

CHAPTER VII.—THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATION

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION. (Article 68)

The Charter as now drafted envisages different classes of Members, including :—

- (1) Those States which are invited to the World Conference and whose Governments accept the Charter by a date to be specified, or, if the Charter shall not have entered into force by a date to be specified, those States whose Governments are applying the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (still to be concluded) together with any other Governments represented at the said World Conference.
- (2) Those States whose membership is approved by the Organization and which accept the Charter, but which do not fall under paragraph (1) above.
- (3) Certain separate Customs Territories which do not have full responsibility for the formal conduct of their diplomatic relations but which are autonomous in the conduct of their external commercial relations and which are admitted to the Organization on such terms as are to be determined. These Customs Territories may include either of the following classes :—
 - (a) Those invited to the World Conference ;
 - (b) Those not so invited.

Acceptance of the Charter on their behalf will be made by the Member which has the responsibility for the conduct of the formal diplomatic relations of the respective Customs Territories.

Conditions upon which membership rights are to be extended to Trust Territories administered by the United Nations and to the Free Territory of Trieste are to be determined by the Conference of the I.T.O. In this respect, although there is no specific provision to that effect, it is assumed that in the agreement to be entered into with the United Nations in terms of paragraph 1 of Article 84 of the Geneva Draft the necessary consultation regarding the Trust Territories will be provided for.

While provisions of Article 68 as it is at present drafted relate only to admission to the Organization, questions are yet to be resolved respecting suspension and expulsion.

Once a State or a Customs Territory becomes a Member, the Charter as at present drafted provides for membership to be terminated by the following means :—

- (1) Under paragraph 3 of Article 97 the Charter itself may be terminated at any time by agreement of three-fourths of the Members.