

## COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

## SUB-COMMISSION ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND OF THE PRESS

## THIRD SESSION

## ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH COMMUNICATIONS

Decisions taken by the Sub-Commission on 8 June 1949

(Item 4 of Agenda and Programme of Work, E/CN.4/Sub.1/80, Corr.1)

The Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press

REQUESTS the Secretary-General

- (a) to compile and distribute monthly to members of the Sub-Commission a list containing a brief summary of each communication received from any legally constituted national or international press, information, broadcasting or newsreel enterprise or association; any member of a professional organization in the field of information; or any legally constituted body with competence in the field of public opinion, relating to principles and practices in the field of information;
- (b) To include in such a list the names and addresses of the authors of communications provided that, in the case of individuals, they have indicated that they wish their names to be divulged;
- (c) to inform the authors of communications that these have been received and will be brought to the attention of the Sub-Commission;
- (d) to make available to members of the Sub-Commission, on request, the full texts of such communications, subject to the provisions of paragraph (b) above; and
- (e) wherever such communications contain specific criticisms or complaints against Governments in the field of freedom of information, to inform the Governments concerned, subject to the provisions of paragraph (b), of these complaints and to request them to provide such information as they desire to give both on the subject matter and author of the communication.

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DECIDES

- (a) To consider the list of such communications in open or private meeting, as the Sub-Commission may decide, in order to

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(b) To follow, in respect of any communications brought to the attention of the Commission on Human Rights and referred to the Sub-Commission by that Commission, the procedure established by the Economic and Social Council for such communications.

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