

Ninth session

Dual Distribution

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

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

The following communication is added to the list
in conformity with the provisions of the first
paragraph of Rule 81 of the Rules of Procedure.

International Abolitionist Federation

In a communication dated 20 July 1949 addressed to the Secretary-General the Federation draws the Economic and Social Council's attention to a statement regarding "social progress in the former Italian colonies".^{1/}

Recalling the General Assembly resolution of 17 May 1949 relating to problems arising in connexion with social progress in the former Italian colonies, the Federation expresses the wish that the General Assembly should decide that "until those colonies enjoy full sovereignty, the regulation of prostitution shall not be admissible therein, and all international agreements regarding the traffic in persons and the exploitation of prostitution concluded under the auspices of or taken over by the United Nations shall be applied therein".

^{1/} Communication relating to Item 19 of the Agenda.

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The Federation explains that under Italian rule, a large part of those colonies was under the so-called "regulated" system of prostitution, a system which is contrary to the draft "Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and exploitation of the Prostitution of Others" which the Economic and Social Council is transmitting to the fourth session of the General Assembly for the adoption of a convention on the subject.

In view of the fact that in respect of her colonies, Italy had not adhered to the Convention of 30 September 1921 and that she had not ratified the Convention of 11 October 1933, there seems in the circumstances to be a serious danger of exploitation of the prostitution of native women and children.

For all those reasons, the Federation considers it essential that the "Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and Exploitation of the prostitution of others" should be applied to the former Italian colonies as soon as it comes into force.

As a precedent, the Federation recalls that Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations prescribed for B and C Mandates "the prohibition of abuses such as the slave trade, the arms traffic and the liquor traffic", and that the terms of the B and C Mandates contained provisions relating to alcoholic and spirituous liquors.
