
COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSULTATION WITH
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 paragraph 4,
Part IV, of the Report of the Committee on Arrangements for
Consultation with Non-Governmental Organizations adopted
by the Council, 21 June 1946 (E/43/Rev.2, 1 July 1946))

International Co-operative Women's Guild (Memorandum dated 28 January 1948)
(Gilde internationale des Cooperatrices)

The national Guilds belonging to this organization played an important part in the organization of food distribution in wartime. The importance of housewives, whom the Guilds represent, has been overlooked by the majority of governments and peoples of the world, thus a great opportunity for securing a better organization of the production and distribution of food has been lost. Housewives think that nutrition should not be considered as a business, but as a social service for the community. The correctness of this position becomes evident once people get into economic difficulties for then the community must undertake the feeding of the masses. The importance of nutrition indicates that in regard to it, community interests rather than private interests should prevail. The way to transform food distribution from a business to a social service was discovered by the Rochdale pioneers when they founded the co-operative movement. Distribution is as important as production, but, unlike production, in most parts of the world, there are no organizations which can organize distribution. In many countries agricultural production is very well organized through agricultural societies and there is also a good collaboration between consumers and producers through co-operative movements. An international committee to work on this matter internationally should be organized as a part of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. The Women's Guilds are also concerned with the great waste of foodstuffs which occurs everywhere in the world; not only in homes and restaurants, but also in transport,
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storage, and the destruction of food to keep prices high. The co-operation of housewives is necessary in the fight against wasting food. In a number of countries the governments have asked the members of the Guilds to assist in efforts to save food and have given them various opportunities to assist in this work.

The Guilds hope that the Economic and Social Council will agree that collaboration between housewives of the world and the FAO is absolutely necessary. The liaison between FAO and housewives is very limited. The Governments send only men as representatives and only in a few countries are women members of the National Committee of FAO. In order to secure a world wide organization to help FAO, a Department, Commission, or some other body should be set up in FAO. The International Co-operative Women's Guild requests the Economic and Social Council to recommend such action to FAO and to appeal to all Governments to set up National FAO Committees and nominate women to them and to send women as representatives to the meetings of FAO.

International Alliance of Women

(Alliance internationale des femmes)

Letter sent to the President of the Economic and Social Council, dated 30 January 1948, submits the text of a telegram from the National Council of the Women of Greece signed by its President, Elmina Pantelaki, Athens. This telegram states that Greek women are subject to abominable crimes perpetrated by communist bands in Greece with the assistance of countries to the north of Greece, and that during October, November and December 1947 the total of ascertained abductions and rapes is 990 and that during the same period 92 women were killed, and others compelled to fight in ranks of bandits. The International Alliance of Women brings this communication to the attention of the Economic and Social Council as a matter of Human Rights and expresses the hope that the United Nations will protect these women.
