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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

Statement submitted by the International Federation of University
Women, a non-governmental organization in Category E 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).

The International Federation of University Women appreciates this opportunity
to stress the importance which it attaches to Item 7 on the Agenda. As Article I
of its Constitution states, the Federation has as its purpose "to promote
understanding and friendship among the university women of the world, irrespective
of race, religion or political opinion", and, in the fifty national associations
which compose the Federation, has members of many nationalities, races, and
religious beliefs.

Recent outbreaks of anti-Semitism have underlined the continuing necessity
of dealing effectively with "hate-campaigns" directed against national, racial or
religious groups. While disciplinary measures in restraint of those who lead or
take part in such campaigns can perhaps best be undertaken by individual
governments, positive and fundamental measures to eliminate from men's minds this
most dangerous and vicious form of prejudice and superstition are the province
not only of governments, but of families, schools, publications, international

organizations such as the Federation and in fact of all agencies and media which participate in the process of education on the broadest sense of the term. The International Federation of University Women therefore urges the Sub-Commission to give most serious consideration to measures under this item of the Agenda and assures the Sub-Commission that the Federation, as an international, interracial and inter-religious organization will continue to take and to support, to the best of its ability, appropriate measures to combat advocacy of national, racial and religious hostility.
