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SUB-COMMISSION ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND OF THE PRESS

DISPOSITION OF AGENDA ITEMS AND CHECK LIST OF DOCUMENTS, FIRST SESSION, 19 MAY - 4 JUNE 1947

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A. INTRODUCTION

1. Following a recommendation of the nuclear Commission on Human Rights*, the Economic and Social Council in its second session adopted on 21 June 1946 a resolution empowering the full Commission on Human Rights to establish a Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press.** The Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press was established by the Commission on Human Rights during its first session.***

The composition of the Sub-Commission was determined by resolution No. 46 (4) of the Economic and Social Council adopted on 28 March 1947 (E/325), as follows:

Mr. Zechariah Chafee, Jr.	(United States)
Mr. P. H. Chang	(China)
Mr. Chr. Arthur Richardt Christensen	(Norway)
Mr. Robert James Cruikshank	(United Kingdom)
Lic. Jose Isaac Fabrega	(Panama)
Mr. George Victor Ferguson	(Canada)
Mr. Roberto Fontaina	(Uruguay)
Mr. Charles Joseph André Géraud	(France)
Mr. G. J. van Heuven Goedhart	(Netherlands)
Mr. J. M. Lomakin	(Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
Mr. Salvador Lopez	(Philippine Republic)
Mr. Lev Sychrava	(Czechoslovakia)

The Sub-Commission met in its first session at Lake Success, New York, from 19 May to 4 June 1947. Its report to the Commission on Human Rights and the Council is document E/441.

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2. Officers

The officers for the first session were: Chairman Dr. van Heuven Goedhart (Netherlands), Vice-Chairman Mr. Sychrava (Czechoslovakia), Rapporteur Mr. Ferguson (Canada). All were elected at the first meeting 19 May 1947.

3. Ad hoc Committees

A Committee on Substitutes for Absent Members (to the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and the Press) was appointed at the first meeting, 19 May 1947 to report on the status of alternates. It was composed of: Mr. Chafee (United States of America), Mr. Christensen (Norway) and Mr. Lomakin (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics). It had one meeting on 19 May 1947 under the chairmanship of Mr. Chafee. Its report was presented and rejected at the second meeting (19/V/47).

A Committee on Invitations to Specialized Agencies, Inter-Governmental Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations, was appointed at the fifth meeting 21 May 1947, to draw up a list of organizations to be invited to the Conference on Freedom of Information. It was composed of: Mr. de Montoussé (France), Mr. Sychrava (Czechoslovakia) and Mr. Lopez (Philippine Republic). Under the chairmanship of Mr. de Montoussé it met the same day and presented its report to the sixth meeting, the report was amended and adopted.

A Committee on Request to Governments for Information was appointed at the thirteenth meeting, 27 May 1947, with the following composition: Mr. Chang (China), Mr. Mackenzie (United Kingdom), Mr. Sychrava (Czechoslovakia) and the representative of UNESCO (Mr. Farr) to consider the UNESCO questionnaire on Freedom of Information. The Committee met the 28th May 1947, Mr. Chang acting as Rapporteur. Its report was presented amended and adopted at the sixteenth meeting (29/V/47).

4. Ad hoc Drafting Committees

A Committee to Determine the Scope of Information for the purposes of the Conference to draft a definition in this matter, was appointed at the fifteenth meeting, 28 May 1947, with the following composition: Mr. Z. Chafee (United States of America), Mr. Lomakin (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), Mr. Géraud (France) and the representative of UNESCO (Mr. Farr). The Committee met under the chairmanship of Mr. Géraud on May 28th 1947 and its report was presented amended and adopted at the sixteenth meeting (29/V/47).

A Committee to Consider the Proposal of Mr. Géraud (France) Regarding the Agenda of the Conference on Freedom of Information was appointed at the twenty-first meeting, 3 June 1947, to draft the text of an agenda item for the Conference concerning the establishment of a Compensation Fund for correspondents abroad. It was composed of: Mr. Ferguson (Canada), Mr. Géraud (France), Mr. Sychrava (Czechoslovakia) and Mr. Christensen (Norway). The Committee met on 3 June 1947, Mr. Géraud acting as Rapporteur, and presented its report at the twenty-second meeting. (4/VI/47).

