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## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. Establishment, terms of reference and membership of the Committee

1. The Committee on the Preparation of a Draft Convention relating to Transit Trade of Land-locked Countries was established by the Secretary-General in pursuance of the recommendation contained in annex A.VI.1 of the Final Act of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), in the following terms:

"Recommends that the United Nations:

1. Request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to appoint a committee of twenty-four members, representing land-locked, transit, and other interested States as governmental experts and on the basis of equitable geographical distribution; and to convene the said committee during 1964;

2. Request the said committee to prepare a new draft convention treating the proposal made by Afro-Asian land-locked countries as a basic text and taking into account the principles of international law, conventions and agreements in force and submissions by Governments in this regard, as well as the records of the Sub-Committee on Land-locked Countries established by this Conference, and to submit the new draft convention to the Secretary-General for presentation to the conference of plenipotentiaries to be convened in accordance with paragraph 4 below;

3. Request the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with the specialized agencies or any other competent body of the United Nations, full preparatory documentation for circulation to the members of the said committee in sufficient time prior to the convening of that committee; and

4. Decide to convene a conference of plenipotentiaries in the middle of 1965, for consideration of the draft and adoption of the convention."

2. In accordance with paragraph 1 of the above resolution, the Secretary-General designated the following States as members of the Committee: Afghanistan, Argentina, Austria, Bolivia, Chile, Czechoslovakia, India, Ivory Coast, Japan, Liberia, Mali, Nepal, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Paraguay, Senegal, Switzerland, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Upper Volta and Yugoslavia.

3. The Committee met at the Headquarters of the United Nations, New York, from 26 October to 20 November 1964 and held thirty public meetings.