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DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES

RESOLUTION REGARDING AN INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

1. The United Nations have already taken important steps toward the establishment of international machinery for the promotion of economic co-operation among nations with the object of preventing and removing economic and social maladjustments, of achieving fairness and equity in economic relations among states, and of raising the level of economic well-being among all peoples. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development have already been established as contributions in their respective fields toward the achievement of these objectives. The Economic and Social Council has been established as the agency for integrating the activities of all of these agencies into an effective whole.

2. It is essential that the co-operative economic measures already taken be supplemented by further measures dealing directly with trade barriers and discriminations which stand in the way of an expansion of multilateral trade and by an undertaking on the part of nations to seek full employment.

3. Co-operative action with respect to employment and to trade barriers and discriminations is indispensable to the success of such other measures as those dealing with monetary and exchange stability and the flow of investment capital. Effective action in regard to employment and to trade barriers and discriminations must, therefore, be taken on the whole programme of international

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economic co-operation will fail, and an economic environment conducive to the maintenance of peaceful international relations will not be created.

4. The Government of the United States has proposed that the United Nations should call such a conference in 1946 and has published a set of proposals for the expansion of world trade and employment for consideration by the peoples of the world and to serve as a basis for discussion in an international conference. In the belief that previous international conferences in the field of commercial policy have had but limited results because they were for the most part confined to policies in the abstract and not closely enough integrated with arrangements for concrete action, the United States Government has further invited a number of governments to meet together for the negotiation of reduction of specific trade barriers and discriminations in advance of the general international conference. Similar negotiations are to be proposed to all other countries of like mind as rapidly as possible.

5. These initiatives have been welcomed by a number of delegations in the opening debate of the General Assembly.

6. The Economic and Social Council has been authorized in general by Article 62 of the Charter of the United Nations to call international conferences on matters falling within its competence, and specifically by Supplementary Rule T of the Provisional Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly to call a conference on international trade and employment.

The Economic and Social Council, therefore

(a) Agrees, in conformity with Supplementary Rule T., to sponsor the convening, in the latter part of 1946, of an international conference on trade and employment for the purpose of promoting the expansion of the production,

exchange and consumption of goods.

(b) Proposes that the major chapters of the agenda of this conference be as follows:

- (i) International agreement relating to the achievement and maintenance of high and stable levels of employment and economic activity.
- (ii) International agreement relating to regulations, restrictions and discriminations affecting international trade.
- (iii) International agreement relating to restrictive business practices.
- (iv) International agreement relating to inter-governmental commodity arrangements.
- (v) Establishment of an international trade organization, to be a specialized agency of the United Nations, having responsibilities in the fields of (ii), (iii) and (iv) above.

(c) Hereby constitutes a preparatory committee of the Economic and Social Council to elaborate an annotated draft agenda including a draft convention for consideration by the conference, taking into account suggestions which may be submitted to it by the Economic and Social Council or directly by Members of the United Nations. The Members of this Committee shall consist of representatives designated by the Governments of the countries referred to in paragraph 4 above, and of two other countries, Members of the Economic and Social Council designated by the Council. A representative of the Secretariat of the Council shall participate without the right to vote in the meetings of the Committee.

(d) Requests the President of the Economic and Social Council to confer with Members of the Council and with the Secretary-General

with a view to reporting to a subsequent session of the Council recommendations as to what States, if any, not Members of the United Nations, should be invited to the conference on trade and employment.

The countries referred to in paragraph 4 above are:

Australia	India
Belgium-Luxembourg	Netherlands
Brazil	New Zealand
Canada	South Africa
China	U.S.S.R.
Cuba	United Kingdom
Czechoslovakia	United States
France	
