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COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
AND
SUB-COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Resolution of the Economic and Social Council of 16 February 1946 (Document E/20 of 15 February 1946), on the establishment of a Commission on Human Rights and a Sub-commission on the Status of Women, supplemented by the action taken by the Council on 18 February 1946, completing paragraphs 6 and 7 of Section A and paragraphs 4 and 5 of Section B concerning the initial composition of these bodies.

Section A

1. The Economic and Social Council, being charged under the Charter with the responsibility of promoting universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion, and requiring advice and assistance to enable it to discharge this responsibility,
ESTABLISHES A COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

2. The work of the Commission shall be directed towards submitting proposals, recommendations and reports to the Council regarding:

- (a) an international bill of rights;
- (b) international declarations or conventions on civil liberties, the status of women, freedom of information and similar matters;
- (c) the protection of minorities;
- (d) the prevention of discrimination on grounds of race, sex, language or religion.

3. The Commission shall make studies and recommendations and provide information and other services at the request of the Economic and Social Council.

4. The Commission may propose to the Council any changes in its terms of reference.

5. The Commission may make recommendations to the Council concerning any Sub-commission which it considers should be established.

6. Initially, the Commission shall consist of a nucleus of nine members appointed in their individual capacity for a term of office expiring on 31 March 1947. They are eligible for re-appointment. In addition to exercising the functions enumerated in paragraphs 2; 3 and 4, the Commission thus constituted shall make recommendations on the definitive composition of the Commission to the Second Session of the Council.

7. The Council hereby appoints the following persons as initial members of the Commission:

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| (a) M. Paal Berg | Norway |
| (b) Professor René Cassin | France |
| (c) M. Fernand Dehousse | Belgium |
| (d) Mr. Victor Raúl Haya de la Torre | Peru |
| (e) Mr. K.C. Neogi | India |
| (f) Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt | U.S.A. |
| (g) Dr. John C.H. Wu | China |

and, in addition, persons whose names will be transmitted to the Secretary-General not later than 31 March 1946 by the members of the Council for the U.S.S.R. and Yugoslavia.

Section B.

1. The Economic and Social Council, considering that the Commission on Human Rights will require special advice

on problems relating to the status of women,

ESTABLISHES A SUB-COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN.

2. The Sub-commission shall submit proposals, recommendations, and reports to the Commission on Human Rights regarding the status of women.

3. The Sub-commission may submit proposals to the Council, through the Commission on Human Rights, regarding its terms of reference.

4. Initially, the Sub-commission shall consist of a nucleus of nine members appointed in their individual capacity for a term of office expiring on 31 March 1947. They are eligible for re-appointment. In addition to exercising the functions enumerated in paragraphs 2 and 3, the Sub-commission thus constituted shall make recommendations on the definitive composition of the Sub-commission to the Second Session of the Council through the Commission on Human Rights.

5. The Council hereby appoints the following persons as initial members of this Sub-commission:

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| (a) Mrs. Bodil Begtrup | Denmark |
| (b) Miss Minerva Bernadino | Dominican Republic |
| (c) Miss Angela Jurdak | Lebanon |
| (d) Rani Amrit Kaur | India |
| (e) Miss Mistral | Chile |
| (f) Mrs. Vienot | France |
| (g) Miss Wu Yi-Fang | China |

and, in addition, the names of one national each from Poland and the U.S.S.R. to be transmitted to the Secretary-General, not later than 31 March 1946, by the member of the Council for the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and three members appointed by the Commission on Human Rights to serve as ex officio members of this Sub-commission.