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Mr. Chairman,

The United States Delegation wishes to thank the Secretariat for its explanation of the background of the Draft Convention. It will be very useful to us in our deliberations.

The United States Government has fully supported and continues to support the preparatory work for a diplomatic conference for the purpose of providing an administrative convention in which the principal objectives of the Paris and Bern Conventions can be more effectively carried out.

This work was commenced on the basis of a resolution adopted in October 1962 by the joint meeting of the Permanent Bureau of the Paris Union and the Permanent Committee of the Bern Union. This resolution provided for the establishment of a Working Party which met in May 1964. As a result of this meeting, we have the draft convention which is to be considered by the present Meeting of Experts.

The draft text of the Convention which is being considered is generally satisfactory to the United States. As we all know, the two basic purposes of the Draft Convention are (1) to provide for the establishment of a world intellectual property organization, and (2) to provide the Paris and Bern Unions each with a General Assembly of its own to deal with matters of concern to the respective Unions. If there are objections to specific provisions of the Draft Convention by Delegations here present, then, of course, this meeting affords an ideal opportunity to present these objections and have the pros and cons of these objections fully considered.



My Government considers that this important preparatory work for the Stockholm Conference should proceed along the general lines of the Draft Convention.

In response to the contention that the Working Group exceeded its mandate in considering the creation of a new world organization, it is necessary to take into account the documentation and the intent behind that mandate, both of which clearly support the position that an international organization was envisaged.

The matter of authority was fully considered at the 1964 Meeting of Experts and it was the decision of the majority that the meeting would not be exceeding its authority in considering the establishment of a world organization. We believe it is appropriate for this Committee, to which all states member of the Paris and Bern Union have been invited, to examine and consider all aspects of the establishment of a new organization.

My Delegation is prepared to consider any suggestions which the French or any other delegation may wish to make for modifications of the present draft.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.