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REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

1. At its 143rd meeting on 3 April 1950 the Commission on Human Rights established an Ad Hoc Committee on Communications consisting of the representatives of Chile, France, India, Lebanon, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay and Yugoslavia.
2. The Committee met on 1 May 1950 and elected Miss Bowie, the representative of the United Kingdom as its Chairman and Rapporteur.

The following members attended:

Chairman and
Rapporteur

Miss Bowie

United Kingdom

Members

Mr. Cassin

France

Mrs. Mehta

India

Mrs. Roosevelt

United States of America

3. The Committee had been requested by the Commission to study two items on the Commission's agenda:

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- (a) Resolution 240 C (IX) of the Economic and Social Council transmitting the resolution of the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press regarding the establishment of procedure for dealing with communications
- (b) Draft resolution VI of the second and third sessions of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (document E/CN.4/358, page 40)
- (c) Report of the Secretary-General on the present situation with regard to communications concerning human rights.

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4. The expression of the views of the members of the Committee is embodied in restricted document E/CN.4/AC.13/SR.1.

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5. The Committee took note of resolution 240 C (IX) of the Economic and Social Council and draft resolution VI of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, and was of the opinion that, until the Commission had decided upon measures of implementation of the International Covenant on Human Rights, it would be premature to sanction any procedure for dealing with complaints or petitions by a Sub-Commission other than the procedure at present in force concerning communications on human rights. For the same reason, the Committee decided to defer further study of the Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.4/165 and E/CN.4/165/Corr.1).

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6. The Committee decided to submit the following draft resolution to the Commission:

The Commission on Human Rights

Takes note of the lists of communications concerning human rights prepared for its sixth session by the Secretary-General in accordance with resolution 75 (V) as amended by resolution 275 B (X).
