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DRAFT INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS
AND MEASURES OF IMPLEMENTATION

Observations of the Specialized Agencies received by the
Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council
resolution 501 B (XVI)

World Health Organization

(Letter dated 22 September 1953 from the Director-General
of the World Health Organization to the Assistant Secretary-
General, Department of Economic Affairs and of Social Affairs)

Resolution 501 B (XVI) of the Economic and Social Council concerning the
draft International Conventions on Human Rights has been carefully studied,
together with the report of the ninth session of the Commission on Human Rights,
document E/2447.

I have no particular comment to offer on this report which is comprehensive
and gives a very clear picture of the stage reached by the Commission on Human
Rights in its preparation of the two draft International Conventions on Human Rights
and measures of implementation.

I would like, however, to state that, in my opinion, Article 53 of the draft
Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which was deleted by the Commission on
Human Rights at its ninth session, did serve a useful purpose and was likely to
avoid any difficulty in the interpretation of the competence of the Human Rights
Committee. It is believed that any action that might be envisaged in order to
have Article 53 re-instated would help to clarify the whole field of the methods
of implementation of the Covenants.

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