EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Second Session

Item 4 of the Provisional Agenda.

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION
AND THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATION

1. The consultations mentioned in Document ICITO/EC.2/2 and 2/Add.5 previously distributed have now been carried out with the Secretariat of the International Labour Organization. Attached hereto is a draft Agreement of Relations between the International Labour Organization and the International Trade Organization prepared in the light of such consultations.

2. Despite the suggestion made in Document ICITO/EC.2/2 that a draft working arrangement rather than a draft agreement should be prepared in the case of inter-governmental organizations other than the United Nations, the form in which the attached document is presented is that of a formal agreement. This has been done for two reasons. First, it is understood that the International Labour Organization would probably prefer to have a formal agreement rather than a working arrangement. Second, both the respective spheres of competence of the two organizations and the area of desirable co-operation between are comparatively clearly defined.

3. The Secretariat suggest that if the Executive Committee finds the general lines of the draft agreement satisfactory it would be desirable for the Committee to agree that principles of the draft should be applied so far as possible to the relationship between the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization and the International Labour Organization.
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DRAFT OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION AND THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS the Constitution of the International Labour Organization pledges the full co-operation of the International Labour Organization with such international bodies as may be entrusted with a share of the responsibility for securing the fuller and broader utilization of the world's productive resources necessary for the achievement of the objectives set forth in the Declaration of Philadelphia, including measures to expand production and consumption, to avoid severe economic fluctuations, to promote the economic and social advancement of the less developed regions of the world, to assure greater stability in world prices of primary products, and to promote a high and steady volume of international trade; and

WHEREAS the Charter for an International Trade Organization (a) provides that the International Trade Organization shall make arrangements with other inter-governmental organizations which have related responsibilities to provide for effective co-operation and the avoidance of unnecessary duplication in the activities of these organizations, (b) envisages the participation of the International Trade Organization in arrangements concerning employment and economic activity made or sponsored by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, including arrangements with appropriate inter-governmental organizations, and (c) specifies that in all matters relating to labour standards that may be referred to the International Trade Organization it shall consult and co-operate with the International Labour Organization,
THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION AND THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATION AGREE AS FOLLOWS:-

ARTICLE I
Co-operation and Consultation

The International Labour Organization and the International Trade Organization agree that, with a view to facilitating the effective attainment of the objectives set forth in the Constitution of the International Labour Organization and the Havana Charter within the general framework established by the Charter of the United Nations, they will act in close co-operation with each other and will consult each other regularly in regard to matters of common interest. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the two Organizations recognise the importance of their cooperating, within their respective spheres and consistently with the terms and purposes of their basic instruments, in concerted action to sustain employment, production and demand and to foster and assist industrial and general economic development, as well as the reconstruction of those countries whose economies have been devastated by the war.

ARTICLE II
Consultation upon Matters Relating to Labour Standards Referred to the International Trade Organization under Chapter VIII of the Havana Charter.

Having regard to the provisions of paragraph 3 of Article 7 of the Havana Charter, the Director-General of the International Trade Organization shall notify the Director-General of the International Labour Office of any matter relating to labour standards that may be referred to the former Organization in accordance with the provisions of
Chapter VIII of the Havana Charter. The two Organizations shall thereupon consult together with a view to reaching agreement on the procedure to be followed in dealing with the matter.

**ARTICLE III**

International Commodity Agreements

1. The International Trade Organization recognises the International Labour Organization to be a competent inter-governmental organization within the meaning of Article 67 of the Havana Charter.

2. The two Organizations will examine at the request of either of them, the desirability of inviting the International Labour Organization to nominate a non-voting representative for appointment to a Commodity Council in pursuance of paragraph 3 of Article 64 of the Havana Charter.

**ARTICLE IV**

Reciprocal Representation

1. Representatives of the International Trade Organization shall be invited to attend the meetings of the International Labour Conference and to participate without vote in the deliberations of the Conference and of its committees with respect to items on their agenda in which the International Trade Organization has an interest.

