

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Fifth session

SUB-COMMISSION ON THE PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION
AND THE PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

Text of resolutions as adopted by the Commission
on 16 May 1949

A.

Terms of reference of the Sub-Commission

The Commission on Human Rights

Resolves that the terms of reference of the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities be clarified and extended in scope to read as follows:

- (a) To undertake studies, particularly in the light of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to make recommendations to the Commission on Human Rights concerning the prevention of discrimination of any kind relating to human rights and fundamental freedoms and the protection of racial, national, religious and linguistic minorities; and
- (b) To perform any other functions which may be entrusted to it by the Economic and Social Council or the Commission on Human Rights.

B.

Term of office and membership of the Sub-Commission

The Commission on Human Rights

Resolves:

- (a) to extend the term of office of the present members of the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities for a period of three years; and
- (b) to add one additional member to the Sub-Commission to make it more representative from the point of view of geographical distribution.*

* It was decided that each member of the Commission on Human Rights would be asked to nominate, not later than 6 June 1949, one person, either a national or a non-national of his country, who would be available to serve as an additional member on the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities, and to indicate briefly his qualifications.

C.

The fate of Minorities

The Commission on Human Rights

Resolves:

- (a) to refer to the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities the texts submitted to the General Assembly by the delegations of Denmark, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Yugoslavia on the subject of minorities contained in document A/C.3/307/Rev.2 for its consideration in the light of the discussion of this subject by the General Assembly at its third session, by the Commission on Human Rights at its fifth session, and by the latter's Committee on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities; and
- (b) to defer its own consideration of that subject until it has received the report of the Sub-Commission's study.

D.

Priority of work

The Commission on Human Rights

Requests the Sub-Commission to postpone consideration, until its third session, of questions of implementation of human rights.
