

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE
HANDLING OF COMMUNICATIONS

In accordance with the resolution adopted by the Commission on Human Rights on 28 January 1947, the Sub-Committee on the handling of communications, composed of the members from the United Kingdom, Lebanon and Uruguay, met on Saturday 1 February at 5 o'clock.

The Sub-Committee elected the member from the United Kingdom, Mr. Charles Dukes, as Chairman and the member from the Lebanon, Mr. Charles Malik, as Rapporteur.

The Sub-Committee adopted the provisional rules of procedure of the Commission on Human Rights (document E/CN.4/W.7).

1. According to the terms of reference of the Sub-Committee, the function of the Sub-Committee was to consider how communications concerning human rights, addressed to the Commission on Human Rights or to other organs of the United Nations may be handled, and to make appropriate recommendations to this effect to the Commission on Human Rights.
2. The Sub-Committee, in the first instance, recognized that at this stage it was not its task to examine the communications received.
3. The Sub-Committee was of the opinion that in the future, some organ, representing the Commission on Human Rights, should be established for the purpose of receiving and examining the communications of the kind mentioned above and making, when necessary, a report thereon to the Commission.
4. The Sub-Committee proposes that the contemplated body should be a sub-committee of three members, elected for two years by the Commission.

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This sub-committee should meet shortly before each session of the Commission in order to prepare its report.

5. (a) Before each meeting of the Sub-Committee, the Secretary-General will compile a confidential list of communications concerning human rights.
- (b) This confidential list shall be communicated to the members of the Commission.
- (c) The members of the Commission shall have the right upon request to consult at the Secretariat, the originals of these communications.
- (d) The writers of all communications concerning human rights, whether or not addressed to the Human Rights Commission, will be informed by the Secretary-General that their communications will be submitted to the Commission on Human Rights.
