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SUB-COMMISSION ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
AND OF THE PRESS
Fourth session

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- A. Preliminary procedural items
1. Opening of the session
 2. Election of officers
 3. Adoption of the provisional agenda
- B. Programme of work and priorities for the three year period of the life of the Sub-Commission, adopted by the Sub-Commission at its third session (E/CN.4/Sub.1/98)
1. The adequacy of the news available to the peoples of the world and the obstacles to the free flow of information to them
 2. Classification and analysis of existing agreements in the field of freedom of information
 3. Study of constitutional provisions, national legislation and administrative practices affecting the free dissemination of news
 4. Promotion of the dissemination of true information to counteract Nazi, Fascist and other propaganda of aggression or of racial, national, religious and other forms of discrimination
 5. Problems concerning news personnel:
 - (a) Law and practice governing the status and work of foreign news personnel;
 - (b) Measures to facilitate the work of foreign news personnel;
 - (c) Definition and identification of professional foreign correspondents;
 - (d) Independence of news personnel;
 - (e) Interchange of news personnel;
 - (f) Schools of journalism and related problems.

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6. The International Institute of Press and Information
 7. Examination of what measures are necessary and desirable to improve the professional standards and to define the obligations and responsibilities of journalists or news and information personnel, including the possibility of drafting an international code of honour and of establishing an international court of honour
 8. Implementation of the conventions proposed by the Conference
 9. The operation of provisions in the proposed Covenant on Human Rights concerning freedom of information
 10. The "Day of Friendship"
- C. Items referred to the Sub-Commission by the Economic and Social Council at its ninth session arising from consideration of resolutions of the United Nations Conference on Freedom of Information not already included in the Programme of Work and Priorities (resolution 241(IX))
1. Means of ensuring and co-ordinating the implementation of the principles contained in resolutions nos. 2 and 3 of the Conference.
 2. Consideration of the problems involved in the establishment of governmental and semi-governmental information services in accordance with resolution no. 24 of the Conference
- D. Communications
- E. Adoption of the report to the Economic and Social Council

NOTE: Attention is drawn to the fact that the Economic and Social Council at its tenth session and the Commission on Human Rights at its sixth session may refer additional items to the Sub-Commission.