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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

(Note by the Secretary-General): It will be observed that after item 4, the provisional agenda proceeds to list items as given in part III (E/CN.4/Sub.1/68/Rev.1), "Suggested Priorities", of the "Suggested Programme of Work and Priorities". These items have been included since, when it has approved its programme of work, and has agreed on priorities, the Sub-Commission may wish to proceed to consideration of matters arising out of the programme itself.

The Secretary-General draws the attention of the Sub-Commission to the fact that:

(a) Since the Sub-Commission will establish priorities during its discussion of item 4, it may be advisable to adopt the provisional agenda with the stipulation that the order in which items 5 to 22, inclusive, are dealt with will depend on the Sub-Commission's decisions under item 4;

(b) Items 5, 6, 7 and 8 involve recurring and constant tasks for the Sub-Commission, matters which will doubtless appear on all subsequent agenda of the Sub-Commission. It has been suggested, therefore, (see note to items 1 - 4 of part III of the Suggested Programme of Work and Priorities) that the Sub-Commission might care to make its first order of business the establishment of procedures concerning them;

(c) Item 9 will doubtless appear regularly on the future agenda of the Sub-Commission, but any action thereon is dependent on the procedures established under item 5 and on other factors;

(d) The Secretary-General has recommended in a note to part III of the Suggested Programme of Work and Priorities that items 19 and 20 be deferred until the conventions prepared by the United Nations Conference on Freedom of Information and the proposed covenant on human rights have entered into force.

1. Opening of the session.

2. Election of officers.

3. Adoption of the provisional agenda.

4. Consideration of suggested programme of work and priorities.

5. Establishment of procedure for handling communications.

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6. Establishment of procedure for continuous liaison with information enterprises and professional organizations.
7. Consideration of means by which the Sub-Commission may regularly be kept informed regarding the application of the resolutions of the United Nations Conference on Freedom of Information.
8. Consideration of means by which the Sub-Commission may receive from governmental and other sources information concerning current legislation and practices in the field of its competence.
9. Consideration of communications.
10. Promotion of the dissemination of true information to counteract Nazi, Fascist and other propaganda of aggression or of racial, national and religious discrimination.
11. The adequacy of the news available to the peoples of the world.
12. Legal, economic and political barriers to the free flow of information.
13. Classification and analysis of existing agreements in the field of freedom of information.
14. The drafting of an international code of honour.
15. Consideration of the possibility of establishing an international court of honour.
16. Problems concerning news personnel:
 - (a) Law and practice governing the status and work of foreign news personnel;
 - (b) Measures to facilitate the work of foreign news personnel;
 - (c) Definition and identification of professional foreign correspondents;
 - (d) Independence of news personnel;
 - (e) Interchange of news personnel;
 - (f) Schools of journalism and related problems.
17. The International Institute of Press and Information.
18. Constitutional and legal principles applicable to the various media of information.
19. Implementation of the conventions proposed by the Conference.
20. The operation of provisions in the proposed covenant on human rights concerning freedom of information.
21. The discharge of such other functions as may be entrusted to the Sub-Commission by inter-governmental agreements.
22. The "day of friendship".
23. Other business.
