

FUNCTIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION. (Article 69)

Functions devolve upon the Organization from the operation of the provisions of many Articles in the Charter. Article 69 does not restate those functions, which are specified elsewhere. It completes the specification by making provisions for obtaining and dealing with information on matters with which the Organization will be concerned, for encouraging and facilitating consultation among Members, for undertaking studies on matters affecting the achievement of the objectives of the Organization, for assisting Members in carrying out the provisions of the Charter, and, finally, provision is made for co-operation 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.

CHARACTER OF THE ORGANIZATION AND ITS STRUCTURE. (Articles 70-88)

It is provided in Article 86 that the Organization shall have legal personality and shall be vested with such legal capacity (which in terms of Article 87 shall apply also within the territory of each of its Members) as may be necessary for the exercise of its functions.

It is proposed under Article 84 that the Organization shall become one of the specialized agencies of the United Nations and that there shall be effective co-operation not only between the Organization and the United Nations, but also between the Organization and inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations respectively having related responsibilities and interests. Moreover, if it should appear to the competent authorities of the organizations concerned that there would be merit in bringing within the International Trade Organization all or a part only of the functions of another organization whose purposes and functions lie within the scope of the Charter, power is given to make such arrangements as are appropriate.

Within its own structure the Organization is to have a Conference, an Executive Board, a Tariff Committee, such Commissions as the Conference may establish, together with a Director-General and staff. Power is also given for the establishment of such other organs as may be required.

Subject to the exception that the Tariff Committee is to have final authority on certain tariff questions, the Conference, on which all Members of the Organization are to be represented, is to hold the highest authority in the conduct of the affairs of the Organization. Its powers are set out in Article 74.

The Tariff Committee, which is to comprise those contracting parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade which are also Members