

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) which states that organizations in Categories (b) and (c) "may submit written statements and suggestions on matters within their competence, and the Secretariat will prepare and distribute a list of all such communications briefly indicating the substance of each. On the request of any member of the Council, a communication will be reproduced in full and distributed. Any lengthy communications will be distributed only if sufficient copies are furnished by the organizations concerned".)

Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations

Letter 24 July 1947 to the Secretary-General, enclosing proposals for the consideration of the Economic and Social Council regarding the draft convention on the crime of Genocide prepared by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in pursuance of the Resolution of the Economic and Social Council dated 28 March 1947 (document E/447, 26 June 1947).

The Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations, keenly interested in the General Assembly Resolution affirming that Genocide is a crime under international law and in the efforts to give immediate effect to this Resolution, submits for consideration of the Members of the Economic and Social Council, its proposals as follows:

1. that the words "political groups" be omitted from Article 1, Section 1, in order that the acceptance of the Convention may not be delayed by differences of opinion as to the definition of political groups;
2. that the Preamble be amended to include political as well as other grounds;
3. modification of Section 2, paragraph 3, since it is difficult to ascertain whether such acts as those listed therein are of a nature as to constitute cultural genocide, and in accordance with this thought, suggesting that in Article 4, Article 8, and Article 9, the term "Genocide" should be replaced by the words "an offense under this Convention" and that the following section should be added: "Rulers and public officials shall also be liable to punishment if they fail

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to employ every lawful means to prevent and punish offenses under this Convention";

4. that to Article IX the following paragraphs 3 and 4 be added:

"If individuals acting as organs of the State failed to employ all lawful means to prevent any offense under this Convention" and "If an individual was brought before a municipal court for an offense under this Convention but the court failed to convict him or to impose upon him a penalty commensurate with the crime as a result of a manifest miscarriage of justice"; and

5. that to Article 11 the following section be added: "Failure by the responsible officials to carry out this pledge shall be deemed to constitute an offense under this Convention".
