect only one Member to the Executive Board. Should at any time this number be more than seven but less than fifteen, they shall be entitled to elect two Members to the Board.

6. Should at any time the number of States referred to in paragraph 1(d) of this Article be

   (a) four or more but less than seven,
   (b) seven or more but less than fifteen,
   (c) fifteen or more but less than twenty-one,
   (d) twenty-one or more but less than twenty-eight,

those States shall be entitled to elect one, two, three or four Members to the Board respectively.

7. The number of Members on the Executive Board may, upon a recommendation of the Board, be increased by the Conference by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

8. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 92, any amendment of this Article relating to paragraph 1(a) or to the election of Members to the Board under paragraph 1(b), (c) and (d) or involving the rearrangement of groups established under paragraph 1(c) or formed under paragraph 1(d), shall become effective upon its approval by the Conference by a majority of the votes cast.

9. The provisions of this Article shall be subject to review by the Conference every three years.

Alternative B

1. The Executive Board shall consist of the representatives of not more than fifteen of the Members of the Organization, elected by the Conference by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present and voting. Seven of the Members
may be immediately re-elected on the expiration of the term for which they have been elected.

2. The number of Members on the Executive Board may, upon a recommendation of the Board, be increased by the Conference by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

3. The Members elected to the Executive Board shall normally be elected for terms of three years. The Conference shall establish rules with regard to these terms designed to ensure a reasonable measure of continuity in representation on the Board.

**Alternative C**

1. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 6 of this Article the Executive Board shall consist of seventeen Members of the Organization.

2. The eight states of chief economic importance, as determined by the Conference at three yearly intervals of three years by a two-thirds majority of Members present and voting, shall be entitled to membership of the Board.

3. Nine other Members shall be elected to the Board by a two-thirds vote of the Conference.

4. Subject to paragraph 5 one-third of the Members referred to in paragraph 3 shall be elected each year for a term of three years. A retiring Member shall be eligible for immediate re-election.

5. At the first election
   
   (a) Canada, China; France, India, United Kingdom, United States, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Customs Union of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands shall be appointed under paragraph 2;
   
   (b) Nine other Members shall be elected, of which the terms of office of three shall expire at the end
of one year and of three other Members at the end of two years.

6. (a) During the time that any State mentioned in paragraph 2 of this Article is not a Member of the Organization the size of the Board shall be reduced accordingly.

(b) During any time that the number of Members of the Organization is less than twenty-eight the numbers six, two and two shall be substituted for the numbers nine, three and three respectively in paragraph 5(b) of this Article.

7. The Conference shall make regulations which shall apply the provisions of paragraph 5(b) at any time when the number of Members on the Board is varied under paragraph 6(b) of this Article.