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COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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of the Report of the nuclear Commission)

The Economic and Social Council, having considered the Report of the  
nuclear Commission on Human Rights of 21 May 1946 (E/38, Rev.1)

DECIDES AS FOLLOWS:

1. Functions

The functions of the Commission of Human Rights shall be those set forth  
in the terms of reference of the Commission approved by the Economic and  
Social Council in its Resolution of 16 February 1946, with the addition to  
paragraph 2 of that Resolution of a new sub-paragraph (e) as follows:

"(e) - any other matter concerning human rights  
not covered by items (a), (b), (c), and (d)."

2. Composition

(a) The Commission shall consist of eighteen members, serving in their  
individual capacity and appointed with due regard to equitable  
geographical distribution and personal qualifications.

(b) All Members of the United Nations shall have the right to  
nominate not more than two individuals each for the Commission, and any  
Member desiring to do so may nominate a national of another Member of  
the United Nations.

(c) The full list of nominees shall be submitted to the Council, and  
from this list alone the Council shall appoint the members of the  
Commission

(d) The members of the Commission shall be appointed for a term of  
three years by the Economic and Social Council. Of the first eighteen

members of the Commission appointed by the Council, the term of office of six members shall expire at the end of one year, of six other members at the end of two years, and of the last six members at the end of three years.

(e) The members of the Commission shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(f) The Secretary-General is requested to invite all Members of the United Nations to submit nominations, in accordance with sub-paragraph (b) above not later than. . . . .

3. Working Groups and Regional Conferences of Experts

(a) The Commission is authorized to call in ad hoc working groups of non-governmental experts in specialized fields or individuals experts, without further reference to the Council, but with the approval of the President of the Council and the Secretary-General.

(b) Regional conferences of experts may be convened, if practicable, by the Commission upon specific approval of the Council.

4. Documentation

The Secretary-General is requested to make arrangements for:

(a) the compilation of a yearbook containing all the declarations and bills of human rights, now in force in the various countries;

(b) the collection and publication of information on the activities concerning human rights of all organs of the United Nations;

(c) the collection of information concerning human rights arising from the Nuremberg and Tokyo trials of war criminals;

(d) the preparation of a survey of the development of human rights;

(e) the collection of plans and declarations by specialized agencies and non-governmental national and international organizations.

5. Information Groups

Members of the United Nations should be invited to establish information groups or local human rights committees within their respective countries for the purpose of transmitting periodically information to the Commission on Human Rights on the observance of human rights within their countries, both

in their legal systems and in their jurisdictional and administrative practices.

6. Declarations

The Commission is requested to draft an international bill of rights as soon as possible. The draft of this bill shall be circulated to the Members of the United Nations for their suggestions.

(No adequate draft on the following two points can be proposed until there has been further discussion and clarification).

7. Human Rights in International Treaties

Pending the writing of an international bill of rights, the general principle shall be accepted that provisions for basic human rights be included in international treaties, particularly peace treaties, and that similar provisions be accepted by all States, Member of the United Nations, and by State seeking admission to the United Nations.

8. Provisions for Implementation

Considering that the purpose of the United Nations with regard to the promotion and observance of human rights, as defined in the Charter of the United Nations, can only be fulfilled if provisions are made for the implementation of the observance of human rights and of an international bill of rights, the Council decides that, pending the eventual establishment of an agency of implementation, the Commission of Human Rights shall be recognized as qualified to aid the appropriate organs of the United Nations in the task defined for the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in Articles 13, 55, and 62 of the Charter, concerning the promotion and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, and to aid the Security Council in the task entrusted to it by Article 39 of the Charter, by pointing to cases where violation of human rights committed in one country may, by its gravity, its frequency, or its systematic nature, constitute a threat to the peace.

9. Sub-commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press.

(a) The Commission is empowered to establish a Sub-commission on

Freedom of Information and of the Press.

- (b) The function of the Sub-commission shall be, in the first instance, to examine what rights, obligations, and practices should be included in the concept of freedom of information, and to report to the Commission on Human Rights on any issues that may arise from such examination.
- (c) The Sub-commission shall consist of twelve members, who shall serve in their individual capacity. The Sub-commission shall include experts with knowledge and experience of the different departments of information, and due regard shall be paid to the different stages of development which the media of information have attained in the various regions and countries.
- (d) All Member States of the United Nations shall have the right to nominate not more than two individuals each for this Sub-commission, and any Member desiring to do so, may nominate a national of another Member Nation.
- (e) The full list of nominees shall be submitted to the Council and from this list alone the Council shall appoint the members of this Sub-commission.
- (f) The members of the Sub-commission shall be appointed by the Council for a term of three years . . . . .
- (g) The members of the Sub-commission shall be eligible for reappointment.
- (h) The Secretary-General is requested to invite all Members of the United Nations to submit nominations, in accordance with sub-paragraph (d) above not later than . . . . .

10. Sub-commission on the Status of Women

- (a) The provisions contained in Section B, paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Council Resolution of 16 February 1946 shall remain in force.
- (b) The Sub-commission shall consist of fifteen members, including three members appointed by the Commission on Human Rights to serve as ~~ex-officio~~ members of the Sub-commission. The members shall be appointed by the Council in their individual capacity, and selection shall be made

from among women prominent in public affairs, with due regard to equitable geographical distribution.

(c) All Members of the United Nations shall have the rights to nominate not more than two individuals each for the Sub-commission, and any Member desiring to do so, may nominate a national of another Member of the United Nations.

(d) The full list of nominees shall be submitted to the Council, and from this list alone the Council shall appoint the members of the Sub-commission.

(e) The members of the Sub-commission shall be appointed for a term of three years by the Council . . . . .

(f) The members of the Sub-commission shall be eligible for reappointment.

(g) The Secretary-General is requested to invite all Members of the United Nations to submit nominations, in accordance with sub-paragraph (c) above not later than . . . . .

(h) Section I of the Report of the Sub-commission, concerning Policy, shall be referred for study to the Commission on Human Rights.

(i) The Secretary-General is requested to draw the attention of all Members of the United Nations to the suggestions concerning the development of education of women and the development of their political rights, wherever they are not yet in a position to assume their full responsibility.

(j) The Secretary-General is requested to make arrangements for a complete and detailed study of legislation concerning the status of women and the practical application of such legislation.

(k) The Secretary-General is requested to provide an adequate staff of qualified persons to be available, in order to carry out the work referred to in sub-paragraphs (h) and (j) above, to collect and distribute documentation concerning the status of women.

(1) The Secretary-General is requested to consult Members of the United Nations on problems concerning women which may appear to them to be the first items for discussion, either by a general women's conference or by different conferences, each with a definite purpose, inside the field of one of the specialized agencies, such as the ILO, UNESCO, etc...

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