

## COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

## Fifth session

## SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE PROCEDURE OF THE COMMISSION

(Memorandum by the Secretary-General)

1. Because several members of the Commission have not completed their work as members of the Third Committee of the General Assembly, the Commission may conceivably postpone the holding of daily plenary meetings for one week, until 16 May 1949. If this is done, the Commission may wish to consider which items of its provisional agenda (E/CN.4/161) might be disposed of at the first meeting of the fifth session, and which items might at that time be referred to committees for immediate consideration.

2. The Secretary-General suggests that the following items might be dealt with during the first meeting of the fifth session:

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers
3. Invitation to the officers of the Commission on the Status of Women.

(NOTE: Item 3 is procedurally urgent because it may be necessary to arrange for the presence of a representative of the Commission on the Status of Women at the fifth session).

3. The Secretary-General further suggests that the following committees be constituted at the first meeting of the fifth session, to consider the indicated items of the agenda during the week of May 9-16:

1. COMMITTEE ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

Item 4. Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities:

- (a) terms of reference of the Sub-Commission
- (b) election of new members of the Sub-Commission.

Item 8. The fate of minorities.

Item 9. Report by the Secretary-General on the question of the continuing validity of the minorities treaties and declarations (if ready).

Item 10. Examination of texts submitted by the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of  
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Minorities.

(NOTE: Item 4 (a) is particularly urgent from a procedural point of view inasmuch as the Sub-Commission is scheduled to convene at Lake Success for its second session on 13 June; the members must be advised of any revision in the Sub-Commission's terms of reference well in advance of that date. Item 4 (b) is also procedurally urgent; the machinery whereby new members of the Sub-Commission are to be nominated and elected must be established early in the session in order that the actual election may take place before its end.)

2. COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

Item 7. Report of the Secretary-General on the present situation with regard to communications concerning human rights.

Item 16. Confidential list of communications concerning human rights.

3. YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

Item 12. Yearbook on Human Rights:

(a) Yearbook on human rights for 1946 and 1947

(b) Examination of pilot papers

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