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Procedure in the Plenary Conference regarding the draft
text of the protocol submitted by the Main Committee

The Business Committee recommends to the plenary Conference that, in considering and taking decisions upon the text of the protocol which will in due course be submitted to it by the Main Committee, the Plenary Conference should adopt the following procedures (that is, supplementary to the procedures laid down in the Rules of Procedure):

- (a) The Conference should consider the draft article by article, taking a vote on the whole text, as amended, at the end.
- (b) Members of the Conference should hand in their amendments at least the day before they are to be considered, so that full effect may be given to Rule 22 of the Rules of Procedure.
- (c) When the Conference is dealing with the amendments which may be moved, the principle should be adopted which is contained in Rule 67 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, namely that there should only be discussion of amendments if at least one third of the members present and voting consider it necessary. Where there is no such demand on the part of one third of the members, the amendment would be immediately put to the vote. This rule as amended in accordance with this context would run, "Discussion of the draft of an Article and of any amendments moved thereto in the plenary conference shall take place if at least one third of the members present and voting consider such a discussion to be necessary. Any proposal for such a discussion shall not be debated, but shall be immediately put to the vote".