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**CHAPTER V OF THE REPORT OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS****REPORT OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

1. The Social Committee, at its third meeting on 30 July 1947, adopted the following resolution for submission to the Council:

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

HAVING CONSIDERED Chapter V of the Report of the First Session of the Commission on Human Rights Concerning Communications (E/259),

APPROVES the statement that "the Commission recognizes that it has no power to take any action in regard to any complaints concerning human rights",

REQUESTS the Secretary-General

- (a) to compile a confidential list of communications received concerning human rights before each session of the Commission, with a brief indication of the substance of each;
- (b) to furnish this confidential list to the Commission, in private meeting, without divulging the identity of the authors of the communications;
- (c) to enable the members of the Commission, upon request, to consult the originals of communications dealing with the principles involved in the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights;
- (d) to inform the writers of all communications concerning human rights, however addressed, that their communications have been received and duly noted for consideration in accordance with the procedure laid down by the United Nations. Where necessary, the Secretary-General should indicate that the Commission has no power to take any action in regard to any complaint concerning human rights;
- (e) to furnish each member State not represented on the Commission with a brief indication of the substance of any communication concerning human rights which refers explicitly to that State or to territories under its jurisdiction without divulging the identity of the author;

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SUGGESTS to the Commission on Human Rights that it should at each session appoint an ad hoc committee to meet shortly before the next session of the Commission for the purpose of reviewing the confidential list of communications prepared by the Secretary-General under paragraph (a) above and of recommending which of these communications, in original, should, in accordance with paragraph (c) above, be made available to members of the Commission on request.

2. The Social Committee suggested that the consideration of the inclusion of a paragraph concerning communications relating to trust territories be referred to the Joint Committee of the Economic and Social Council and the Trusteeship Council.
