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TRADE UNION RIGHTS (FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION)

Comments by Member States on the progress report by the Secretary-
General and the Director-General of the International Labour
Office concerning the question of the establishment of a
Fact-Finding and Conciliation Commission on
Freedom of Association

The Secretary-General has the honour to circulate herewith, in accordance with resolution 239 (IX) of the Economic and Social Council, the texts of: (1) a note dated 23 February 1950 from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lebanon, (2) a note dated 1 March 1950 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands Delegation to the United Nations.

LEBANON

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Secretary General of the United Nations and, with reference to the Secretary-General's note SOA 317/5/03/ES, concerning the establishment of a Fact-Finding and Conciliation Commission on Freedom of Association, has the honour to state that the report prepared by the Secretary-General on this subject, in collaboration with the Director-General of the International Labour Office, is in conformity with Lebanese legislation and is suitable for use as a basis of discussion.

"I have the honour to be etc."

NETHERLANDS

"The Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the Secretary-General's note of December 27, 1949, SOA 317/5/03/ES, concerning resolution 239 (IX) with regard to trade union

/rights adopted

rights adopted by the Economic and Social Council on August 2, 1948 and requesting any comments by the Netherlands Government.

"The Netherlands Government wishes to ascertain that, having considered the decision taken by the Governing Body of the International Labour Organisation at Mysore concerning the establishment of a 'Fact-Finding and Conciliation Commission on Freedom of Association' it can fully agree with this decision."
