

CHAPTER III OF THE REPORT OF THE FIRST SESSION
OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE TO THE
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

1. The Social Committee, at its seventeenth meeting on 4 August 1947, adopted the following draft resolution for submission to the Council:

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

HAVING CONSIDERED Chapter III of the Report of the First Session of the Commission on the Status of Women concerning Communications (E/281/Rev.1),

RECOGNIZES that, as in the case of the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women has no power to take any action in regard to any complaints concerning the status of women,

REQUESTS the Secretary-General

(a) to compile a confidential list of communications received concerning the status of women before each session of the Commission, with a brief indication of the substance of each;

(b) to furnish this confidential list to the Commission, in private meeting, without divulging the identity of the authors of the communications;

(c) to enable the members of the Commission, upon request, to consult the originals of communications dealing with the principles relating to the promotion of women's rights in political, economic, civil, social and educational fields;

(d) to inform the writers of all communications concerning the status of women, however addressed, that their communications have been received and duly noted for consideration in accordance with the procedure laid down by the United Nations. Where necessary, the Secretary-General should indicate that the Commission has no power to take any action in regard to any complaint concerning the status of women;

(e) to furnish each member State not represented on the Commission with a brief indication of the substance of any communication concerning the status of women which refers explicitly to that State or to territories under its jurisdiction without divulging the identity of the author;

/SUGGESTS

SUGGESTS to the Commission on the Status of Women that it should at each session appoint an ad hoc committee to meet shortly before the next session of the Commission for the purpose of reviewing the confidential list of communications prepared by the Secretary-General under paragraph (a) above and of recommending which of these communications, in original, should in accordance with paragraph (c) above, be made available to members of the Commission on request.

2. The Social Committee suggested that the consideration of the inclusion of a paragraph concerning communications relating to the Status of Women in trust territories be referred to the Joint Committee of the Economic and Social Council and the Trusteeship Council.
