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LIST OF COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
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The following communication is listed in accordance
with the provisions of paragraph 1 of rule 81 of
the rules of procedure of the Council

International Alliance of Women - Equal Rights, Equal Responsibilities
(Alliance internationale des Femmes - Droits égaux, Responsabilités égales)

The Alliance, by letter dated December 1949, submits three resolutions for the attention of the Council. The first and third are also directed to the Commission on Human Rights and the second to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Resolution No. 1, adopted at a Congress held in Amsterdam 18-23 July 1949, requests that the General Assembly adopt the Covenant on Human Rights at its fifth session and that the Commission on Human Rights propose that the French title of the Declaration be changed to read:

"Déclaration Universelle des Droits Humains".

Resolution No. 2, adopted at the same Congress, considers that the drafting of an international convention on the nationality of married women is contrary to Articles 15 and 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights according to which the "nationality of married women should not be dealt with in any special convention" and requests that the Council instruct the Secretary-General "to prepare a draft convention, not on the nationality of married women, but on the nationality of spouses; asking him so to draft this convention that it shall lay down absolutely equal rights for both spouses in regard to nationality, giving to both the possibility of taking the nationality of the other spouse, to keep or to reacquire their own nationality, in the course of the marriage, or on its dissolution, with a guarantee that in no case can they be deprived of nationality; and, lastly, permitting either spouse to transmit his or her nationality to their children."

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Resolution No. 3, adopted by the Committee of the Alliance at a meeting held 11-12 December 1949 at Paris regrets that Article 16 (1) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is not applied in the draft Covenant and declares "that the non-application of the principle of equal rights for men and women in marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution will leave in existence a discrimination based on sex which gravely affects the majority of women", and that this "will have as a result that a large proportion of the members of the human family will not be able to benefit by articles 11 and 15 of the draft convention on Human Rights, the first of which secures to every individual to choose freely his place of residence within his country, and the second of which declares the right of every individual to have his juridical personality recognized everywhere."

'Requests, therefore, the Commission on Human Rights to include in the forthcoming Convention on Human Rights the principles contained in art. 16 (1).'
