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COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**LIST OF COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
GRANTED CATEGORY (b) OR (c) CONSULTATIVE STATUS**

This list is in accordance with the provisions of section IV, paragraph 4, of the report of the Committee on Arrangements for Consultation with Non-Governmental Organizations, approved by the Council on 21 June 1946 (resolution 2/3 of 21 June 1946, in Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, first year, second session, pages 360-365).

Women's International Democratic Federation

The Federation, in a letter to the Secretary-General dated 2 May 1949, submits a statement entitled: "Repression of the Women's Movement and Women's Activities in certain States Members of the United Nations". The Federation requests that its memorandum should be brought to the attention of the Council, the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on the Status of Women.

The Federation refers to previous communications submitted by it and reports new and very serious facts showing the alarming increase in the cases in which human rights have been violated in certain countries to the detriment of women who were acting within the strictly legal limits of civil liberties: exercise of the right of assembly, association and demonstration and the right to strike etc. The Federation submits information on violations of human rights in the following countries:

1. Argentina - During April 1949, 28 women were arrested while distributing forms of application for membership of the Congress of the Supporters of Peace. Several of them were placed in the prison for prostitutes and thieves and brutally tortured.
2. India - In November 1948 and April 1949, 12 women were killed at Chandangiri, Mymensingh and Calcutta. These women had taken part in peace demonstrations. Others were wounded and arrested during peaceful demonstrations either because they were leaders of women's organizations or belonged to a trade union.
3. Eastern Pakistan - Several peasant women belonging to the women's movement were attacked by the police and the Ausars.

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4. Iran - Members of the Iranian Women's Democratic Organization were arrested and insulted by the police. The Government of Iran also announced that the members of the delegation of the Iranian Women's Democratic Organization to the second Congress of the Women's International Democratic Federation, held at Budapest in December 1948, "will be punished".
5. Greece - Women and children continue to suffer from the police terror.

The Federation considers that the above cases involve flagrant violations of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Accordingly, the Federation requests that:

- "(a) The responsibility of Governments, using methods in violation of human rights, be recognized.
- "(b) Measures be taken for the re-establishment of civil liberties in those countries and for the immediate freeing of the imprisoned women."

Detailed documentation - The Federation encloses documentary information containing other particulars on the position of women in Argentina, Greece and India.
