

interval between the end of the current session of the Committee and the convening of the World Conference in order to provide as much time as possible for governments which did not participate in the Preparatory Committee to study the work of the Second Session. In this connection the Preparatory Committee has taken account of the fact that the full reports of the First Session and of the Drafting Committee have been in the hands of all Members of the United Nations for many months and that arrangements have been made for such Members to receive all documents of the Second Session as its work proceeds.

In all the circumstances the Committee feels it is undesirable to delay the convening of the Conference much beyond the middle of November. Accordingly, the Preparatory Committee recommends that the Conference should be convened on 21 November 1947. The Preparatory Committee considers that the Conference should be held in a suitable place in the Western Hemisphere, and therefore recommends, in view of the cordial and generous invitation extended by the Government of Cuba, that the Conference be held in Havana, if practicable.

3. Invitation of non-Members of the United Nations to the Conference

The Preparatory Committee recommends that, subject to the resolution regarding Spain adopted by the General Assembly on 12 December 1946, those States non-Members of the United Nations which have an appreciable interest in world trade should be invited to the Conference on Trade and Employment. It therefore recommends that the following States non-Members should be invited: Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Eire, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Portugal, Roumania, Switzerland, Transjordan and the Yemen.

The Preparatory Committee recommends further that the Economic and Social Council should make provision for the attendance of persons qualified to represent the appropriate authorities in Germany, Japan and Korea.

The Preparatory Committee, having in mind specifically the position of the Governments of Burma, Ceylon and Southern Rhodesia, wishes to draw the attention of the Economic and Social Council to the position of territories under the sovereignty of a Member to the United Nations which are self-governing in matters provided for by the draft Charter and for that reason, in the opinion of the Preparatory Committee, ought to be invited to participate in the work of the Conference.

THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

1. Considering that the task of the World Conference would be facilitated if concrete action were taken by the principal trading nations to enter into reciprocal negotiations directed to the substantial reduction