- 6. In determining the composition of its representation in each commission, each of the two groups at the Conference should choose from among its members those who, because of their special interest and the overall significance of their participation, seem best suited to take part in order that the work may be carried out in an effective and responsible manner.
- 7. The chairmanship of each of the commissions should be assumed by two co-chairmen designated by each of the two groups respectively. Joint meetings of the co-chairmen of the commissions may be planned if the need arises.
- 8. The Preparatory Meeting recommends that the intergovernmental functional organizations which are directly concerned with the problems considered, and which the Ministerial Conference deems to be able to make a useful contribution to their discussion, be represented on a permanent basis in the corresponding commissions by observers with the right to speak but without the right to vote, and hence not participating in the formation of a consensus. In addition to the United Nations Secretariat, the list of these organizations should include, in particular, OPEC, IEA, UNCTAD, OECD, FAO, GATT, UNIDO, UNDP, IMF and IBRD. Furthermore, each commission may invite appropriate intergovernmental functional organizations to participate as observers ad hoc in the examination of specific questions.
- 9. Members of the Conference wishing to follow the work of a commission to which they do not belong should be entitled to appoint a representative in the capacity of auditor without the right to speak.
- 10. The activities of the four commissions whose establishment is recommended by the Preparatory Meeting will proceed on the basis of the relevant paragraphs of the Aide-Memoire annexed to the French Government's invitation to this Meeting, in the light of the following clarifications and interpretations:
- a) It is understood that the Commission on Energy will facilitate all arrangements which may seem advisable in the field of energy.
- b) It is understood that the Commission on Raw Materials will take into account the progress made in other international forums and will be entrusted with facilitating the establishment or reinforcement, as the case may be, of arrangements which may seem advisable in the field of raw materials including foodstuffs—which are of particular interest to developing countries.
- c) It is understood that the Commission on Development will take into account the progress in other international forums and the results achieved, and will be entrusted with facilitating the establishment or reinforcement, as the case may be, of arrangements for accelerating the development of developing countries, on the basis of close co-operation.
- d) It is understood that the Commission on Financial Affairs may discuss issues, including their monetary aspects, of importance to member countries, while respecting the jurisdiction of international institutions (IMF, IBRD).
- e) It is understood that the four Commissions should function in parallel and that the results of their work are linked and should be submitted to the Ministerial Conference.