B. CHECK LIST OF MEETINGS

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4	20 May 1947	E/CN.4/Sub.1/SR.4	SOC/142
5	21 May 1947	E/CN.4/Sub.1/SR.5	SOC/143
6	21 May 1947	E/CN.4/Sub.1/SR.6	SOC/144
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15	28 May 1947	E/CN.4/Sub.1/SR.15	SOC/154
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18	2 June 1947	E/CN.4/Sub.1/SR.18	SOC/157
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22	4 June 1947	E/CN.4/Sub.1/SR.22	SOC/161
23	4 June 1947	E/CN.4/Sub.1/SR.23	SOC/163

C. DISPOSITION OF AGENDA ITEMS, FIRST SESSION, 19 MAY - 4 JUNE 1947

1. Opening of the Session.

Opening speech by the Assistant Secretary-General for Social Affairs, Mr. Henri Laugier.

Summary record in E/CN.4/Sub.1/SR.1
Full text in Press release PM/379

2. Election of Chairman.

Mr. G. J. van Heuven Goedhart (Netherlands), elected at first meeting
See E/CN.4/Sub.1/SR.1

3. Election of Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Lev Sychrava (Czechoslovakia), elected at first meeting
See E/CN.4/Sub.1/SR.1

4. Election of Rapporteur.

Mr. George Victor Ferguson (Canada), elected at first meeting
See E/CN.4/Sub.1/SR.1

5. Adoption of Provisional Agenda. (E/CN.4/Sub.1/1)

Adopted at first meeting (19/V/47)
See: E/CN.4/Sub.1/SR.1

6. Adoption of Rules of Procedure.

Document discussed: E/327
Summary records of discussion: E/CN.4/Sub.1/SR.1, 19
Report: E/441, Chap. I.

7. Examination of Terms of Reference.

Document submitted: E/CN.4/Sub.1/2
Summary records of discussion: E/CN.4/Sub.1/SR.1, 19
Report: E/441, Chap. II (note)

8-11. (a) Examination of the Terms of Reference and Consideration of Draft Agenda for the Conference on Freedom of Information.

Documents submitted: E/HR/17, A/C.3/76, E/325, E/333, E/355
& Corr.1, E/CN.4/Sub.1/2, 3, 5, 5/Add.1,
Add.2, 12, 19, 22, 26, 27 & Corr.1
Summary records of discussion in: E/CN.4/Sub.1/SR.2, 3, 4, 5,
7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18,
19, 20, 22.
Report: E/441, Chap. II & III, Provisional Agenda Chap. I & II.

- 8-11. (b) Consideration of possible Co-operation of appropriate Specialized Agencies and Non-Governmental Organizations in the Planning of the Conference on Freedom of Information.

Documents submitted: E/COMMISSIONS/4, E/325
Summary records of discussion in: E/CN.4/Sub.1/5, 6, 7, 19
Report: E/441, Chap. II.

- (c) Consideration of Recommendations concerning Invitations to Non-Member States to the Conference on Freedom of Information.

Documents submitted: E/CN.4/Sub.1/4 & Corr.1, 12
Summary records of discussion in: E/CN.4/Sub.1/SR.4, 5, 6, 19
Report: E/441, Chap. II

- (d) Organization of the Conference (date, location, committees)

Summary records of discussion in: E/CN.4/Sub.1/SR.3, 4, 5, 6,
15, 17, 18, 19, 20
Report: E/441, Chap. II

12. Examination of the Rights, Obligations and Practices which should be included in the Concept of Freedom of Information.

