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TO: His Excellency Hasan Saka

FROM: William Brown *Adams Brown Jr*

SUBJECT: Agenda for Sixth Meeting of Committee II/1

I am attaching an Agenda for the next meeting of our Committee on Wednesday, May 16th, at 10:30 A. M.

In order that we may not be obliged to keep Mr. Jacklin waiting in the ante room for a long period, as was the case yesterday, I have put down the preliminary discussion of the budgetary question as the first item.

Since Mr. Jacklin has postponed his departure to attend this meeting, I would suggest that we might hear from the representatives of the other organizations and then ask the Committee whether they prefer to continue the discussion of paragraph 5 to a conclusion or to take up the remainder of paragraph 4 (election of Deputy Secretaries General) and then return later to the final discussion of the budgetary question. The Chairman might suggest this procedure to the Committee.

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## COMMISSION II      General Assembly

Committee I      Structure and Procedures

### COMMENTS AND AMENDMENTS OF DELEGATIONS RELEVANT TO CHAPTER V, SECTION B, PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE DUMBARTON OAKS PROPOSALS.

#### Text of Dumbarton Oaks Proposals:

CHAPTER V. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. SECTION B. FUNCTIONS AND POWERS. 4. The General Assembly should elect the non-permanent members of the Security Council and the members of the Economic and Social Council provided for in Chapter IX. It should be empowered to elect, upon recommendation of the Security Council, the Secretary-General of the Organization. It should perform such functions in relation to the election of the judges of the international court of justice as may be conferred upon it by the statute of the court.

#### ELECTION OF NONPERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Mexican Delegation has submitted the following proposal in Document 2 (G/7 (c) (opinion of the Department of Foreign Relations of Mexico concerning the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals) page 42:

*Final Prop.  
Chapter VII A* "The semi-permanent delegates shall represent the states whose responsibility for the maintenance of peace is more considerable in the international community. It shall be the duty of the Assembly to decide every eight years which shall be these states."

The Canadian and Indian Delegations have submitted amendments which in substance are within the province of another Committee, but which, if adopted, may require changes in the sections of the charter dealing with the procedures of the Assembly relative to elections.

The Canadian Delegation has submitted the following amendments to Chapter VI, Section A:

*Final Prop.  
Chapter VII A* "The General Assembly shall adopt rules governing the choice of the non-permanent members, in order to ensure that due weight be given to the contribution of members to the maintenance of international peace and security and the performance of their obligations to the United Nations." (Doc. 2 G/14 (t), page 1.)



The Indian Delegation has submitted the following amendments to Chapter VI, Section A:

VI A  
"The General Assembly should appoint six States to fill the non-permanent seats. In making these appointments the general assembly should pay due regard to the relative population, industrial and economic capacity, and contribution in armed forces, facilities and assistance which each State undertakes to make available in accordance with paragraph 5 of Section B of Chapter VIII, account also being taken of the contribution in these respects which it has made during World War II. These six States should be appointed for a term of two years, three retiring each year. They should not be immediately eligible for reappointment. At the first appointment of the non-permanent members three should be appointed by the General Assembly for one year terms and three for two year terms." (Doc. 2 G/14 (h) pp. 3 and 4.)

"The General Assembly should also appoint, by the same method and on the same basis as are applicable to the appointment of non-permanent members, a representative of each of six other States to participate without vote in the deliberations of the Security Council." (Doc. 2 G/14 (h) p. 4.)

#### ELECTION OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Canadian Delegation has proposed a revised draft of Chapter IX (Arrangements for International, Social and Economic Cooperation--Doc. 2 G/14 (t), pp. 4 and 5. Paragraph c of this draft refers in part to procedural matters. A text of paragraph c of the draft is as follows:

Chapter IX  
"The General Assembly shall elect eighteen members of The United Nations whose representatives shall constitute the Economic and Social Council. In the election of members, the General Assembly shall have due regard to the necessity of arranging for the adequate representation of states of major economic importance. The members to be represented shall be elected by the General Assembly for a term of three years but at the first election six members shall be elected for a term of one year, six members for a term of two years, and six members for a term of three years. Each such member shall have one representative who shall have one vote. Decisions of the Economic and Social Council shall be taken by simple majority, provided at least twelve members vote. The Economic and Social Council shall adopt its own rules of procedure and the method of selecting its President."



## ELECTION OF SECRETARY GENERAL

The Australian Delegation has proposed that the second sentence in Chapter V, Section B, paragraph 4, be amended to read as follows:

"It may elect the Secretary General of the United Nations, the election being subject to confirmation by a majority of seven members of the Security Council and by a majority of ten members of the Economic and Social Council." (Doc. 2 G/14 (1) p. 4.)

The Australian Delegation has noted that if an amendment to the voting procedure in the Security Council, which it has submitted is accepted, a reference to "a majority of seven members of the Security Council" will not be required in this amendment. (Doc. 2 G/14 (1) pp. 4, 8.)

The Honduran Delegation has submitted the following comment on the election of the Secretary General:

"Although no spirit of criticism is intended, it could well be indicated that the General Assembly be empowered plainly and simply to elect the Secretary General of the organization. This detail should be based on the special attributes of the exclusive personality which the General Assembly should have." (Doc. 2 G/7 (m), page 2.)

The Mexican Delegation has proposed in Document 2 G/7 (c), page 42, that "The Secretary General shall be elected by the Assembly upon nomination by a majority of *seven* members of the Council".

The Uruguayan Delegation has proposed that Chapter V, Section B, paragraph 4, shall be worded as follows:

"The General Assembly shall elect the non-permanent members of the Security Council and the members of the Economic and Social Council provided for in Chapter IX. The General Assembly shall be empowered to elect the Secretary General of the Organization from a list of three candidates submitted by the Security Council, and it shall perform such functions in relation to the election of the judges of the International Court of Justice as may be conferred upon it by the Statute of the Court." (Doc. 2 G/7 (a) (1), page 6.)

The United States, United Kingdom, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and China have jointly proposed the following amendment to Chapter X, Section 1:

"There should be a Secretariat comprising a Secretary-General, four deputies and such staff as may be required. The Secretary General and his deputies should be elected by the General Assembly on recommendation of the Security Council for a period of three years, and the Secretary-General should be eligible for re-election. The Secretary-General should be the chief administrative officer of the Organization." (Doc. 2 G/29, page 6.)

ELECTION OF STATES BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FOR TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

The United States Delegation has made the following proposal providing for the naming of the members of the Trusteeship Council by the Assembly:

"In order to assist the General Assembly to carry out those functions under the trusteeship system not reserved to the Security Council, there should be established a Trusteeship Council which would operate under its authority. The Trusteeship Council should consist of specially qualified representatives, designated (a) one each by the states administering trust territories; and (b) one each by an equal number of other states named for three-year periods by the General Assembly." (Doc. 2 G/14 (v) p. 3.)



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Le 14 mai 1945.

Monsieur le Secrétaire,

J'ai été prié par plusieurs personnes de porter à la connaissance du Président et à la vôtre l'intérêt qu'il y aurait à obtenir que des représentants de la Société des Nations soient entendus par le Comité II/1, au moment où seront discutées des questions relatives à l'Organisation; ils pourraient tout particulièrement exposer le système budgétaire de la Société. Il y aurait également avantage à ce que des représentants du B.I.T., de l'Administration de l'Alimentation et l'Agriculture, et de l'U.N.R.R.A., dont les budgets peuvent être examinés par l'Organisation, soient invités à assister à chaque séance et à nous donner leurs avis.

Je vous serais obligé de bien vouloir attirer l'attention du Président sur cette question.

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