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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE THIRD MEETING
OF THE
SUB-COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Held at: Gillet Hall
Hunter College
New York.

1 May 1946 at 3:00 PM

Members present:

Mrs. F.D. Roosevelt - ex officio
Mrs. Bodil Begtrup - Chairman
Miss Minerva Bernardino
Miss Angela Jurak
Mrs. Hansa Mehta
Mrs. W.S. New
Miss F. Kalinowska

The Chairman opened the meeting at 3:00 PM and drew the attention of the members to an invitation to members of the Sub-commission received from the Australian Women's Conference arranged in Sydney during August. It was agreed that a telegram should be sent in reply thanking the women of Australia, regretting the inability of members to accept, and promising to send a copy of the report of the Sub-commission when completed.

The Chairman then read a draft text defining the broad purpose of the Sub-commission as follows:

Freedom and equality are essential to human developments and whereas woman is as much a human being as man and, therefore, entitled to share them with him;

We believe that well-being and progress of society depend on the extent to which both men and women are able to develop their full personality and are cognizant of their responsibilities to themselves and to each other;

We believe that a woman has thus a definite role to play in the building of a free, healthy prosperous and moral society and that she can fulfil this obligation only as a free and responsible member;

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In order to achieve this ideal the purpose of the commission is to raise the status of woman to equality with man in all fields of human endeavour.

On the motion of Mrs. Roosevelt this text was adopted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 P.M. until Friday 3 May, 10:30 A.M.

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