

PART III.—ENCLOSURES

ENCLOSURE 1.—EXTRACTS FROM THE INTERIM REPORT OF THE SECOND SESSION TO THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (9 July 1947)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

1. Annotated Draft Agenda and Convention for the Conference on Trade and Employment

The Preparatory Committee adopted the topics suggested by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution as the substance of its agenda for the preparation of the draft Charter for an International Trade Organization. As at present drafted the Charter includes chapters under the following headings :

Employment and Economic Activity,

Economic Development,

General Commercial Policy,

Restrictive Business Practices,

Inter-governmental Commodity Arrangements,

together with provisions relating to organization, membership and other miscellaneous matters.

The Preparatory Committee recommends that these headings should be adopted by the Conference on Trade and Employment as the substance of its agenda and that the relevant chapters of the draft Charter should be taken as the principal working-paper under each heading. As additional annotations to the agenda there will also be available the Reports of the First and Second Sessions of the Preparatory Committee and of the Drafting Committee. The three Reports will indicate to the World Conference the development of the discussions leading to the text of the draft Charter submitted by the Preparatory Committee.

2. Date and Place of the Conference on Trade and Employment

In arriving at a recommendation as to the date on which the Conference should be convened the Preparatory Committee has been much impressed with the desirability of holding the Conference as soon as possible after the termination of the work of the Preparatory Committee. It was felt by the Committee that the impetus achieved in the preparation for an International Trade Organization should be maintained and that any substantial delay would have the effect of postponing for a considerable period the coming into force of the Charter and the establishment of the Organization. On the other hand, the Preparatory Committee has given consideration to the need for providing a reasonable