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REFUGEES AND STATELESS PERSONS

Statement submitted by the International Council
of Women, a non-governmental organization granted
consultative status in Category B.

The Secretary-General has received the following
statement, which is circulated in accordance with
paragraphs 22 and 23 of Council resolution 288 B (X):

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The International Council of Women wishes again to emphasize the necessity
of efficient assistance to refugees and migrants and draws the attention of
the Economic and Social Council to the resolutions concerning refugees and
migrants, adopted by the International Council of Women at its triennial
Conference in Athens, April 1951:

"1. Considering the great number of individuals or families who are obliged
under present circumstances to leave their own countries the International
Council of Women urgently requests the competent international organizations

- (1) to supply special offices for this purpose in the countries of emigration
with full information on the economic, cultural, juridical, administrative
and social conditions of the various immigration countries;
- (2) to ask the governments of the various immigration countries to establish

"a competent and specialized service for the reception, adjustment and progressive assimilation of the new immigrants;

- (3) to assist the national welfare workers in their task by supplying social assistants from the country of origin of the immigrants."

"2. Considering that adult deported and refugee persons are still being held back, against their will, in countries other than their own, the International Council of Women requests the United Nations to take the necessary steps to ensure that, according to the terms of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, all those desiring repatriation can be repatriated."

"3. Considering that the recruiting missions from the various countries have selected, among the refugees, the strongest, youngest and most capable ones, the International Council of Women attracts the attention of these countries' governments to the fact that it is imperative to prove their humanitarian attitude by accepting also a certain percentage of old and sick people and of invalids."

"4. The International Council of Women joins in the wishes recently expressed by the Conference of non-governmental organizations interested in the problems of migration which met in Geneva from 11-22 March, and which read as follows:

'It is essential that an international institution be maintained without interruption to resettle and assist the refugees and provide them with emergency relief',

and it trusts that the terms of the appointment of the High Commissioner may include appropriate provision for this purpose."

Furthermore, the International Council of Women sent the following cable to the Executive Committee of the International Refugee Organization, 5 April 1951:

"The Conference of the International Council of Women meeting in Athens appeals to the Executive Committee of the IRO to extend assistance to refugees having arrived after October 1950 in countries such as Greece, devastated by war and unable to support or absorb them, with a view to ensuring their rehabilitation in a receiving country."