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LETTER FROM INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE WOMEN'S GUILD
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Dear Sir,

We have just received from the United Nations, London information office, the list of non-governmental organizations recommended for consultative status and are surprised and disappointed to find that the International Co-operative Women's Guild is not one of the numerous international women's organizations listed under Category B.

Unfortunately we were not able to send a personal representative to the recent Conference held from 10 - 14 February, but when the Status of Women Commission on 19 February, Mrs. Fuhrman, one of the temporary representatives of the International Co-operative Alliance on the various Commissions of the Economic and Social Council, spoke in our behalf.

In previous correspondence the I.C.W.G. agreed that as regards matters touching only the Status of Women, it would be represented through the Liaison Committee, but asked very definitely that it should be accorded consultative status on all matters touching economic and social questions with which its members are deeply concerned. The scope of this organization's interests was shown in our original application acknowledged by the Division of Co-ordination and Liaison in October and as the co-operative

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Movement has its own philosophy its point of view on many international issues is a special one, which we feel would not be adequately presented through the I.C.W.G.'s membership of the Liaison Committee of Women's International Organizations.

We are wondering whether the I.C.W.G. has been omitted owing to an erroneous belief that it is actually affiliated to the International Co-operative Alliance? In fact the I.C.W.S., while working in very close relationship with the I.C.A. is not one of its member organizations as these are all national bodies.

We hope very much that there may be some mistake and that the I.C.W.G. has not been definitely excluded from those organizations to be granted consultative status.

Our Zurich Conference, at which we had the honour to welcome a representative of the United Nations in the person of Miss Rolfe, pledged itself to the greatest possible support of the work of the United Nations, and our national Guilds will be deeply distressed if they learn that the hoped-for avenue of collaboration is closed to them.

Yours very truly,

(signed) Theo. Naftel
Secretary

(signed) Emmy Freundlich
President
