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NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Opening of the session

The session will be opened by the Secretary-General.

Item 2. Election of officers

At the first meeting the Commission will elect its officers, under the appropriate rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/520/Rev.8), which apply to the Commission pursuant to rule 162.

Item 3. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda has been prepared by the Secretary-General, on the basis of the provisions of General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI) and of the relevant United Nations procedures and practices.

Item 4. Adoption of rules of procedure

As already indicated, the Commission, being a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly, is governed by rule 162 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, which provides that the rules relating to the procedure of committees of the Assembly shall apply to the procedure of any subsidiary organ, unless the Assembly or the subsidiary organ decides otherwise. In the absence of a decision of the General Assembly regarding the rules of procedure of the Commission, the Commission may wish to apply the rules of procedure of committees of the General Assembly, subject to such modifications as may be required.

In addition, in view of the specialized functions of the Commission and the desirability of regulating some matters not covered by the rules of procedure of the General Assembly such as the relationships with inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, the Commission may also wish to adopt certain special rules of procedure.

The Secretary-General is submitting certain suggested draft rules of procedure (A/CN.9/3) which may be used as a basis for discussion.

Item 5. Programme of work of the Commission under section II, paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI) including:

- (a) Selection of topics and priorities;
- (b) Organization of work and methods

The Commission may wish in the first instance to consider the scope of its responsibilities in furthering the progressive harmonization and unification of international trade law, and - having in mind the specific functions attributed to the Commission in sub-paragraphs (a) to (h) of section II, paragraph 8 of the resolution - the ways and means by which the task of the Commission might be fulfilled.

Under sub-heading (a) the Commission will consider the topics to be included in its work programme, decide on which of those topics should be given priority and, if it is thought desirable, on the order of priority among the selected topics.

Sub-heading (b) may be considered by the Commission under two aspects: first, the internal organization of the work of the Commission (e.g. appointment of sub-committees, working groups, special rapporteurs, etc.); second, the ways and means by which the work programme adopted by the Commission is to be carried out (e.g. dealing with a topic directly, requesting the services of international or national organizations, scientific institutions or individual experts, giving assignments to the Secretariat, etc.).

In connexion with this item the Commission will have before it the following documents:

Comments by Member States, organs and organizations on the work programme of the Commission (A/CN.9/4). This document reproduces the text of the comments on the work programme of the Commission, submitted by Member States and the organs and organizations concerned in response to the invitation of the Secretary-General, made in pursuance of section III, paragraph 1 of the resolution.

Analysis of the comments submitted by Member States, organs and organizations on the work programme of the Commission (A/CN.9/4/Add.1). This document contains an analysis by the Secretariat of the comments under the following

headings: general observations; methods to be used by the Commission in promoting harmonization and unification; topics for inclusion in the work programme of the Commission; suggested priorities; collection and dissemination of information.

Survey of activities of organizations concerned with the harmonization and unification of the law of international trade (A/CN.9/5). The purpose of this document is to bring up to date the survey contained in chapter II of the report of the Secretary-General to the twenty-first session of the General Assembly (A/6396).

Organization of work and methods (A/CN.9/6). This document indicates different ways in which the Commission may wish to organize its work and carry out its programme, taking into account the comments made on this matter by Member States and the organs and organizations concerned.

Item 6. Working relationships and collaboration with other bodies

The participation of inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations at meetings of the Commission may be regulated by special rules of procedure adopted by the Commission. In addition, the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/CN.9/7) dealing with the implementation of the provisions of section II, paragraph 8 (f) and (g)<sup>1/</sup> and paragraph 12<sup>2/</sup> of General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI) concerning collaboration with UNCTAD, liaison with other United Nations organs and specialized agencies and working relationships with organizations concerned with international trade.

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<sup>1/</sup> "The Commission shall further the progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade by: ...

"(f) Establishing and maintaining a close collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

"(g) Maintaining liaison with other United Nations organs and specialized agencies concerned with international trade;".

<sup>2/</sup> "The Commission may establish appropriate working relationships with inter-governmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations concerned with the progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade."

Item 7. Date of second session

In accordance with section II, paragraph 6, of General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI) the Commission will hold its second session in 1969 at the United Nations Office in Geneva. The Secretary-General will, at the appropriate time, inform the Commission of the tentative conference schedule in Geneva for 1969.

Item 8. Adoption of the report of the Commission

In accordance with section II, paragraph 10, of the resolution "The Commission shall submit an annual report, including its recommendations, to the General Assembly, and the report shall be submitted simultaneously to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for comments".

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