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HUMAN RIGHTS

Resolutions Adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 28 March 1947

Draft
Declaration
on Fundamental
Human Rights
and Freedoms

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

Pursuant to Resolution No. 43 (1) of the General Assembly
of 11 December 1946

TRANSMITS the Declaration on Fundamental Human Rights and
Freedoms, presented by the Delegation of Panama, and any other
draft declarations received from Member States, to the Drafting
Committee of the Commission on Human Rights and to the Commission
on Human Rights for consideration in their preparation of an
International Bill of Human Rights.

Resolution
of the General
Assembly
Concerning an
International
Conference on
Freedom of
Information

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

REQUESTS the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and
of the Press to prepare, guided by Resolution No. 59 (1) of
14 December 1946 of the General Assembly, a draft documented
agenda for the Conference on Freedom of Information, and to
submit this along with proposals concerning preparations for
the Conference to the Commission on Human Rights and to the
Council. These proposals shall include suggestions concerning
the invitation of States, not Members of the United Nations,
and plans whereby appropriate specialized agencies, such as
the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural
Organization, and appropriate non-governmental organizations
may assist in the preparation of the Conference and attend
it; and

/TRANSMITS

TRANSMITS to the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press the draft agenda for the Conference on Freedom of Information presented by the Delegation of France (Documents E/355 and E/355/Corr.1) and any other similar communications received from Member States; and

RECOMMENDS to the Sub-Commission to invite a representative of the International Organization of Journalists to be present as an observer at its meetings for purpose of consultation; and further

RESOLVES that the decision on the date and place of the Conference be deferred to its fifth session.

Report of the
Commission on
Human Rights

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

TAKING NOTE OF Chapter II, paragraph 10 of the Report of the Commission on Human Rights,

A. REQUESTS the Secretariat to prepare a documented outline concerning an International Bill of Human Rights; and

HAVING NOTED with approval the letter of the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights to the President of the Economic and Social Council, under date of 24 March 1947, including her statement of intention to appoint immediately a Drafting Committee of the Commission on Human Rights consisting of the members of the Commission on Human Rights for Australia, Chile, China, France, Lebanon, United States, United Kingdom, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which will be convened prior to the second session of the Commission on Human Rights and prepare, on the basis of documentation supplied by the Secretariat, a preliminary draft of an International Bill of Human Rights,

DECIDES

(a) that the draft prepared by the above-mentioned

/Drafting Committee

Drafting Committee be submitted to the second session of the Commission on Human Rights; and

(b) that the draft as developed by the Commission on Human Rights be submitted to all States Members of the United Nations for their observations, suggestions and proposals; and

(c) that these observations, suggestions and proposals then be considered as a basis of a redraft, if necessary by the Drafting Committee; and

(d) that the resulting draft then be submitted to the Commission on Human Rights for final consideration; and

(e) that the Council consider the proposed International Bill of Human Rights as submitted by the Commission on Human Rights with a view to recommending an International Bill of Human Rights to the General Assembly in 1948; and further

(f) that the Commission on Human Rights invite the officers of the Commission on the Status of Women, the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Rapporteur, to be present and participate without vote in its deliberations when sections of the draft of the International Bill of Human Rights concerning the particular rights of women are being considered;

B. RESOLVES that, subject to the consent of their Governments, the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press be composed of the following persons:

Mr. Z. Chafee	(United States)
Mr. P. H. Chang	(China)
Chr. A. R. Christensen	(Norway)
Mr. R. J. Cruikshank	(United Kingdom)
Lic. Jose Isaac Fabrega	(Panama)
Mr. George V. Ferguson	(Canada)

/Mr. Roberto Fontaina

Mr. Roberto Fontaina	(Uruguay)
Mr. Andre Geraud	(France)
Dr. G. J. van Heuven Goedhart	(Netherlands)
Mr. J. M. Lomakin	(Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
Mr. Salvador Lopez	(Philippine Republic)
Mr. Lev Sychrava	(Czechoslovakia)

;and further

RESOLVES that the functions of the Sub-Commission be:

(a) In the first instance, to examine what rights, obligations and practices should be included in the concept of freedom of information and to report to the Commission on Human Rights on any issues that may arise from such examination;

(b) To perform any other functions which may be entrusted to it by the Economic and Social Council or by the Commission on Human Rights;

C. RESOLVES that, subject to the consent of their Governments, the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities be composed of the following persons:

Mr. A. P. Borisov	(Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
Dr. C. F. Chang	(China)
Mr. Jonathan Daniels	(United States)
Mr. Erik Enar Ekstrand	(Sweden)
Mr. William Morris Jutson McNamara	(Australia)
Mr. M. R. Masani	(India)
Miss Elizabeth Monroe	(United Kingdom)
Mr. Josef Nisot	(Belgium)
Mr. Arturo Meneses Pallares	(Ecuador)
Mr. Herard Roy	(Haiti)
Mr. Rezazada Shafaq	(Iran)
Mr. Samuel Spanien	(France)

;and further

D. RESOLVES that consideration of Chapter V of the Report of the Commission on Human Rights, entitled "Communications Concerning Human Rights", be deferred until its fifth session.

/General Assembly

General Assembly
Resolution
Concerning the
Crime of Genocide

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

Taking cognizance of the General Assembly Resolution

No. 96 (1) of 11 December 1946 instructs the Secretary-General:

(a) to undertake, with the assistance of experts in the field of international and criminal law, the necessary studies with a view to drawing up a draft convention in accordance with the resolution of the General Assembly; and

(b) after consultation with the General Assembly Committee on the Development and Codification of International Law and, if feasible, the Commission on Human Rights and, after reference to all Member Governments for comments, to submit to the next session of the Economic and Social Council a draft convention on the crime of genocide.
