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STATEMENTS ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE  
APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS ARE TO BE  
CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL NGO COMMITTEE

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PART I

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION ON APPLICATIONS WHICH WERE  
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A. GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS  
(File No. ECA 10/1/0720)

Reference

E/C.2/W.21 II.A.3.

OPINION AS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER OF THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF  
WOMEN'S CLUBS

1. The Secretariat has been asked to give an opinion as to whether the General Federation of Women's Clubs is a national or an international non-governmental organization.
2. No question has been raised as to its non-governmental character or as to its being an "organization"; the sole point in doubt is as to whether or not this organization is "international".
3. A non-governmental organization is "international" if individuals or organizations (whether local or national), in two or more countries belong to it.
4. To "belong" means (in the case of organizations whose policies and actions are determined by voting<sup>1/</sup> that these persons or organizations have the right to vote in the policy-forming bodies of the non-governmental organization in question.
5. The question to be answered is, therefore, "Does the General Federation of Women's Clubs have member organizations in two or more countries which have the right to vote in the policy-forming bodies of this organization?"
6. The by-laws of this organization have been recently amended to include the following:

ARTICLE 5 - REPRESENTATION

Section 2: "Each Federated club or organization of one hundred members or fewer shall be entitled to one delegate; for each additional hundred members or major fraction thereof, one additional delegate. National organizations and international clubs and organizations paying per capita dues shall be entitled to representation on the same basis.

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<sup>1/</sup> The exceptions to this are rare and are not relevant to this opinion.

The representation of state federations shall be based on the number of clubs on which the state pays dues to the General Federation. Each state federation of twenty-five clubs or fewer shall be entitled to four delegates. Each state federation shall be entitled to one additional delegate for every additional twenty-five clubs.

The representation from federations, other than state federations of ten clubs or fewer, shall be one delegate and one additional delegate for every additional twenty clubs.

Section 3: All international organizations and international clubs of more than 200 members may be represented at a convention by one voting delegate."

7. A statement containing information as of 20 December 1948 on "International Clubs" belonging to the Federation is as follows:<sup>2/</sup>

INTERNATIONAL<sup>3/</sup> CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS BELONGING  
TO THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

All international<sup>3/</sup> member groups listed below - the majority of which are composed of foreign women - have the privilege of voting representation at General Federation conventions, as provided in GFWC By-Laws as amended at the May 1948 Convention.

To date eight foreign and two American groups in foreign countries have accepted voting privileges by paying either per capita dues or a flat rate of \$10 a year, as indicated below.

All other international<sup>3/</sup> member clubs are as yet continuing to pay \$2.00 a year dues entitling them to non-voting representation. It is anticipated that many foreign clubs will take advantage of voting membership as their countries return to pre-war normalcy.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL<sup>3/</sup> CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS - 5,359,837

<u>Country and City</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Membership</u>
Argentina, Buenos Aires	20th Century Club	600
Argentina, Buenos Aires	Contemporary Study Club	30
Argentina, Buenos Aires	American Women's Club	600
Australia, Melbourne	Housewives Association, South Australia Division, Inc.	30,000

<sup>2/</sup> This text supersedes the list contained on pp. 23-26 of E/C.2/W.10/Add.3.

<sup>3/</sup> ... "International" means outside the continental United States. /Australia,

<u>Country and City</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Membership</u>
Australia, Brisbane	Brisbane Women's Club	600
Australia, Sydney	The Woman's Club	800
Australia, Sydney	American Women's Club	800
Australia, Sydney	The New South Wales Women Justices' Association	150
Australia West, Perth	The Karrakatta Club	500
Austria, Vienna	Vienna Women's Club	128
Austria, Vienna	Austrian Women's Association	100,000 voting pays \$10 dues
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Women's Club of Rio de Janeiro	60
B.W.I., Jamaica, Half-way Tree	Jamaica Women's Club	183
Canada, Calgary	Women's Canadian Club	639
Canada, Calgary	American Woman's Club	190
Canada, Montreal	Montreal Women's Club, Inc.	360
Canada, Montreal	American Women's Club of Montreal	266
Canada, Winnipeg	Woman's Club	210
Canada, Toronto	American Women's Club	300
Canada, Vancouver	American Woman's Club	120
China, Shanghai	American Women's Club of Shanghai	100
Colombia, Bogota	Anglo-American Women's Club	113
Cuba, Havana	Lyceum and Lawn Tennis Club	1,500
Cuba, Havana	Woman's Club of Havana	313 voting - pay per capita dues
Cuba, Isle of Pines, Nueva Gerona	Women's Economic Club	12
Cuba, Isle of Pines Nueva Gerona	Hibiscus Club of Santa Fe	11
Denmark, Copenhagen	American Women's Club of Denmark	90
Egypt, Cairo	Woman's Club	248
England, Bristol	Electrical Association of Women	138
England, London	American Women's Club	no record
Finland, Helsinki	Ladies Committee of the League of Tuberculosis War Invalids of Finland, Inc.	93
France, Nantes	Club de Liaison des Femmes Franco-Américaines	60 voting - pays per capita dues
France, Paris	Club de Liaison des Femmes Franco-Américaines	30 voting - pay per capita dues
France, Paris	The Union Féminine Civique et Sociale	100,000 voting pays \$10 dues
Germany, Frankfurt	American Women's Club of Frankfurt	200

