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ORGANIZATIONS (COUNCIL NGO COMMITTEE)

DRAFT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

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FUNCTIONING OF CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

The Council NGO Committee having considered various aspects of the functioning of the arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations presents for the consideration of the Economic and Social Council certain decisions of the Committee or recommendations for Council action as follows:

A. SIX WEEKS RULE FOR NEW APPLICATIONS

The Committee decided that any new applications for consultative status received from organizations, new applications, requests for re-classifications or any new data involving substantial change in applications already received would not be considered, if received later than six weeks before the opening of future sessions of the Economic and Social Council.

B. PERIODICAL REVIEW OF ORGANIZATIONS GRANTED CONSULTATIVE STATUS AND IMPROVEMENTS IN EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSULTATION.

The Committee recommends that the Council adopt the following resolution:

"THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
DECIDES

"1. To request the Secretary-General to prepare, by 1 May 1949, a report on the activities undertaken by the non-

governmental organizations up to the end of 1948 in implementation of the consultative arrangements made with them, and on their work in support of the activities of the Council, with special attention to those organizations which were brought into consultative relationship not later than the fifth session of the Council.

"2. To direct the Council NGO Committee on the basis of the report of the Secretary-General to make recommendations to the Economic and Social Council at its ninth session, taking into account:

(a) the use made by organizations of the facilities provided for non-governmental organizations brought into consultative relationship; and

(b) Any improvements in the existing arrangements for consultation which the Committee may deem desirable."

C. COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF COMMUNICATIONS FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.

The Council NGO Committee, taking into consideration the fact that communications from non-governmental organizations are not listed on the daily agenda and wishing to call the attention of the Council to these communications and their relationship to particular items of the Council's agenda, decided as follows:

"THE COUNCIL NGO COMMITTEE

REQUESTS the Secretary-General:

"(1) to prepare for immediate distribution to the Members of the Council a list by categories A, B and C of communications, from non-governmental organizations received since the end of the Sixth Session of the Council and up to the adoption of the agenda of the Seventh Session on 22 July 1948, indicating their titles and document numbers and which of them are

specifically addressed to items on the agenda as adopted by the Council.

"(2) to follow this procedure for each future session of the Council. It being understood that the establishment of such lists will not derogate from the right of non-governmental organizations in category A to request a hearing before the Council on any substantive item on the agenda of the Council."

D. HEARINGS OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Council NGO Committee agreed that in the future, organizations wishing to be heard by the Council NGO Committee would be given fixed and reasonable dates early in the session and that non-compliance would involve forfeiture of their right to be heard during that session.

E. REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL NGO COMMITTEE TO THE COUNCIL ON CONSULTATIONS WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Council NGO Committee with a view to economizing the time of the Council took the following decision:

The Committee examined the form of its report to the Council on consultation with non-governmental organizations in categories B and C held in accordance with paragraph 5, section IV of the Council's Resolution of 21 June 1946, and decided not to make recommendations on the substance of these consultations, unless formally requested to do so by the Council. The Committee, furthermore, decided that its reports on consultations should be sufficiently detailed and explicit to enable the Council to determine the importance of the question and the measures to be taken.

* This resolution which appears also in Part II of the Report of the Committee is reproduced here since it also relates to the "Functioning of Consultative Arrangements".

F. CONSULTATIONS BY COMMITTEES OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COUNCIL WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN
CATEGORY A

The Council NGO Committee recommends that the Council
adopt the following resolution: