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ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

Note by the Secretariat

Committee structure

1. On the basis of the Agenda for the Conference, contained in SOLAS/CONF/1, and the fact that two teams of interpreters will be provided during the Conference, the following Committee structure is suggested:

- Committee I
- Committee II
- Drafting Committee
- Credentials Committee
- Steering Committee.

The proposed terms of reference of these Committees are as follows:

- (a) Committee I - To consider the Articles of the Convention and relevant Resolutions.
- (b) Committee II - To consider Regulations annexed to the Convention and relevant Resolutions.

These two Committees will be open to all delegations and observers.

- (c) Drafting Committee - This will be a Committee of limited membership appointed by the Plenary. It will examine the draft texts of Articles and Regulations, Resolutions and other Instruments referred to it by the Committees, and submit the texts to the Plenary. It will also prepare the draft Final Act of the Conference.

- (d) Credentials Committee - This will be a small Committee appointed by the Plenary to examine the credentials of delegations.
- (e) Steering Committee - This Committee will be composed of the President, Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of Committees I and II and of the Drafting Committee. It may meet at the invitation of the President, whenever necessary. It will be responsible for reviewing the progress of work, co-ordinating the work of the various Committees, deciding on the day-to-day work and taking whatever measures may be necessary for the successful conclusion of the Conference.

#### Tinetable for the Conference

2. The attached diagram sets out a tentative tinetable concerning the Plenary and the three main Committees. Although the Conference would, no doubt, wish to adhere as far as possible to the agreed tinetable, readjustments may become necessary during the course of the Conference.
3. On Monday, 21 October 1974 at 10.00 a.m. prior to the opening of the Conference, there will be a short meeting of the Heads of delegations to discuss the Conference arrangements, particularly the election of officers.

TENTATIVE TIMETABLE FOR THE CONFERENCE

	Period of Conference (21 October - 1 November 1974)									
	First week					Second week				
Plenary	■						■	■	■	■
Committee I		■	■	■	■					
Committee II		■	■	■	■					
Drafting Committee					■	■	■	■		

Note: If there is a need to convene one or more short Plenary meetings during the first week the corresponding time will be taken from Committee I or Committee II.

