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COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

LIST OF COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATIONS GRANTED CATEGORY (b) or (c) CONSULTATIVE STATUS

Note: This list is submitted in accordance with the provisions of Section IV, paragraph 4, of the Report of the Committee on Arrangements for Consultation with Non-Governmental Organizations, approved by the Council on 21 June 1946 (Resolution 2/3 of 21 June 1946, in Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, First Year Second Session, pages 360-365).

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

The International Alliance makes the following comments on various articles of the DRAFT CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE TRAFFIC IN PERSONS AND OF THE EXPLOITATION OF THE PROSTITUTION OF OTHERS.

Article 6. Each Party to this Convention agrees to take all necessary measures to repeal or abolish any existing law, regulation or administrative provisions by virtue of which persons who engage in or are suspected of engaging in prostitution are subject either to special registration or to the possession of a special document or to any exceptional requirements for supervision or notification.

Comment. It is vital that this Article should be adopted exactly as it stands. If the Article is omitted or amended to allow of police or medical registration of "prostitutes" (see E/CN.5/115. Add 3), a form of regulation of prostitution would still remain in force with its discriminations and openings for abuse.

Article 17 The Parties to this Convention agree to take and to encourage, through their public and private educational, health, social, economic and other related services,

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measures for the prevention of prostitution and the rehabilitation of prostitutes.

Comment To delete the final words "the rehabilitation of prostitutes" and substitute "for the social adjustment of victims of the offences or attempted offences referred to in Articles 1, 2, 3." This proposal would bring the wording of the Convention into line, as the intention has throughout been to make its terms applicable to all victims of the traffic.

Article 18 (a) To make such regulations as may seem necessary to them for the protection of women and children who are immigrants or emigrants.

Comment To delete "women and children who are". Again in order to make the wording applicable to all persons.

Article 19 The Parties to this Convention undertake, subject to the requirements of domestic law, to have declarations taken from aliens who are prostitutes.

Comment To delete the word "prostitutes" and substitute "victims of the International Traffic in persons for the purposes of prostitution."

Article 20 (b) To repatriate persons referred to in Article 19 who desire to be repatriated or who may be claimed by persons exercising authority over them.

Comment To add "In the latter case, repatriation shall take place only if it is considered to be in the interest of the persons concerned".

Article 24 This Convention shall be open for signature or acceptance on behalf of any member of the United Nations and also on behalf of any non-member State to which an invitation has been addressed by the appropriate organ of the United Nations.

Comment

To delete the words "to which an invitation has been addressed by the appropriate organ of the United Nations". It seems desirable that for this Convention dealing with a universal problem of a non-political nature, all States should be able to adhere to it.