

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

SECOND SESSION

ADDITION TO CHAPTER 6 OF RAPPORTEUR'S DRAFT REPORT

28. The ad hoc Committee held one meeting. The views expressed by its members are contained in the summary record of that meeting (Document E/CN.4/AC.5/SR.1), and in the Report of the ad hoc Committee (Document E/CN.4/64). The Commission, having noted that Report, and having noted that in the confidential list of communications transmitted by the Secretary-General there were a considerable number dealing with the principles involved in the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights, decided:

- (a) to transmit immediately to the members of the Commission an analysis of those communications prepared by the Secretariat (Document E/CN.4/AC.5/2),
- (b) to recommend that the originals of the communications listed in document E/CN.4/AC.5/2 should in accordance with paragraph (c) of the Resolution of the Economic and Social Council of 5 August 1947, and without prejudice to the powers of the Secretary-General under paragraph (c) of the said Resolution, be made available to the members of the Commission on request.

28 a. The Commission decided that the task of the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities would be facilitated if the Economic and Social Council

agreed to modify and extend its resolution of August 5th, 1947, so as to give the members of the Sub-Commission, with respect to communications dealing with discrimination and minorities and at the request of the Human Rights Commission in each case, the same facilities as are enjoyed by members of the Commission.

28 b. The Commission requests the Economic and Social Council to reconsider the procedure for communications relating to human rights laid down in its resolution of August 5th, 1947, in particular as regards points (a) and (b). It requests the Secretary-General, before each session of the Commission, to compile two lists of communications received concerning human rights with a brief summary of the substance of each:

- (1) a non-confidential list of communications in which the authors state that they have already divulged or intend to divulge their names, or that they have no objection to their names being divulged;
- (2) a confidential list which will be furnished to the Commission, in private meeting, without divulging the identity of the authors of the communications.