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DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND ON INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

Following is the text of draft resolutions prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of discussion by the Social Committee at its meeting on 23 March:

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Commission on Human Rights; and

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

ESTABLISHES a temporary Sub-Commission consisting of the Members of the Commission on Human Rights for Australia, Chile, China, France, Lebanon, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom and the United States. This temporary Sub-Commission shall be convened prior to the second session of the Commission on Human Rights and shall prepare, on the basis of documentation supplied by the Secretary-General, a preliminary draft of an International Bill of Human Rights; and

DECIDES

(a) that the draft prepared by the temporary Sub-Commission 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 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 temporary Sub-Commission; and

RECEIVED resulting draft then be submitted to the Commission on

MAR 24 1947 Human Rights for final consideration; and

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(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

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

; 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; and

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

; and further

D. RESOLVES that consideration of Chapter V of the Report of the Commission on Human Rights, concerning the handling of communications, be deferred until its fifth session.

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REQUESTS the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press to prepare 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 specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations may assist in the preparation of and attend the Conference; and further

RESOLVES that the date and place of the Conference be deferred for decision at its fifth session.

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Pursuant to Resolution No. 43 (1) of the Second Part of the First Session of the General Assembly (Draft Declaration on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms)

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