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DEPRIVATION OF WOMEN OF CERTAIN ESSENTIAL HUMAN RIGHTS

(Economic and Social Council resolution of 28 May 1952)

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to inform the members of the Trusteeship Council that at its 583rd meeting on 28 May 1952 the Economic and Social Council adopted the following resolution ^{1/} on the Report of the Commission on the Status of Women:

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that one of the purposes of the United Nations is to promote and encourage respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Considering that there are areas of the world, including certain Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories, where women are deprived of certain essential human rights, including the right to their physical integrity and moral dignity,

1. Invites all States, including States which have or assume responsibility for the administration of non-self-governing Territories, to take immediately all necessary measures with a view to abolishing progressively in the countries and territories under their administration all customs which violate the physical integrity of women, and which thereby violate the dignity and worth of the human person as proclaimed in the Charter and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
2. Invites the Trusteeship Council, in collaboration with the Administering Authorities, to take immediately all appropriate measures to promote the progressive abolition of such customs in

Trust Territories, and to consider the inclusion of the necessary questions in the questionnaires provided for in Article 88 of the Charter as well as the inclusion of the pertinent information received from Administering Authorities in its annual report to the General Assembly; and

3. Invites the General Assembly to request the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to take paragraph 1 above into account in its examination of the information transmitted under heading C of Part III of the Standard Form for the guidance of Members in the preparation of information to be transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter adopted by the General Assembly on 7 December 1951 as resolution 551 (VI).
