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LIST OF COMMUNICATIONS

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This list is submitted pursuant to 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: Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, first year, second session, pages 360-365).

International Abolitionist Federation.
International Criminal Police Commission.
International Federation of Friends of Young Women.
International Federation of Business and Professional Women.
Catholic International Union for Social Service.
International Union for Child Welfare.

In a letter dated 6 July 1949 addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council, the six organizations mentioned above proposed amendments to Articles 1 and 17 of the draft Convention for the Suppression of Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others.

Considering that the offences referred to in the Convention are in almost all cases actually committed for purposes of gain, but that it is usually impossible to provide judicial evidence of such purpose, these organizations ask for the deletion from the first part of Article 1 of the words "provided these offences

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are committed for purposes of gain." This would entail the deletion of the second part and would considerably simplify the whole Article, which would then read as follows:

"The Parties to this Convention agree to punish any person who, to gratify the passions of another:

- 1) Procures, entices or leads away for purposes of prostitution, another person even with the consent of that person;
- 2) Exploits or is an accessory in the prostitution of another person, even with the consent of that person."

The letter adds that every act of procuring should be punished, even if not committed for purposes of gain.

The Organizations fear that Article 17 presents prostitution in a false light as a matter of female morals. They would like this Article deleted, or, failing this, the inclusion of words to the effect that "preventive action must be taken in relation to both sexes," and they consider that the words "the rehabilitation of prostitutes" should be replaced by "the re-adjustment to social life of victims of the offences referred to in the Convention."