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COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

SUB-COMMISSION ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND OF THE PRESS

THIRD SESSION

Mr. André Géraud: Proposed revised draft resolution

The Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following resolution:

The Economic and Social Council

Considering that the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press, in order to perform its task feels that it should be assisted by a section of the Secretariat whose special function it would be:

1. To receive communications addressed to the Sub-Commission;
2. In consultation with the Chairman of the Sub-Commission:
  - (a) to take appropriate action on them in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Sub-Commission;
  - (b) to maintain such contacts and relations as may be desirable with governmental and other sources for the purpose of obtaining information;
  - (c) to supplement the documentary material necessary to the Sub-Commission's proceedings by research and studies respecting the questions set forth in Economic and Social Council resolution No. 197 (VIII) concerning the Sub-Commission's terms of reference;
3. To keep the said documentary material up-to-date;
4. To place at the disposal of the Chairman of the Sub-Commission at all times the necessary documentary material to enable him to prepare draft agendas for the Sub-Commission, taking into account the existing circumstances;

Decides to request the Secretary-General to augment as soon as possible the Section on Freedom of Information and of the Press in the Secretariat and to provide it with additional qualified personnel in order that this Section may be in a position to assist the Sub-Commission in the fulfilment of its tasks.

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