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Statement submitted by the International League for the Rights of Man,
a non-governmental organization in category B consultative status

The Secretary-General has received the following statement which is circulated in accordance with paragraphs 28 and 29 of Economic and Social Council resolution 288 B (X).

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The International League for the Rights of Man, deeply disturbed by the present outbreak of racial and religious hostility, respectfully requests the Sub-Commission to give its utmost attention at its forthcoming session to the facts and the spirit revealed by this dangerous movement.

It is in their beginning that such movements must be denounced and stopped, and that any attempt to minimize them must be prevented.

The inability of the League of Nations to do so between 1933 and 1939 is certainly one of the reasons why Nazism and Fascism managed to plunge the world into its most terrible catastrophe.

We consider it fortunate that the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities is meeting while statesmen and public opinion are aroused by these outbreaks.

On the agenda of its session the Sub-Commission has the following items, among others,

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5. Study of discrimination in the matter of religious rights and practices;
6. Study of discrimination in the matter of political rights; and
11. Measures to be taken for the cessation of any advocacy of national, racial, or religious hostility that constitutes an incitement to hatred and violence, jointly or separately.

We therefore ask the Sub-Commission:

1. To adopt a resolution strongly condemning the present incitement to hatred and violence;
2. To undertake an inquiry into the origin and the purposes of the present movement in those countries where it has already been reported.
