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(Council NGO Committee)

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).

COMMISSION OF THE CHURCHES ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, established by The World Council of Churches and The International Missionary Council (Comité des Eglises pour les Affaires internationales)

This organization, in a letter to the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights dated 6 May 1948, made suggestions concerning the provisions for freedom of conscience and religion in the Bill of Human Rights. The letter refers to Article 16 of the Covenant and Article 16 of the Declaration and to the related articles dealing with information and expression, assembly and association, as contained in the Geneva drafts of the International Bill of Human Rights (E/600, Report of the second session of the Commission on Human Rights).

The suggestions made are based on an inquiry undertaken by the Commission among representative church leaders all over the world, to which replies were received from thirty-three countries. On the basis of these replies, the letter states that the provisions in the above-mentioned articles constitute the minimum of practices that have been tested in experience and found essential to the observance of religious freedom.

The Commission urges that every effort be made to sustain the affirmative terms of these articles in the Geneva drafts.
