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The provisional Charter Conference, considering that the European Communities will continue to host the provisional Charter Secretariat on the basis of the existing financial arrangements until a decision on the location of the Secretariat is taken by the provisional Conference, mandates the provisional Secretary-General to open exploratory negotiations on the terms of a headquarters agreement in accordance with Article 34(3)(f) of the Treaty and to report back to its next meeting.

The Chairman noted that the Secretary-General should be regarded as having the widest possible mandate to pursue all feasible options for the establishment of the Secretariat.