

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: The present list is submitted in conformity 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 (E/43/Rev.2, 1 July 1946))

World Jewish Congress

A memorandum on the position of Jews in Moslem countries submitted with a letter to the Acting President of the Council, 19 January 1948, states that all Jews residing in the Near and Middle East face extreme and imminent danger due to the open defiance by Arab States of the decision to partition Palestine. The memorandum states that the political Committee of the Arab League has drafted a law which would transform Jews in the countries of the Arab League into hostages with whom the State will deal as it pleases. It also states that there have been anti-Jewish incidents recently in Aleppo (Syria), Peshawar (Pakistan), certain towns of Iran, the Bahrein Island (Persian Gulf), and Aden, resulting in the loss of many lives, synagogues, and homes.

The memorandum further states that these acts are clear-cut cases of persecution and discrimination against a racial and religious group contrary to Articles 1 (3), 13 (1b) and 55 (c) of the Charter, the resolution of the General Assembly of 14 November 1946, and the Draft International Covenant on Human Rights adopted by the Second Session of the Human Rights Commission. It is also stated that these acts are contrary to the resolutions of the General Assembly on Genocide, unanimously adopted on 11 December 1946, and 21 November 1947. The memorandum states that these resolutions were adopted with the approval of the states within whose jurisdiction the acts alleged in the memorandum are being perpetrated and also that the provisions of the Charter and the resolutions mentioned above, create a legal and moral international responsibility on the part of Member /States.

States. It states that the Economic and Social Council is competent to deal with this situation and requests that it be placed on the agenda, and that the Council immediately undertake a study of the situation in order to make appropriate recommendations to the respective States for the prevention of discrimination against and possible destruction of the Jewish communities living in those lands.

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