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and Protection of Minorities

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FUTURE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF
DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

1. At its thirteenth session the Economic and Social Council decided to discontinue the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities until 31 December 1954, its work being taken over by the Council, the Commission on Human Rights, the Secretary-General or ad hoc bodies as appropriate.
2. The Council adopted the following resolution relating to the work of the United Nations in the field of the prevention of discrimination and the protection of minorities:

The Economic and Social Council

Conscious of the responsibilities entrusted to it and which led it to set up the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Desirous of pursuing its efforts to abolish all forms of discrimination and to protect minorities,

Desirous of taking the necessary positive steps to continue the work of the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities after the discontinuance of the Sub-Commission,

Requests the Secretary-General to conduct an inquiry among Member States concerning:

- (a) the items relating to the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities which should be placed on the agenda for forthcoming sessions of the Council;
- (b) procedures for the preliminary study of those items and for

the preparation of reports to provide a basis for profitable discussion of such items by the Council;

- (c) the lines along which the Council might be called upon to continue the performance of its tasks in the field of

Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities;

Further requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the specialized agencies concerned, in particular UNESCO, to report to the Council at one of its sessions in 1952, on the result of his inquiry, on his own suggestions and on any that may be formulated by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its next session.

3. The attention of the Sub-Commission is drawn to the final paragraph of this resolution, from which it would appear that the Sub-Commission is expected to formulate suggestions concerning the future work of the United Nations in the field of prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities.
