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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPLICATIONS OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL 29 JULY 1947

The Economic and Social Council in its Resolution of 21 June 1946 under Article 71 of the Charter of the United Nations (document E/43/Rev.2, 1 July 1946), established the Committee on Arrangements for Consultation with Non-Governmental Organizations (Council NGO Committee), composed of the President and five members of the Council. The Council subsequently elected China, France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom and the United States of America as members.

The Committee was given the duty of reviewing and making recommendations on applications for consultative status submitted by non-governmental organizations.

In accordance with the above mentioned Resolution, the Council NGO Committee met on 18 July 1947, under the Acting Chairmanship of the Representative of the United States of America, and on 24, 28, and 29 July 1947, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Jan Papanek, to consider the applications which had been received up to the meeting of the NGO Working Party on 2 June 1947. The Committee's recommendations, made in accordance with the Council's Resolution of 21 June 1946, follow:

I. RECOMMENDATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. The Committee recommends that the following organizations be placed in the category referred to in paragraph 1 (b) of Part IV of the Council's Resolution of 21 June 1946:

Boy Scouts International Bureau

Catholic International Union for Social Service

Commission of the Churches on International Affairs*

Co-ordinating Board of Jewish Organizations for Consultation with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations

* This Organization was formed jointly by the International Missionary Council and the World Council of Churches. The International Missionary Council, which was admitted to category (b) at the Fourth Session of the Council, has indicated that it wishes to be related to the Council through the Commission rather than independently.

/International Abolitionist

International Abolitionist Federation*

International Association of Democratic Lawyers

International Automobile Federation (formerly International Association of Recognized Automobile Clubs) and the International Touring Alliance, to be jointly represented, subject to the exclusion of their Spanish affiliates

International Bar Association (subject to the exclusion of its Spanish affiliates)

International Conference of Social Work

International Bureau for the Suppression of Traffic in Women and Children

International Co-operative Women's Guild (re-application)

International Federation for Housing and Town Planning (subject to the exclusion of its Spanish affiliates)

International Institute of Administrative Sciences

International Organization for Standardization (on condition that the Spanish Affiliate be expelled from the International Electrotechnical Commission which has become a part of it)

International Statistical Institute

International Union of Catholic Women's Leagues

International Union of Local Authorities

International Union of Producers and Distributors of Electric Power

International Voluntary Service for Peace

World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

World Federation of United Nations Associations**

2. The Committee recommends that consideration of the request of the following organizations, now in category (b), to be placed in category should not be granted:

* Inter-American Council of Commerce and Production

* International Organization of Industrial Employers***

Women's International Democratic Federation

World Federation of Democratic Youth

* The Committee agreed that since the International Abolitionist Federation and the International Bureau for the Suppression of Traffic in Women and Children, which had been granted category (b) consultative status jointly during the Fourth Session of the Council, could not agree upon joint representation, and since the Committee was satisfied that their interests were not identical, it would be best to grant category (b) consultative status to each of them separately.

** The Committee recommends that consideration of the request of this organization to be placed in category (a) should be taken up at a later date, after the organization has had an opportunity for fuller development.

*** The Committee recommends that consideration of the request of this organization to be placed in category (a) should be postponed for one year.

3. The Committee recommends that the Transport and Communications Commission of the United Nations should be requested to advise the Council on the applications of the following organizations, it being understood that the question of Spanish membership will be taken into consideration when the Council acts upon these applications, some of which appear to fall within the terms of the Council's Resolution of 28 March 1947 providing that "in the case of certain organizations consultative arrangements should not be made, since their work would appear to fall entirely within the field of activity of one of the specialized agencies or other inter-governmental organizations".

Central Council of International Touring
International Air Transport Association
International Shipping Conference
International Union of Public Transport
International Union of Railways
Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses

4. The Committee recommends that the Fiscal Commission should be requested to advise the Council on the applications of the following organizations:

International Fiscal Association
International Institute of Public Finance

5. The applications of the following organizations will be reconsidered at a later date, since the Committee feels unable to make recommendations concerning them at the present time either because they have been recently organized or because further information is desired:

International Academy of Comparative Law
International Association of Criminal Law
International Council of Christians and Jews, Inc.
Jewish Agency for Palestine (Consideration postponed on its own request)
Pan-American League
People's Common Law Parliament
World Federation of Sephardic Communities
World Government Association
World Organization of the Teaching Profession (Consideration postponed at its own request)

6. The Committee recommends that consultative status should not be granted to the organizations listed below either because they can more appropriately be brought into consultation with one or other of the Specialized Agencies or other inter-governmental organizations, or because the applicant non-governmental organizations do not meet the requirements laid down in the Council's Resolution of 21 June 1946:

/Agudas Israel

Agudas Israel World Organization (re-application)
Inter-American Broadcasting Association
International Association for Prevention of Blindness
International Broadcasting Organization
International Bureau for the Unification of Penal Law
International Committee for Horticultural Congresses
International Criminal Police Commission
International Federation of Motorcycling Clubs (re-application)
International Federation of Women Magistrates and Members of the Legal Profession
International Hotel Association (re-application)
International Order of Good Templars
International Permanent Secretariat of Social Workers
International Thrift Institute
International Toastmistress Club
International Union against Cancer
International Union against Tuberculosis
International Union against Venereal Diseases
Pan-Pacific Women's Association
St. John's Social and Political Alliance
Theosophical Society of Adyar (re-application)
Union for the Protection of the Human Person (re-application)
War Resisters International
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
World Calendar Association*
World Engineering Conference
World Union for Progressive Judaism (re-application)
World Union of Women for International Concord
World Women's Party for Equal Rights
Zonta International

II. RECOMMENDATIONS ON NATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

In the light of paragraph 8 of Part I of the Council's Resolution of 21 June 1946 which reads as follows:

"National organizations should normally present their views through their respective governments or through international non-governmental

* This organization adopted a new Charter which it feels establishes it as an international rather than a national organization. The Committee was unable to accept this claim as the Association had only just been reconstituted and could not yet have become operative or received world recognition in its international capacity.

organizations to which they belong. It would not, save in exceptional cases, be appropriate to include national organizations which are affiliated to an international non-governmental organization covering the same subjects on an international basis. National organizations, however, may be included in the list after consultation with the Member State concerned if they cover a field which is not covered by any international organization or have special experience upon which the Council wishes to draw."

and upon the recommendation of the national governments concerned the Committee recommends* that the following national organizations be placed in the category referred to in paragraph 1 (b) of Part IV of the Council's Resolution of 21 June 1946:

Howard League for Penal Reform (United Kingdom)

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (United States)

The Committee recommends that consultative status should not be granted to the National Association of Manufacturers (United States).

* The Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics objected to any consideration of national organizations on the ground that the Council in its Resolution of 28 March 1947, had decided that "decisions should be made first on international non-governmental organizations and that consultative status should therefore, not be granted to national organizations at this time". He stated that it would be a violation of this decision for the Committee to consider national organizations since he understood that the words "at this time" applied not only to the Fourth Session of the Council but to the present and the future until the applications of all international organizations had been considered. The other members of the Committee, however, held that the Council's decision applied only to the Session during which it was made, and not beyond.