/Germany

<u>Country and City</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Membership</u>
Germany, Wurttemberg (Dusseldorf?)	Deutscher Frauenklub E.V.	837
Germany, Kiel	The Landesverband Schleswig- Holsteinischer Hausfrauen	?
Greece, Athens	Associations of Women Writers and Artists (temporarily disbanded)	600
Greece, Athens	Greek Association of University Women	1,200
Greece, Athens	Union of Intellectual Women of the Dodecanese	280
Greece, Athens	Junior Woman's Group of Greece	no record
Greece, Athens	Working Girl's Center	680
Greece, Drama	National Union of Civilian War Victims	1,050
Greece, Kalavetra	Kalavetra Club of Women	49
Greece, Patras	Morphotikos Syllogos	150
India, Bombay	American Woman's Club	125
India, Calcutta	American Woman's Club	no record
India, New Delhi	American Woman's Club of Delhi	30 voting - pays per capita dues
Korea, Seoul	Federation of Korean Women's Clubs <sup>4/</sup>	4,885,238 voting - pays \$10 dues
Mexico, Justo Sierra	Asociacion de Universitarias Mexicanas	85
Mexico, Monterrey	Club Femenine de Monterrey	30
Mexico, Monterrey	Cosmopolitan Club	25
Mexico, Monterrey	Woman's Club	30
Netherlands, The Hague	Dames Leesmuseum Club	1,000
Netherlands, Amsterdam	Nederlandsche Vrouwenclub	400
Netherlands, Amsterdam	Unie van Vrouwelijke Vrijwilligers	25,000
N.W.I., Aruba, Lago Colony	Woman's Club of Aruba	207 voting - pays per capita dues
New Zealand, Dunedin	Otago Woman's Club	825
New Zealand, Wellington	The Pioneer Club	430
Peru, Lima	American Woman's Literary Club	250 voting - pays per capita dues

<sup>4/</sup> The President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs makes the following statement concerning the Korean organization in a letter dated 18 December 1948:

"The first question I asked of Mrs. Esther Whang Park, the President of the Federation of Korean Women's Clubs, was in regard to the size or the total membership of the Federation. Mrs. Park stated that the Federation was made up of fourteen women's organizations, with the membership totaling 4,800,000, but that most women belonged to at least four of the organizations included in the Federation. She believed, therefore, that 1,200,000 would be a reasonably accurate figure of the total number of women in the Korean Federation."

/The Phils

<u>Country and City</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Membership</u>
The Philippines, Artacho Pangasinan	Artacho Women's Club	50
The Philippines, Manila	National Federation of Women's Clubs	200,000 voting pays \$10 dues
The Philippines, Manila	Fortnightly Club of Manila	36
The Philippines, Naujan Minkoro	Macatoc Woman's Club	54
The Philippines, Rosales	Rosales Woman's Club	86
The Philippines, Santiago Isabela	Better Home Woman's Club	47
Sweden, Stockholm	American Women's Club	108
Union of South Africa, Durban	The Empire Club	210
Union of South Africa, Johannesburg	Martha Washington Club	62
Uruguay, Montevideo	American Woman's Club	140
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,358,758</b>

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<u>United States Possessions</u>		
Canal Zone, Balboa Heights	Balboa Woman's Club	124
Canal Zone, Cristobal	Woman's Club	188
Canal Zone, Gamboa	Woman's Club	64
Canal Zone, Pedro Miguel	Woman's Club of Pedro Miguel	25
Hawaii, Hilo	Woman's Club	160
Hawaii, Lihue, Kauai	Mokihana Club	170
Hawaii, Kalului, Maui	Woman's Club	247
Hawaii, Wailuku	Maui Hawaiian Woman's Club	70
Puerto Rico, San Juan	Woman's Study Club	31
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,079</b>

The following member clubs have not been heard from since World War II, but steps are being taken to re-establish contact or re-organize the clubs

China, Chungking	Chungking International Women's Club	104
China, Tientsin	Women's Club	no record
Japan, Kobe	Woman's Club	79
Japan, Tokyo	Woman's Club of Tokyo	270
Japan, Yokohama	International Women's Club	350
New Zealand	Hastings Women's Community Club	145

/8. One delegate

8. One delegate from France and eight from the Philippines attended the 57th Convention (May 1948); of these only the French delegate had voting rights. There were no other delegates from any of the international clubs although a number had the right to send voting delegates.

