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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Agenda item 3. Freedom of information

The Commission has been requested by the Economic and Social Council, in resolution 683 C (XXVI), to complete its recommendations on freedom of information in the light of the report of its Committee and the comments of Governments, the specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned, for review by the Council. The observations submitted by Governments, the specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations will be circulated in, respectively, documents E/CN.4/771, 772 and 773.

The General Assembly at its thirteenth session, by resolution 1313 A (XIII), invited the Economic and Social Council to request the Commission "to give particular attention to procedures by which constant review of problems of providing technical assistance to under-developed countries in the field of information may be assured and to report regularly to the Council on progress in this field". The Council, at its resumed twenty-sixth session, decided to transmit this resolution to the Commission with the request that the Commission consider it sufficiently early in its session to enable its report on the question to be considered by the Council at its twenty-seventh session. A note on this question (E/CN.4/774) will be circulated to the Commission.

Agenda item 4. Advisory services in the field of human rights

The Secretary-General will present, in document E/CN.4/775, a report concerning recent progress in the programme of advisory services and his recommendations for activities in the following calendar year, including anticipated cost of proposed projects and any problems regarding arrangements.

Agenda item 5. Periodic reports on human rights

The Commission did not complete consideration of this item at its last session. It had before it, in document E/CN.4/757 and Add.1, Add.1/Corr.1, and Add.2-4, a summary by the Secretary-General of reports furnished by Governments, and in document E/CN.4/758 and Add.1 and 2, and Add.2/Corr.1, the reports submitted by specialized agencies, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 624 B (XXII). Additional reports received from Governments will be summarized in E/CN.4/757/Add.5 and 6.

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As requested by the Commission the Secretary-General will also present in document E/CN.4/776, suggestions for a detailed plan to guide Governments in preparing future triennial reports.

Agenda item 6. Prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities

(a) Study of discrimination in education

The Commission at its last session decided to postpone further consideration of this item to the present session.

The tenth session of the UNESCO General Conference (November 1958) considered the advisability of preparing one or more international instruments designed to eliminate discrimination in the field of education. The Secretary-General will inform the Commission, in document E/CN.4/777, of the action taken by the Conference.

(b) Report of the eleventh session of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

The report of the Sub-Commission will be circulated in document E/CN.4/778.

(c) Membership of the Sub-Commission

The term of office of the present members will expire on 31 December 1959. The Secretary-General accordingly suggests that members of the Commission should be prepared to nominate candidates for membership in the Sub-Commission.

(d) Second Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations Interested in the Eradication of Prejudice and Discrimination

The Second Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations interested in the Eradication of Prejudice and Discrimination is to be convened at Geneva from 22 to 26 June 1959.

The Commission has been requested by the Council, in resolution 683 E (XXVI), to direct the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to include in its subsequent report to the Commission its observations on the proceedings of the Conference.

Agenda item 7. Study of the right of everyone to be free from arbitrary arrest, Detention and exile: progress report of the Committee

The Committee appointed by the Commission (E/2844, paragraph 49, and E/2970/Rev.1, paragraph 122) to undertake this study will present a progress report in document E/CN.4/779.

Agenda item 8. Draft Declaration of the Rights of the Child

The Commission will have before it, in document E/CN.4/780, the comments of Governments of States Members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies on the draft declaration of the rights of the child.

Agenda item 9. Right of asylum

The observations of Governments of States Members of the United Nations and the specialized agencies on the draft declaration on the right of asylum submitted by France as well as the amendments and other documents relating thereto will be circulated in document E/CN.4/781.

Agenda item 10. Communications

(a) Report of the Committee on Communications

The report of the Committee appointed by the Commission, in resolution 10 (XIV), will be circulated in document E/CN.4/782.

(b) Lists of communications and replies from Governments

Confidential and non-confidential lists of communications and replies of Governments will be prepared as at previous sessions. The non-confidential list will be distributed in document E/CN.4/CR.28. The confidential list and replies of Governments will be distributed at a private meeting of the Commission during its fifteenth session.

Agenda item 11. Review of programme and priorities

The Secretary-General will circulate, in document E/CN.4/783, a note on this item.

Agenda item 12. Control and limitation of documentation

The Secretary-General will circulate a note (E/CN.4/784) on this item.
