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Herewith background note for the Secretary-General on the Annual Conference for the Non-Governmental Organizations. I would appreciate it if you would take it up with the Secretary-General, and if he wishes any other information, would you please contact David Exley.

SG F.Y.I  
re Wednesday Review

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FROM:

DE: George J. Janacek

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TO: Mr. Janeczek

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As you requested, I have prepared a background note for the Secretary-General on the Annual NGO Conference. A copy of the provisional agenda is attached.

Date: 5.17.68

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FROM:

DE: D.Exley

Background note

UNITED NATIONS OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR THE  
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

22 and 23 May 1968  
Conference Room 3  
United Nations Headquarters

Theme of the Conference: "Trade, Aid and People in an Inter-Dependent World"

The two-day Annual Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations is arranged by the Office of Public Information in co-operation with the non-governmental organizations listed with OPI.

The Conference brings together representatives of business, industry and trade union organizations, religious and women's groups, professional organizations, youth groups, veterans and service associations, etc. Most of these organizations have either part-time or full-time representatives at Headquarters.

The theme for this year's Conference - "Trade, Aid and People in an Inter-Dependent World" - will be the subject of addresses by the President of the Economic and Social Council, Ambassador Manuel Perez Guerrero (Venezuela), and by Mr. Philippe de Seynes, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. There will also be a panel discussion on trade, aid and development by speakers from UNDP, UNCTAD and the ECOSOC Secretariat. The word "people" was included in the theme to show that trade and aid affect, and should be of concern to, everybody. "Inter-dependent world" was used to indicate that this problem is of vital importance for the developed as well as the developing countries.

It is hoped that the Conference will not only examine the problem and the issues involved, but will produce concrete proposals for follow-up action by non-governmental organizations in the information field in support of trade, aid and development. Accordingly, on the morning of the second day, the Conference will meet in three separate working groups for a practical examination of the NGO information role in relation to public education, the mass media and mobilising opinion and action on this issue.

On another subject, the Conference will hear a report on the International Conference on Human Rights from the Executive Secretary of that Conference, Mr. Marc Schreiber.

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The Secretary-General might care to comment on the continued devotion of the non-governmental organizations present to the tasks and ideals of the United Nations and their very close interest in and contribution to its various activities. His comments would be especially helpful, since some of the NGO's have become rather discouraged, and even alarmed lately, by certain statements made in connection with the ECOSOC review of consultative arrangements for NGO's.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR THE  
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

United Nations Headquarters  
22 and 23 May 1968

REVISED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Theme of the Conference: "Trade, Aid and People in an Inter-Dependent World"

Wednesday, 22 May

- 9.30 a.m. Registration (Conference Room 3)
- 10.15 a.m. Opening by the Director, External Relations Division, OPI  
Statement by Chairman of NGO Executive Committee
- 10.30 a.m. Welcome and address by Mr. Agha Abdul Hamid, Assistant  
Secretary-General for Public Information
- 11.00 a.m. Address by the Secretary-General of the United Nations
- 11.45 a.m. Report on the International Conference on Human Rights  
Speaker: Mr. Marc Schreiber,  
Director, UN Division of Human Rights  
and Executive Secretary of the Conference.
- 12.30 p.m. Lunch period
- 2.30 p.m. Presentation of Conference Theme  
Opening address: Ambassador Manuel Perez Guerrero (Venezuela),  
President, United Nations Economic and  
Social Council.
- 3.00 p.m. Speakers: Mr. Rajendra Coomaraswamy, Assistant  
Administrator-Director, Bureau of External  
Relations, Evaluation and Reports  
UN Development Programme;  
Mr. Tibor Mende,  
Special Advisor on Public Relations  
UN Conference on Trade and Development;  
Mr. Al Noor Kassam,  
Secretary, UN Economic and Social Council.

Thursday, 23 May

9.30 a.m. Business meeting

10.00 a.m. The Conference will meet in three separate working groups for a practical examination of the NGO information role in support of trade, aid and development.

Working Group I: Public Education by NGO's

(e.g. Will usual NGO education channels and techniques be adequate to make clear the relationship between trade, aid and development?)

Panel: Mr. Tibor Mende,  
Special Advisor on Public Relations,  
UN Conference on Trade and Development;  
Miss Elizabeth Reid,  
Executive Director  
Action for Food Production (New Delhi)

Rapporteur: Mr. Brian Barton,  
World Federation of Trade Unions.

Working Group II: Opinion and Action

(e.g. How can NGO's make their members feel personally involved in this combination of issues?)

Panel: Mr. Marcial Tamayo,  
Director, UN Information Centre,  
Washington, D.C.  
Mr. David J. Steinberg,  
Secretary and Chief Economist,  
Committee for a National Trade Policy, Inc.

Rapporteur: Mrs. Catherine Ball,  
American Association of University Women.

Working Group III: Techniques of Influencing the Mass Media

(e.g. How can NGO's make best use of opportunities afforded them by press, radio and TV outlets in smaller communities?)

Panel: Mr. John von Arnold,  
Special Services Officer,  
UN Development Programme  
Mr. Charles Allen,  
United Nations Association - U.S.A.

Rapporteur: Mr. G.N.T. Widdrington,  
National Council of Churches.

12 noon: Lunch period.



Thursday, 23 May

- 2.15 p.m. Conference will reconvene in plenary session.
- 2.30 p.m. Address by Mr. Philippe de Seynes,  
UN Under-Secretary-General  
for Economic and Social Affairs.
- 3.00 p.m. Conference will hear reports by Rapporteurs on conclusions  
of Working Groups I, II and III.  
Summing up by Chairman of NGO Executive Committee.
- 4.30 p.m. Statement at close of Conference by Director,  
External Relations Division, OPI.
- 4.45 p.m. Close of Conference.

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