9. The term "General Federation Council of International Clubs" as used in the By-laws has led to some confusion. The expression was adopted for the purpose of giving "recognition" to the non-American clubs. In every place this term is used the words "General Federation Clubs located outside of the U.S.A." could be substituted with accuracy since this "Council" exists in name only. The "Council" has no constitution or By-laws and no membership, and has never met.

10. Regarding the character of the "International Clubs" it should be noted that sixteen are composed entirely or mainly of American citizens living abroad, while fifty-four are entirely or mainly composed of women who are not American citizens.

The "International Clubs" may propose resolutions to the Convention. However, the Secretary of the Federation, in a letter dated 20 December 1948, states that she has "been unable to find that any foreign delegate has ever proposed a motion or resolution." Foreign delegates have participated in Conference discussions, but these delegates, in the examples given, were from non-voting clubs.

11. It should be noted that all officers, including members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, are American citizens. Members of the non-American clubs are eligible for election to the Board of Directors, but their names would have to be proposed by a state Federation of the United States before the Convention could vote on them. The Secretary of the Federation, however, feels that even such support from a state Federation would not suffice, under the present By-laws, to make a member of an International Club eligible, as state Federations have always supported only women from their own states. The Executive Committee could, however, appoint a member of an international club as a member of the Board of Directors.

12. In view of the above it appears that the General Federation of Women's Clubs falls within a strict interpretation of the definition of an international non-governmental organization set forth at the beginning of this opinion. It also appears that the Federation is, in practice, almost 100 per cent controlled by the American Clubs.



B. INTERNATIONAL FISCAL ASSOCIATION - (IFA)

(Public Finance and Tax Law)

(Association internationale de Droit  
financier et fiscal)

(File No. ECA 10/1/0822)

116, Mesdegstraat

The Hague, Netherlands

President: Dr. Mitchell B. Carroll (U.S.A.)

Secretary: Dr. W.R. Emmen Riedel

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC FINANCE

(Institut international de Finances publiques)

(File No. ECA 10/1/0821)

12, place du Panthéon, Paris, France.

38, Avenue de la Jonction, Brussels, Belgium.

President : Mr. M.L. Gérard (Belgium)

General Secretary : Mr. Michelson (France)

Asst. General Secretary: Mr. M. Masoin (Belgium)

References:

E/C.2/W.4/Add.1, p. 13

E/C.2/W.4/Add.1, p. 14

E/C.2/W.4/Add.3, p. 15

E/C.2/W.10/Add.1, p. 39

E/C.2/SR.21-25, p. 14

E/C.2/SR.31, p. 10

E/C.2/SR.38, p. 22

1. The Economic and Social Council adopted on 13 August 1947 the following resolution 95 (V) I.3:

"THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

"DECIDES to request the Fiscal Commission to advise the Council on the applications of the organizations noted below, and

"DECIDES to request the Council NGO Committee to consider the report of the Commission and forward its recommendations thereon to the Council:

"International Fiscal Association

"International Institute of Public Finance".

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2. The second session of the Fiscal Commission will be held between 10-28 January 1949 at Lake Success. The matter referred to under 1 above is on the provisional agenda and it is possible that the relevant part of the report of the Fiscal Commission will be available for the consideration of the Council NGO Committee by the middle of January 1949.

C. INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC LAW

(Institut international de Droit public)

(File No. ECA 10/1/0391)

Reference:

E/C.2/W.21 IV.

According to a communication of 29 December 1948 from the Secretary-General of this organization, the Institute is composed at present of thirty-one regular members (membres titulaires) and twenty associate members (membres associés).

PART II

NEW APPLICATIONS FROM INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL  
ORGANIZATIONS FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS

INTERNATIONAL HUNTING COUNCIL

(Conseil international de la Chasse)

(File No. ECA 10/1/0919)

21, rue de Clichy, Paris, France

Reference:

E/C.2/W.21.IV.

No statement is made on this organization since the Secretariat has not yet received sufficient information; this information, when received will presumably fall under the "Six weeks rule for future applications" (E/940/Add.4, A., 19 August 1948) and therefore, the submission of the statement on this organization will be deferred until the ninth session of the Council.

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