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Senhor Ministro,

Tenho a honra de passar às mãos de Vossa Excelência dois exemplares em inglês e dois exemplares em francês do Relatório do Comité Executivo, que, na qualidade de seu Presidente, me coube apresentar na sessão de 26 de novembro à Comissão Preparatória. Incluo igualmente o texto das palavras que então me coube proferir.

Aproveito a oportunidade para renovar a Vossa Excelência os protestos da minha respeitosa consideração.

Edmundo de Freitas Barreto

A Sua Excelência o Senhor P. Leão Velloso,
Ministro de Estado das Relações Exteriores.

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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to present through you to the United Nations Preparatory Commission the report of the work performed by its Executive Committee. The report has already been distributed and you all are aware of the efforts displayed by your Committee in order to act with despatch and meet the difficulties of the enormous task incumbent on it. What was supposed at the beginning of our work to demand three to four months of activity was achieved in seven weeks. And the London Times, always sober, having in mind the exceptional quality of the work done by the Executive Committee, did not hesitate to call it "an exemplary achievement".

Of course, though the fourteen delegations have always been helpful, the chief merit for the results rests with the Secretariat and its very able and active head, my friend Gladwyn Jebb. But the fourteen members of the Executive Committee may claim a large share in the deserts of the performance working as they did until dawn and acting as trustees for the interests of the fifty-one Members of the United Nations and not only as representatives of their individual countries.

All your decisions are, of course, completely free. And each state represented here will be in a position to express its dissent from any of the proposals which have been made, to amend them or to add to them. However, as you have been told, the Executive Committee agreed unanimously in about ninety per cent of the recommendations. Your Committee hopes that that part of its work will be quickly disposed of.

I do not want to elaborate on our dissensions

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because the ten por cent non unanimous decisions are supposed to call for larger discussions, as minority and majority feel disposed, almost in every case, to present their points of view at the Preparatory Commission and eventually at the General Assembly.

As I have just mentioned, ninsty per cent of the decisions of the Executive Committee have been taken unanimously. I suppose that every one in this room, but those of us of the Executive Committee, will be surprised to hear that our session developed in such an harmonious way. This harmony and the quiet atmosphere of the deliberations have not apparently been faithfully reflected in the press reports all over the world. The truth is that Press correspondents are naturally led to emphasize what is news at the expense of less colourful events. Of course, it is not news to say that fourteen gentlemen sat round the table and kept working and working at the future constitution of the United Nations. But surely it would be news to tell of a clash between two of us. The result has been, I am told, that the information received in various parts of the world tended to convey the impression that there was constant bickering going on inside the Executive Committee. I can quiet your concern: we were a very happy family.

But I am sure, Sir, that under your active leadership, the Preparatory Commission will be able, as it was the case with the Executive Committee, to dispatch all its work in less than the expected time.

The Preparatory Commission is the last stage of the work begun in Dumbarton Oaks, consolidated in San Francisco and perfected here. I do not claim that anybody will never have the right to criticize the Charter. Many of us only with reluctance accepted some of its dispositions. But now let us honour, to its full extent, the pledge given in our written word. Let us contribute to the utmost to the success of the

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United Nations and the happy establishment of every one of its organs. As it has often been said, this is our last chance.