Documents submitted: E/HR/2, 14, E/CN.4/W.11*, E/325,
E/CN.4/Sub.1/2, 6, 10, 12, 23, 28, 30, 31, 32
Summary records of discussion: E/CN.4/Sub.1/SR.15, 16, 17, 21, 23
Report: E/441, Chap. IV

13. Other Items.

- (a) Relations with the International Telecommunications Union.

Documents submitted: E/CN.4/Sub.1/7
Summary record of discussion: E/CN.4/Sub.1/SR.6

- (b) Recommendations Regarding Newsprint Shortage

Summary records of discussion in: E/CN.4/Sub.1/22, 23
Report: E/441, Chap. V.

14. Programme of Future Work.

Documents submitted: E/CN.4/Sub.1/6, 20
Summary records of discussion in: E/CN.4/Sub.1/SR.3, 11
Report: E/441, Chap. II (note)

15. Adoption of the Report of the Sub-Commission to the Economic and Social Council and to the Commission on Human Rights.

Documents submitted: E/CN.4/Sub.1/29, Add.1, Add.2, Add.3, Add.4
Summary records of discussion in: E/CN.4/Sub.1/SR.19, 20, 21, 22,
23
Report: E/441

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3	Suggestions Made by the United Kingdom and Chilean Delegates at the General Assembly concerning the Agenda of the Conference on Freedom of Information. Memorandum submitted by the Secretariat. 2 pp. (8 May 1947)	E F
4	Memorandum concerning Invitations to Non-Member States to the International Conference on Information. Submitted by the Secretariat. 2 pp. (14 May 1947)	E F
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5	Memorandum concerning Possible Questionnaire on Mass Media of Information to be Sent to Member States to Provide Documentation for the International Conference on Freedom of Information. 2 pp. (15 May 1947)	E F
5/Add.1	Addendum to text. 3 pp. (16 May 1947)	E F
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6	Memorandum on Possible International Action in the Field of Freedom of Information. Prepared by the Secretariat. 15 pp. (15 May 1947)	E F
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8	Plan of Organization of the Conference on Freedom of Information. Submitted by the Secretariat. 11 pp. (19 May 1947)	E F
9	Draft Agenda for the Conference on Freedom of Information. Proposal of Mr. Zechariah Chafee, Jr. (United States of America). 3 pp. (16 May 1947)	E F
10	Constitutional Provisions, International Declarations and Other Statements Concerning Freedom of Information. Submitted by the Secretariat. 14 pp. (16 May 1947)	E
11	Memorandum on Historical Background of Sub-Commission. Submitted by the Secretariat. 4 pp. (16 May 1947)	E F
12	Paper Submitted by Mr. R. J. Cruikshank, United Kingdom, Member of Sub-Commission. 12 pp. (19 May 1947)	E F
13	Report of Committee on Substitutes for Absent Members to Sub-Commission. 3 pp. (19 May 1947)	E F
14	Text of Statement Made at 2nd Meeting of Sub-Commission by Mr. Zechariah Chafee, Jr. (United States of America). 2 pp. (19 May 1947)	E F
15	Text of Statement Made at 2nd Meeting of Sub-Commission by Mr. Roberto Fontaina (Uruguay). 4 pp. (19 May 1947)	E F
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17	Provisional Agenda, 3rd Meeting, 20 May 1947. 1 p. (19 May 1947)	E F
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21	Text of Statement Made at 6th Meeting by General Frank E. Stoner on International Telecommunications and their Significance in the Field of Freedom of Information. 4 pp. (21 May 1947)	E F
22	Textual Comparison of Draft Agenda for the Conference on Freedom of Information. Prepared by the Secretariat. 9 pp. (21 May 1947)	E
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30	Text of Statement Made at 13th Meeting by Mr. Salvador Lopez (Philippine Republic). 5 pp. (29 May 1947)	E
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(2) Documents in Other Series

E/COMMISSIONS/4	Commission on Human Rights of the Economic and Social Council: Memorandum on the Establishment of the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information. Submitted by the Delegation of United States of America. 2 pp. (8 May 1946)	E F
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