

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON THE REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMISSION  
ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND OF THE PRESS

Following are the texts of draft resolutions on the Report of the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of the Report of the Sub-Commission (document E/441):

1. Organization of the International Conference on Freedom of Information  
(Document E/441, pages 3-8)

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

TAKING NOTE of the recommendations of the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press regarding the organization of the International Conference on Freedom of Information,

A. REQUESTS the General Assembly to amend its resolution of 14 December 1946 concerning the calling of the Conference in such manner that the Conference may be convoked in 1948;

B. DECIDES:

1. That the Conference shall be held in \_\_\_\_\_, commencing between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_;
2. That, in addition to States Members of the United Nations, the following Non-Member States be invited to the Conference with full rights of participation and voting:

3. (a) That such of the following Specialized Agencies, Inter-Governmental Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations as may request them be given invitations to participate in preparations for the Conference to attend it:

Specialized Agencies which have Concluded Agreements with the United Nations

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations  
International Civil Aviation Organization  
International Labour Organization  
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

Other Inter-Governmental Organizations which may Conclude Agreements with the United Nations

International Bank  
International Monetary Fund  
International Refugee Organization  
International Telecommunications Union  
International Trade Organization  
Universal Postal Union  
World Health Organization

Non-Governmental Organizations in Category A

American Federation of Labor  
International Chamber of Commerce  
International Co-operative Alliance  
International Federation of Agricultural Producers  
International Federation of Christian Trade Unions  
Inter-Parliamentary Union  
World Federation of Trade Unions

Non-Governmental Organization in Category B

International Organization of Journalists

- (b) That these Specialized Agencies, Inter-Governmental Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations be invited to participate on the following basis:

- (i) Specialized Agencies, including Inter-Governmental Organizations which may conclude agreements with the United Nations before the Conference, to be granted a status equivalent to that accorded them by the Economic and Social Council;
- (ii) Non-Governmental Organizations in Category A to be

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- granted a status equivalent to that accorded them by the Economic and Social Council;
- (iii) The International Organization of Journalists to be granted a status at the Conference equivalent to that granted by the Economic and Social Council to Non-Governmental Organizations in Category A; and
- (c) To request the Secretary-General to inform the above-mentioned agencies and organizations of these recommendations;
4. That the Draft Rules of Procedure of the Conference be those set forth in document E/CN.4/Sub.1/34;
5. (a) That delegations to the Conference shall consist of not more than five delegates from each State; not more than five alternates; and advisers as required;
- (b) To request the Secretary-General to ask Governments to notify him of the total number of persons included in their delegations in adequate time; and
- (c) That it be left to each Government to decide on the composition of its delegation in conformity with Resolution of the General Assembly No. 59 (1) of 14 December 1946;
6. That there be set up at the Conference the following committees;
- (a) A General Committee (Bureau) to comprise the President of the Conference, the Vice-Presidents, and the Chairman of the principal committees, the membership and powers of this Committee to be those of the General Committee of the General Assembly, no two members of the Committee to be nationals of the same State, and the chief functions of the Committee to be to make recommendations to the Conference concerning its agenda, to refer draft resolutions to principal committees, and to co-ordinate the work of all committees; and
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(b) Four principal committees upon which each delegation shall be represented. These committees shall be:

(i) A main committee which shall consider the basic tasks of the press and other mass media of information and the basic principles of freedom of information as well as general problems common to other committees;

(ii) A committee on the gathering and international transmission of information, which shall consider the matters in Items 3 and 4 of the Agenda (as listed in Chapter III of the Report of the Sub-Commission (document E/1441));

(iii) A committee on implementation of the rights of all peoples to receive accurate, objective and comprehensive information, and the obligations of the workers of the press in this connection. This shall consider matters under Items 5 and 7 of the Agenda, as listed in Chapter III of the Report of the Sub-Commission; and

(iv) A committee on law and continuing machinery. This shall consider matters under Items 6 and 8 of the Agenda, as listed in Chapter III of the Report of the Sub-Commission, as well as legal problems which may be presented by other committees in the course of their deliberations;

7. (a) To request the Secretary-General to prepare a written request for information concerning freedom of information;

(b) That this request for information be brief; that the Secretary-General consult with UNESCO in its preparation; that the request for information be specifically related to items

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included in the draft agenda of the Conference recommended by the Sub-Commission; and that he take due consideration of the relevant paper submitted by Mr. Sychrava (Czechoslovakia) (document E/CN.4/Sub.1/27);

(c) That the request for information be submitted to the Commission on Human Rights for approval and possible correction;

(d) That this request for information then be sent to all States, Members of the United Nations, and to all States, not Members of the United Nations, which shall be invited to the International Conference on Freedom of Information;

(e) To request the Secretary-General to prepare a memorandum based upon the replies received as documentation for the Conference; and

(f) To request UNESCO to submit the findings based upon its questionnaire concerning technical information needs in the war devastated areas, along with other relevant material, to the Conference;

8. (a) To request the Secretary-General to assume full responsibility for preparing the necessary documentation under each item of the proposed agenda for the Conference, but that in accomplishing this work he seek the co-operation of other international organizations working in this field; and

(b) That the documentation be organized under each item of the agenda and consist of a compilation and analysis of existing practices and problems.

2. Agenda of the International Conference on Freedom of Information  
(Document E/441, pages 8-16)

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

TAKING NOTE of the Draft Agenda prepared by the Sub-Commission on

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Freedom of Information and of the Press for the International Conference on Freedom of Information,

DECIDES to transmit this Draft Agenda to the International Conference on Freedom of Information.

3. Further Sessions of the Sub-Commission  
(Document E/441, page 2)

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

TAKING NOTE of the recommendations of the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press regarding further sessions of the Sub-Commission, DECIDES that a second session of the Sub-Commission be held before the International Conference on Freedom of Information, and that a third session be held after the Conference.

4. Relations with the International Telecommunications Union  
(Document E/441, page 17)

WHEREAS,

The date of the International Telecommunications Conference did not permit the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press to make its recommendations in this field through the Economic and Social Council;

THEREFORE, THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

APPROVES the action of the Sub-Commission in requesting the Secretary-

General:

- (a) to communicate with the International Telecommunications Union, noting that the problems with which it is dealing in this field are of particular interest to the Sub-Commission;
- (b) to ask the International Telecommunications Union to convey to the Sub-Commission any information it believes would be helpful to the Sub-Commission in its work;
- (c) to inform the International Telecommunications Union of the hope of the Sub-Commission that the International Telecommunications Union will take the necessary steps to be represented at the International

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Conference on Freedom of Information in accordance with the  
recommendation of the Sub-Commission concerning the participation of  
Specialized Agencies, Inter-Governmental Organizations, and Non-  
Governmental Organizations in the Conference.

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