

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

THIRD SESSION

SUGGESTIONS MADE BY THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Memorandum by the Secretary-General

The Commission on the Status of Women passed a resolution, during its second session in January 1948, recommending the following amendments to the Draft International Declaration on Human Rights (document E/615, page 14, paragraph 28): *

Article 1: All people are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed by nature with reason and conscience, and should act towards one another in the spirit of brotherhood.

Article 13: Men and women shall have equal rights to contract or dissolve marriage in accordance with the law.

At its meeting on 3 March 1948, the Economic and Social Council passed the following resolution: (document E/737)

"THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

TRANSMITS to the Commission on Human Rights and its Drafting Committee on an International Bill of Human Rights the following suggestions of the Commission on the Status of Women for amendments to the Draft International Declaration of Human Rights:

Article 1: "All people are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed by nature with reason and conscience, and should act towards one another in the spirit of brotherhood".

Article 13: "Men and Women shall have equal rights to contract or dissolve marriage in accordance with the law".

* The proposed alterations to the Draft International Declaration on Human Rights are underlined.