

CHAPTER VII.—THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATION

SECTION A.—STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS

Article 68

Membership

1. The original Members of the Organization shall be those States invited to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment whose Governments accept this Charter by 194.. in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 98, or, if this Charter shall not have entered into force by 194.., those States whose Governments agree to bring this Charter into force in accordance with the proviso in paragraph 2 of Article 98.

2. Any other State whose membership has been approved by the Conference shall become a Member of the Organization upon its acceptance in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 98 of this Charter, as amended up to the date of such acceptance.

3. The following separate customs territories, though not responsible for the formal conduct of their diplomatic relations, shall be admitted to the Organization on such terms as may be determined :

- (i) Any separate customs territory invited to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment upon acceptance of the Charter on its behalf by the competent Member in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 99 :
- (ii) Any separate customs territory not invited to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment, proposed by the competent Member having responsibility for the formal conduct of its diplomatic relations and which is autonomous in the conduct

Article 68.

The Preparatory Committee considered a suggestion to add to Article 68 provisions regarding the effect of suspension of, or expulsion from, membership in the United Nations upon membership in the Organization. It was agreed that, in view of the complexity of the issues involved and the late stage at which the suggestion was made, this question should be deferred until the World Trade Conference by which time governments would have been able to study it fully.

Paragraph 3.

The Delegation of France found itself able to accept this paragraph only on the condition that it could not be applied to Germany, a part of Germany or an Occupation Zone in Germany.

Obviously the rights and obligations of any separate customs territory of the type referred to in paragraph 3 which did not become a full Member as a result of decisions taken at the World Trade Conference and which applies under paragraph 3 of this Article for admission to the Organization, will have to be determined by the Conference of the Organization when the application is made, and the final draft of the Charter must so provide.

Paragraph 4.

See second footnote to paragraph 3 of Article 68.