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ADVISORY SERVICES IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Report by the Secretary-General

1. Subsequent to the adoption by the Commission on Human Rights of resolution 8 (XIV) and by the Commission on the Status of Women of resolution 7 (XII) on advisory services in the field of human rights, the Economic and Social Council, in resolution 684 (XXVI), approved the plan presented by the Secretary-General for holding seminars in the year 1959, and requested the Secretary-General to keep in mind the possibility of organizing in the future an international seminar on a subject of universal interest.
2. The General Assembly, in resolution 2161 (XIII), also approved the plan presented by the Secretary-General, and authorized an appropriation of \$100,000 for the programme of advisory services in 1959.
3. As he contemplated in his report on activities planned for 1959 (E/3075/Add.1, para. (2)), the Secretary-General, with the co-operation of the respective host governments, is organizing seminars during 1959 as follows:
  - (a) On judicial and other remedies against the illegal exercise or abuse of administrative authority, from 4 to 15 May 1959, at the University of Ceylon, Peradeniya (Kandy), Ceylon. The countries and territories which are being invited to send participants to the seminar are those within the geographic scope of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, with the addition of Australia and New Zealand. In a memorandum concerning the seminar which has been sent to Governments, the hope has been expressed that governments will nominate as participants key persons occupying important

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posts in their respective countries at the level of ministers of central and local government departments concerned with the problem, members of administrative boards and administrative tribunals, judges of the ordinary courts and of administrative courts, attorneys-general, solicitors-general and professors of constitutional and administrative law, as well as senior officials dealing with this problem. Specialized agencies interested in the subject matter of the seminar and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, whose purposes and programmes are closely connected with the subject matter, have been invited to send observers.

(b) On the participation of women in public life, from 18 to 29 May 1959, at Bogota, Colombia. The participants will be from countries and territories in the Western Hemisphere. In a memorandum concerning the seminar which has been sent to governments, the hope is expressed that governments will nominate as participants persons having the following qualifications:

(1) persons, official or otherwise, who have, or may be expected to assume responsibility for training programmes and other matters related to the subject of the seminar; (2) persons who have had experience on national, municipal and local bodies, including village councils, school boards, community development projects, and the like; (3) persons whose experience includes active membership in organizations interested in programmes related to the subject of the seminar. The Inter-American Commission of Women, the Organization of American States and the specialized agencies interested in the subject matter of the seminar have been invited to send observers. Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, whose purposes and programmes are closely connected with the subject matter of the seminar have also been invited to send observers.

(c) On judicial and other remedies against the illegal exercise or abuse of administrative authority, from 31 August to 11 September 1959, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The participants will be from the same countries and territories as for the seminar in Bogota, Colombia. Governments will be invited to nominate as participants persons having the qualifications and experience as suggested in the case of the seminar on this topic to be held

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in Ceylon. The Organization of American States, the specialized agencies which express an interest in the subject matter of the seminar, and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, whose purposes and programmes are closely connected with the subject matter will be invited to send observers.

4. The Secretary-General has nothing to report to the Commission at this stage in the matter of fellowships and scholarships and the provision of expert services.

5. By its resolution 9 (XIV) the Commission on Human Rights at its fourteenth session invited the Secretary-General to study the recommendation of the 1958 seminar on the protection of human rights in criminal law and procedure (Baguio City, the Philippines, 17-28 February 1958) regarding the publication of its proceedings. The report of this seminar has been published as ST/TAA/HR.2 in the series of published reports of seminars held under the advisory services programme. The report will be circulated to Governments, to the participants at the seminar, to universities, interested non-governmental organizations, law societies, bar associations, etc. The budgetary appropriation available for the programme of advisory services in human rights is not sufficient to cover the cost of publishing the complete proceedings of the seminar.

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