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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCILRECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE APPLICATIONS OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATIONS FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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The Council met in Committee of the Whole on 7 August 1947 and considered the Report of the Committee on Arrangements for Consultation with Non-Governmental Organizations (Council NGO Committee) on applications of non-governmental organizations for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/500, 29 July 1947), which was submitted to the Council in accordance with the Council's Resolution of 21 June 1946 (E/43/Rev.2, 1 July 1946). The Committee of the Whole, having considered this Report, recommends that the Council should adopt the following draft Resolutions:

I. RESOLUTIONS ON INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

TAKES NOTE of the Report of its Committee on Arrangements for Consultation with Non-Governmental Organizations (Council NGO Committee) on applications of non-governmental organizations for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/500, 29 July 1947); and

DECIDES that the following organizations be placed in the category referred to in paragraph 1 (b) of Part IV of the Council's Resolution of 21 June 1946:

Boy Scouts International Bureau

Catholic International Union for Social Service

Commission of the Churches on International Affairs*

Co-ordinating Board of Jewish Organizations for Consultation with the
Economic and Social Council of the United Nations

* This Organization was formed jointly by the International Missionary Council and the World Council of Churches. The International Missionary Council, which was admitted to category (b) at the Fourth Session of the Council, has indicated that it wishes to be related to the Council through the Commission rather than independently.

International Abolitionist Federation*

International Association of Democratic Lawyers

International Automobile Federation (formerly International Association of Recognized Automobile Clubs) and the International Touring Alliance, to be jointly represented, subject to the exclusion of their Spanish affiliates

International Bar Association (subject to the exclusion of its Spanish affiliates)

International Conference of Social Work

International Bureau for the Suppression of Traffic in Women and Children

International Co-operative Women's Guild (re-application)

International Federation for Housing and Town Planning (subject to the exclusion of its Spanish affiliates)

International Institute of Administrative Sciences

International Organization for Standardization (on condition that the Spanish Affiliate be expelled from the International Electrotechnical Commission which has become a part of it)

International Statistical Institute

International Union of Catholic Women's Leagues

International Union of Local Authorities

International Union of Producers and Distributors of Electric Power

International Voluntary Service for Peace

World Association of Girl Guides and Girls Scouts

World Federation of United Nations Associations**

2. THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

DECIDES that the International Organization of Industrial Employers, formerly placed in category (b), is to be placed in the category referred to in paragraph 1 (a) of Part IV of the Council's Resolution of 21 June 1946.

3. THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

DECIDES to request the Transport and Communications Commission to

* The Council agreed that since the International Abolitionist Federation and the International Bureau for the Suppression of Traffic in Women and Children, which had been granted category (b) consultative status jointly during the Fourth Session of the Council, can not agree upon joint representation, and since the Council is satisfied that their interests are not identical, it decides to grant category (b) consultative status to each of them separately.

** The Council decides that consideration of the application of this Organization to be placed in category (a) shall be taken up at a later date, after the organization has had an opportunity for fuller development.

advise the Council on the applications of the organizations noted below, it being understood that the question of Spanish membership will be taken into consideration when the Council acts upon these applications, some of which appear to fall within the terms of the Council's Resolution of 28 March 1947 providing that "in the case of certain organizations consultative arrangements should not be made, since their work would appear to fall entirely within the field of activity of one of the specialized agencies or other inter-governmental organizations."; and

DECIDES to request the Council N.G.O. Committee to consider the report of the Transport and Communications Commission and forward its recommendations to the Council:

- Central Council of International Touring
- International Air Transport Association
- International Shipping Conference
- International Union of Public Transport
- International Union of Railways
- Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses

4. THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

DECIDES to request the Fiscal Commission to advise the Council on the applications of the organizations noted below, and

DECIDES to request the Council N.G.O. Committee to consider the report of the Commission and forward its recommendations thereon to the Council:

- International Fiscal Association
- International Institute of Public Finance

II. RESOLUTIONS ON NATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

In the light of paragraph 8 of Part I of the Council's Resolution of 21 June 1946:

("National Organizations should normally present their views through their respective governments or through international non-governmental organizations to which they belong. It would not, save in exceptional cases, be appropriate to include national organizations which are affiliated to an international non-governmental organization covering the same subjects on an international basis. National organizations, however, may be included in the list after consultation with the Member State concerned if they cover a field which is not covered by any international organization or have special experience upon which the Council wishes to draw.")

and upon the recommendations of the Members of the United Nations concerned

DECIDES that the following national organizations be placed in the category referred to in paragraph 1 (b) of Part IV of the Council's Resolution of 21 June 1946:

Howard League for Penal Reform (United Kingdom)
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (United States)
National Association of Manufacturers (United States)

Notes

1. The Council NGO Committee also made recommendations, not covered by the above decisions, as regards:

- (a) Not granting the requests of certain organizations, now in category (b), to be placed in category (a);
- (b) The reconsideration of the applications of certain organizations at a later date and
- (c) Not granting consultative status to certain organizations;

If the practice of the last Session is followed (See decisions 57 (IV), E/437, page 49) these decisions will not be included in the resolutions other than as in paragraph 1, (a) above.

2. The Committee of the Whole decided to request the Council NGO Committee to report, during the present Session, on the question of putting the International Committee of the Red Cross in category (a) instead of its present category (b). The Committee of the Whole also decided to ask the Council NGO Committee to Report, during the present Session, on the application of the All India Women's Conference, since the Representative of India stated that his government now supported the application of this organization.

If the Council takes decisions on the recommendations of the Council NGO Committee in regards to these two organizations during the present Session, the Council will no doubt wish that they should be included in the appropriate parts of the draft Resolutions above.
