

account that those draft rules had been drafted for the specific use of the Conference in view of its particular nature and the subject-matter to be considered by it.

5. The draft rules of procedure for the Conference are set out in document A/CONF.129/7.

### III. Officers

6. According to rule 6 of the draft rules of procedure, the Conference shall elect from among the representatives of participating States the following officers: a President and 22 Vice-Presidents, as well as the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole and the Chairman of the Drafting Committee. These officers shall be elected on the basis of ensuring the representative character of the General Committee. The Conference may also elect such other officers as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

### IV. Committees of the Conference

7. The draft rules of procedure provide for the establishment of a Credentials Committee; a General Committee; a Committee of the Whole; and a Drafting Committee.

8. Credentials Committee. The draft rules of procedure provide in rule 4 for the establishment at the beginning of the Conference of a Credentials Committee consisting of nine members from among the representatives of participating States to be appointed by the Conference on the proposal of the President. The rule also provides that the Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives of States and report to the Conference without delay, and verify the corresponding documents submitted by representatives of the United Nations and of the organizations that have received an invitation from the General Assembly in subparagraph 2 (e) of its resolution 39/86 and report to the Conference on those documents.

9. General Committee. The draft rules of procedure provide in rule 11 for the establishment of a General Committee consisting of 25 members, comprising the President and Vice-Presidents of the Conference, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole and the Chairman of the Drafting Committee. As is noted in paragraph 6 above, these officers shall be elected on the basis of ensuring the representative character of the General Committee. The draft rules of procedure provide in rule 13 that the General Committee shall assist the President in the general conduct of the business of the Conference and, subject to the decisions of the Conference, shall ensure the co-ordination of its work. The rule also provides that the General Committee shall exercise the powers conferred on it by rule 63 dealing with promotion of general agreement.

10. Committee of the Whole. The draft rules of procedure provide in rule 47 for the establishment of a Committee of the Whole. The rule provides that the Committee of the Whole may set up sub-committees or working groups, and shall have as its officers a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and a Rapporteur. The draft rules of