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Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information

and of the Press

Third session

**PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES FOR THE THREE YEAR
PERIOD OF THE LIFE OF THE SUB-COMMISSION**1st Part - Methods of Work

1. 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.
2. Establishment of procedure for liaison with information enterprises and professional organizations.
3. 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.
4. Establishment of procedure for dealing with communications.
5. Establishment of procedure for close liaison between the Sub-Commission and UNESCO.

2nd Part - Substantive Tasks of the Sub-Commission

6. The adequacy of the news available to the peoples of the world and the obstacles to the free flow of information to them.
7. Classification and analysis of existing agreements in the field of freedom of information.
8. Study of constitutional provisions, national legislation and administrative practices affecting the free dissemination of news.
9. Promotion of the dissemination of true information to counteract Nazi, Fascist, and other propaganda of aggression or of racial, national, religious, and other forms of discrimination.
10. 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.
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11. The International Institute of Press and Information.
 12. Examination of what measures are necessary and desirable to improve the professional standards and to define the obligations and responsibilities of journalists or news and information personnel, including the possibility of drafting an international code of honour and of establishing an international court of honour.
 13. Implementation of the conventions proposed by the Conference.
 14. The operation of provisions in the proposed covenant on human rights concerning freedom of information.
 15. The "day of friendship."
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