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THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Second session of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of
Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

Note by the Secretary-General

At its fifth session, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities would meet in its second session at Lake Success in the latter part of November 1948 (resolution 101(V) and document E/478/Rev.1).

At its third session, the Commission on Human Rights "expressed the view that there was no need for the Sub-Commission to meet prior to the next session of the Commission since the draft International Bill of Human Rights had not been completed at this session; and decided that reconsideration of the terms of reference of the Sub-Commission would be on the agenda of its next session" (E/800, paragraph 18).

The Economic and Social Council did not, at its seventh session, take any action on the recommendation of the Commission on Human Rights. At the Council's 225th meeting, however, the question was raised, and the President of the Council said that "since the meeting scheduled for the Sub-Commission was to be held in November, and the report of the Commission on Human Rights would be referred to the General Assembly in the latter part of September, the General Assembly would be able to review that report and take what measures it thought fit. He ruled therefore that the matter should be left in the hands of the Assembly when it came to deal with the report of the Commission on Human Rights" (E/SR.225, page 32).

The General Assembly has not yet taken any action in the matter.

The Secretary-General is therefore proceeding with arrangements for holding the second session of the Sub-Commission in 1948.

Having regard, however, to the fact that the General Assembly is now in session in Paris, he does not have the technical facilities to service a session of the Sub-Commission at Lake Success in 1948, and, after a careful study of the problem, has come to the conclusion that, if the Sub-Commission

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is to meet in 1948, it should meet at Geneva in the period from 6 to 18 December.

Pursuant to article 2 of the rules of procedure of functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Secretary-General has consulted with the Chairman of the Sub-Commission.
