

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSULTATION
WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

(Council NGO Committee)

LIST OF COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
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 No. 2/3 of 21 June 1946, in Economic and Social Official Records, First Year, Second Session, pages 360-365).

AGUDAS ISRAEL WORLD ORGANIZATION (Organisation mondiale Agudas Israel) submitted a memorandum to the Secretary-General dated May 1948, entitled "Safeguards for Freedom of Religion in the International Covenant of Human Rights". The organization proposes the following formulation of Article 16 of the Covenant:

"No one shall be denied freedom of religion, conscience and belief, including the right, either alone or in community with other persons of like mind, to hold and adopt any religious or other belief, to give and receive any form of religious teaching, to practise any form of religious worship and observance and not be required to do any act which is contrary to such worship and observance. In the case of a minor the parent or guardian shall be free to determine what religious teaching he shall receive."

This formulation of Article 16 would include in one paragraph instead of the two paragraphs of the Draft, all five rights that compose together the Freedom of Religion.
