PROVISIONAL RULES OF PROCEDURE

Note by the Secretariat

Chapter II of the Provisional Rules of Procedure to be replaced by the following:

CHAPTER II - OFFICERS

Election

Rule 6

The Conference shall elect a President, [X] Vice-Presidents, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole provided for in rule 44 and the Chairman of the Drafting Committee established under rule 45. The Conference may also elect such other officers as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

President

Rule 7

In addition to exercising the powers conferred upon him elsewhere by these rules, the President shall preside at the plenary meetings of the Conference, declare the opening and closing of each plenary meeting, direct the discussions at such meetings, accord the right to speak, put questions to the vote and announce decisions. He shall rule on points of order and, subject to these rules of procedure, have complete control of the proceedings and over the maintenance of order thereat. The President may propose to the Conference the limitation of time to be allowed to
speakers, the limitation of the number of times each representative may speak on any question, the closure of the list of speakers, the adjournment or closure of the debate, and the suspension or the adjournment of the meeting.

Rule 8

The President, in the exercise of his functions, remains under the authority of the Conference.

Acting President

Rule 9

If the President is absent for a meeting or any part thereof, he shall appoint one of the Vice-Presidents to take his place.

Rule 10

A Vice-President acting as President shall have the same powers and duties as the President.

Replacement of the President

Rule 11

If at any time the President is unable to perform his functions for the remaining period of the Conference, a new President shall be elected.

The President shall not vote

Rule 12

The President, or Vice-President acting as President, shall not vote but may, where necessary, appoint another member of his delegation to vote in his place.