2. Representatives of the International Labour Organization shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Conference of the International Trade Organization and to participate without vote in the deliberations of the Conference and of its committees with respect to items on their agenda in which the International Labour Organization has an interest.
3. Representatives of the International Labour Organization shall be invited to attend the meetings of any commissions established by the International Trade Organization in pursuance of Article 82 of the Havana Charter to deal with matters concerning which the International Labour Organization has special competence and to participate without vote in the deliberations upon such matters.

4. Appropriate arrangements shall be made by agreement from time to time for the reciprocal representation of the two Organizations at other meetings convened under their auspices which consider matters in which the other Organization has an interest.

ARTICLE V

Joint Committees

1. The two Organizations may refer to a joint committee any question of common interest which it may appear desirable to refer to such a committee.

2. Any such joint committee shall consist of representatives appointed by each Organization, the number to be appointed by each being decided by agreement between the Organizations.

3. The United Nations shall be invited to designate a representative to attend the meetings of any such joint committee.

4. The reports of any such joint committee shall be communicated to the Directors-General of the two Organizations for submission to the appropriate bodies of the Organizations.
5. Copies of the documents of any such joint committees shall be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for information.

6. Any such joint committee shall regulate its own procedure.

ARTICLE VI
Exchange of Information and Documents

Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential material, the fullest and promptest exchange of information and documents shall be made between the International Labour Organization and the International Trade Organization.

ARTICLE VII
Personnel Arrangements

The Director-General of the International Labour Office and the Director-General of the International Trade Organization shall take measures, within the framework of the general arrangements for co-operation in regard to personnel arrangements to be made by the United Nations, to avoid competition in the recruitment of their personnel, and to facilitate interchange of personnel on a temporary or permanent basis in appropriate cases, in order to obtain the maximum benefit from their services, making due provision for the retention of seniority and pension rights.

ARTICLE VIII
Statistical Services

1. The International Labour Organization and the International Trade Organization agree to strive, within the framework of the general arrangements for statistical
co-operation made by the United Nations, for maximum co-operation with a view to the most efficient use of their technical personnel in their respective collection, analysis, publication, standardization, improvement and dissemination of statistical information. They recognize the desirability of avoiding duplication in the collection of statistical information whenever it is practicable for either of them to utilise information or materials which the other may have available or may be specially qualified and prepared to collect, and agree to combine their efforts to secure the greatest possible usefulness and utilization of statistical information and to minimise the burdens placed upon national Governments and other organizations from which such information may be collected.

2. The International Labour Organization and the International Trade Organization agree to keep one another informed of their work in the field of statistics and to consult each other in regard to all statistical projects dealing with matters of common interest.

ARTICLE IX

Financing of Special Services

If compliance with a request for assistance made by either organization to the other would involve substantial expenditure for the organization complying with the request, consultation shall take place with a view to determining the most equitable manner of meeting such expenditure.

ARTICLE X

Implementation of the Agreement

1. The Director-General of the International Labour Office and the Director-General of the International Trade
Organization shall make administrative arrangements to ensure the closest possible collaboration and liaison between the staffs of the two Organizations.

2. The Director-General of the International Labour Office and the Director-General of the International Trade Organization may enter into such supplementary arrangements for the implementation of this Agreement as may be found desirable.

**ARTICLE XI**

**Revision and Termination**

1. This Agreement may be revised by agreement between the International Labour Organization and the International Trade Organization. It shall be reviewed as soon as possible after the expiry of three years from the date of its entry into force.

2. This Agreement may be terminated by either party on the thirty-first day of December of any year by written notice given to the other party not later than the thirtieth day of September of that year.

**ARTICLE XII**

This Agreement shall come into force upon its approval by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office and the of the International Trade Organization.

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The question whether the Executive Board or the Conference is the appropriate body for approving the Agreement is dependent upon the decision to be taken by the Conference as to the powers to be delegated to the Executive Board.