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INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR THE RIGHTS OF MAN
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SUMMARY OF MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED
on the
COVENANT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

1. The basis of discussion of the Commission is the resolution of December 4, 1950. We agree in general with this resolution since it corresponds with our own views especially in the following points:
 - a. More precise definition of political and civil rights.
 - b. Restriction of limitations.
 - c. Inclusion of social, economic and cultural rights.
 - d. A study of the question of private petition.
 - e. The references to an effective system of implementation.
2. We suggest the addition of the right of asylum, the right of individuals to participate in government and right of national self-determination; also, the right to private property and freedom of marriage.
3. We oppose those limitations which would permit anti-democratic governments virtually to annul the pact.
4. We oppose the right of governments to sign and ratify the pact with reservations concerning particular rights which governments would be free not to enforce.
5. We oppose the proposal for putting economic, social and cultural rights in a separate pact, or including merely a vague article to be implemented later by special treaties.
6. We ask for the right of petition for organizations and for individuals as we did in our previous memoranda.*
7. With reference to the right of petition, we suggest a simple procedure which would avoid the technical difficulties exaggerated by the opponents of this right.
8. We propose an implementation body with much authority and independence to supervise the application of the Covenant, to intervene on its own initiative with governments, etc.
9. We oppose separate protocols for implementation as defeating the very purpose of the Covenant itself.
10. We urge the Commission not to run the risk of disappointing the hopes raised by the directives established by the ECOSOC and Assembly.

* NOTE: We are prepared to accept as a beginning the right of petition only for organizations. The entire implementation system should be an efficient one in which individual petition can be channeled through organizations. However, we reserve this concession for a later stage of the debate.