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REPRESENTATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL BODIES  
ON THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCILREPORT OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY

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1. The General Assembly at its twenty-second Plenary Meeting held on 2 February 1946, referred to the First Committee the question of the representation on the Economic and Social Council of the World Federation of Trade Unions.
2. The First Committee at its Sixth Meeting on 2 February 1946 discussed the matter very fully and appointed a Sub-committee composed of the Vice-Chairman (Dr. Bech, Luxembourg), the Rapporteur, Dr. Viteri Lafronte (Ecuador), together with the representatives of Belgium, China, Colombia, France, New Zealand, U.S.S.R., U.K., and U.S.A., with the task of drafting a resolution which might effect a compromise between the conflicting points of view.
3. The Sub-committee met on several occasions, discussed the question with great thoroughness, and eventually concluded that agreement was not unattainable. It therefore appointed a small drafting Committee to consider the four draft resolutions contained in document A/C.1/W/6. It was, however, unable to reconcile the divergence of these draft resolutions, and presented them to the Sub-committee. At the Sub-committee's final meeting the draft resolution of the Soviet Union Delegation was withdrawn, and a new text to be found in A/C.1/15 submitted. The Sub-committee then considered these four draft resolutions and voted by six votes to four that that of the United States should be recommended to this Committee.
4. The First Committee at its Ninth and Tenth meetings held on 11 and 12 February respectively, considered the implications of these four

I have the honour, therefore, on behalf of the First Committee to propose that the General Assembly adopt the following resolution:

In connection with the requests of the World Federation of Trade Unions, the American Federation of Labor, the International Co-operative Alliance, and other non-governmental organizations, that their representatives shall be allowed to take part in the work of the Economic and Social Council, and in accordance with Article 71 of the Charter providing for the carrying out by the Economic and Social Council of appropriate consultations with non-governmental organizations,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDS

(a) That the Economic and Social Council should as soon as possible adopt suitable arrangements enabling the World Federation of Trade Unions and the International Co-operative Alliance as well as other international non-governmental organizations whose experience the Economic and Social Council will find necessary to use, to collaborate for purposes of consultation with the Economic and Social Council.

(b) That the Economic and Social Council should likewise adopt as soon as possible suitable arrangements enabling the American Federation of Labor as well as other national and regional non-governmental organizations whose experience the Economic and Social Council will find necessary to use, to collaborate for purposes of consultation with the Economic and Social Council.