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Article 69

Functions

The Organization shall perform the functions provided for elsewhere in this Charter. In addition the Organization shall have the following functions:

- (a) to collect, analyse and publish information relating to international trade, including information relating to commercial policy, business practices, commodity problems and industrial and general economic development;*
- (b) to encourage and facilitate consultation among Members on all questions relating to the provisions of this Charter;
- (c) to undertake studies on and, having due regard to the objectives of the Charter and the constitutional and legal systems of Members, make recommendations for, and promote international bilateral or multilateral agreements on, measures designed
 - (i) to assure just and equitable treatment for foreign nationals and enterprises;
 - (ii) to expand the volume and to improve the bases of international trade, including measures designed to facilitate commercial arbitration and the avoidance of double taxation;
 - (iii) to carry out, by regional or other basis, having due regard to the activities of existing regional or other organizations, the functions specified in paragraph 2 of Article 10;
 - (iv) to promote and encourage establishments for the technical training that is necessary for progressive industrial and economic development; and

* The proposal of the delegation of Argentina to add the word "social" before the word "economic" has been postponed pending adoption of the Report of the Sub-Committee on Article 1.

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- (v) generally to achieve any of the objectives set forth in Article 1;*
- (d) generally to consult with and make recommendations and, as necessary, furnish advice and assistance to Members regarding any matter relating to the operation of this Charter, and to take any other action necessary and appropriate to carry out the provisions of this Charter;
- (e) to co-operate with the United Nations and inter-governmental organizations in furthering the achievement of the economic and social objectives of the United Nations and the restoration and maintenance of international peace and security;
- (f) in such collaboration with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and with other inter-governmental organizations as may be appropriate, to undertake studies on the relationship between world prices of primary commodities and manufactured products, to consider and, where appropriate, to recommend international agreements on, measures designed to reduce progressively any unwarranted disparity in those prices.**

* Consideration of the proposal of the delegation of Czechoslovakia to amend the introduction to sub-paragraph (c) to read "to promote international agreement on and measures designed" has been postponed pending the adoption of the Report of the Joint Second and Sixth Committees.

** The Central Drafting Committee is requested to take account of the observation of the representative of China that sub-paragraph (f) should be placed before sub-paragraph (e) and of the rearrangement of Article 69 proposed by the representative of Costa Rica (document E/CONF.2/C.6/12/Add.17).