

of the Organization, is to initiate the negotiations and make the determinations and recommendations provided for in Article 17 concerning tariff questions.

While the Preparatory Committee has resolved to include an Executive Board as one of the main organs in the administrative structure, unanimity of view was not reached in the Committee on such essential points as its size, the method of appointment, and the basis of representation. The Executive Board is to be responsible for the execution of the policies of the Organization and shall exercise the powers and perform the duties assigned to it by the Conference.

In view of the wide range and the complexity of the tasks which it is anticipated will fall on the Organization in the carrying-out of its functions under the various headings of the Charter, the Preparatory Committee is of the opinion that permanent bodies composed of specialists would, in certain fields, more efficiently sift the issues in problems to the point where decision on them is called for, than either the full Board or sub-committees of its Members or individual persons on the staff. The Charter accordingly empowers the Conference to establish such Commissions as may be required. The Commissions are to have the functions determined for each by the Conference, but they will be under the supervision of the Executive Board, and the Board will take such action on their recommendations as it deems appropriate. The number of Members of any Commission shall not exceed seven, but the Organization is obliged to arrange for representatives of inter-governmental organizations which it considers to have special competence in the field of activity of any of the Commissions to participate in their work. For example, it may be assumed that the Food and Agriculture Organization will have special competence in the field of activity of a Commission dealing with Inter-governmental Commodity Agreements under Chapter 6 of the Draft Charter. It is anticipated that, except in cases where special arrangements are otherwise made, the participation of other Organizations in the work of Commissions of the International Trade Organization will not extend to membership of the Commission.

The Chief Administrative Officer of the Organization is to be the Director-General, who shall be subject to the general supervision of the Executive Board, although his powers and duties, and the conditions and the term of his appointment, are all to conform to regulations approved by the Conference. The task is specifically imposed upon him of presenting to the Conference an annual report on the work of the Organization, as well as the annual budget estimates and the financial statements. However, it is important to note that he will be subject to the general supervision of the Executive Board. The Conference is obliged to approve the budget and to apportion the expenditure among the Members which under Article 88 all undertake to contribute their shares promptly.