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REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (FIFTH SESSION)

Report of the Social Committee

1. The Social Committee, under the chairmanship of the Vice-President of the Council, Mr. F. Dehousse (Belgium), considered at its 119th meeting, on 13 February 1950 (E/AC.7/SR.119), item 14 on the agenda of the Council "Report of the Commission on Human Rights (fifth session)", which was referred to the Committee by the Council at its 345th meeting on 7 February 1950.
2. The Committee had before it the following documents: E/1371, E/1371/Add.1, E/AC.7/L.2, E/AC.7/L.3, E/AC.7/L.11, E/AC.7/L.12.
3. The Committee decided to recommend the following draft resolutions for adoption by the Council:

A

"The Economic and Social Council

"Takes note of the report of the fifth session of the Commission on Human Rights."

B

COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS

"The Economic and Social Council

"Decides to amend paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of resolution 75 (V), as amended by resolutions 116 A (VI), and 192 (VIII), to read as follows:

"the Economic and Social Council

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"Requests the Secretary-General

"(a) To compile and distribute to members of the Commission on Human Rights before each session a non-confidential list containing a brief indication of the substance of each communication, however addressed, which deals with the principles involved in the promotion of universal respect for

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and observance of human rights and to divulge the identity of the authors of such communications unless they indicate that they wish their names to remain confidential;

"(b) To compile before each session of the Commission a confidential list containing a brief indication of the substance of other communications concerning human rights, however addressed, and to furnish this list to members of the Commission, in private meeting, without divulging the identity of the authors of communications except in cases where the authors state that they have already divulged or intend to divulge their names or that they have no objection to their names being divulged;

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"(e) In the future, to furnish each Member State concerned with a copy of any communication concerning human rights which refers explicitly to that State or to territories under its jurisdiction, without divulging the identity of the author, except as provided for in paragraph (b) above."

C

YEARBOOK ON HUMAN RIGHTS

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Having examined draft resolution E submitted by the Commission on Human Rights at its fifth session,

"Considering that the question of the form which the Yearbook might take in future years should be given further consideration,

"Requests the Commission on Human Rights to examine this question in the light of the discussions at the tenth session of the Economic and Social Council."

D

PROVISIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Recommends to the Trusteeship Council

"1. To take into consideration the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, approved by the General Assembly on 10 December 1948, and proclaimed as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, in the revision of its Provisional Questionnaire, particularly in the light of the additional questions suggested by the Commission on Human Rights and contained in documents E/CN.4/174 and E/CN.4/329 in so far as they are not already
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covered by the Provisional Questionnaire; and

"2. To consider urging the Administering Authorities to continue to secure, through progressive measures and appropriate procedures, the effective recognition and observance of the rights and freedoms set forth in said Declaration, among the peoples of the Trust Territories under their administration."

Note: At its ninth session, the Council decided to deal at that session only with procedural and administrative questions arising out of the Report of the fifth session of the Commission on Human Rights and to leave matters of substance for consideration at its tenth session. In accordance with this decision the Council adopted resolution 236 (IX) A covering draft resolution B (I) as contained in annex IV of the Commission's report (E/1371). It also took action on draft resolution G and decided to take no action on draft resolutions A and C (see E/SR.320, pages 5 to 24).
