

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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RESTRICTIONS ON MARRIAGE BETWEEN PERSONS OF DIFFERENT  
RACE OR NATIONALITY

(Memorandum by the Secretary-General)

The Secretary-General has the honour to draw the attention of the Commission on Human Rights to the following resolution 242 (IX) H, adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 2 August 1949:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Considering that by its resolution 154 (VII) D it has already drawn the attention of the Commission on Human Rights to the question raised by the draft resolution submitted by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (E/1472), and the amendments proposed thereto (E/1474 and E/1477),

Decides to take no action on the matter and to transmit the records of the discussion thereon at the ninth session of the Council to the Commission on Human Rights."

The records of the discussion on the subject at the ninth session of the Council are as follows:

- (1) Draft resolution submitted by the USSR (E/1472 and E/1472/Corr.1);
- (2) Amendment to the USSR draft resolution, submitted by Lebanon (E/1474);
- (3) Amendment to the USSR draft resolution, submitted by Chile (E/1477);
- (4) Summary record of the meeting held on 1 August 1949 (E/SR.316);
- (5) Summary record of the meeting held on 2 August 1949 (E/SR.317).

The Commission will note that resolution 154 (VII) D adopted by the Council on 23 August 1948 reads as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council

"Deplores all legislative measures which forbid mixed marriages between persons differing as to colour, race, nationality, citizenship or religion, and in general such other legislative or administrative provisions as restrict the freedom to choose a spouse (with the exception of restrictions based on family relationships, age, the nature of the functions being exercised, or other similar reasons) as well as those legislative or administrative provisions which deny to

/a woman

a woman the right to leave her country of origin and reside with her husband in any other; and

Resolves to transmit the observations of the Commission on the Status of Women contained in paragraph 29 of the report,<sup>1/</sup> and also the Chilean proposal contained in document E/AC.27/W.16 and the USSR proposal contained in document E/AC.27/W.18, to the Commission on Human Rights."

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<sup>1/</sup> See document E/615, page 15.