

Women, the International Permanent Bureau of Motor Manufacturers, the World Federation of the Deaf, and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. (U.S.A.). The Council also decided to defer, until 1957, consideration of an application from the World Jewish Migration Council for category B consultative status. It also decided not to grant category B consultative status to the Federal Union of European Nationalities and Regions or to the Women's International Democratic Federation. It further decided not to grant requests for reclassification, from the Register to category B, of the International Union of Aviation Insurers or of the International Federation of Free Journalists of Central and Eastern Europe and Baltic and Balkan countries.

The discussions in ECOSOC on the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations centred principally on an unsuccessful effort by the Soviet Union to have the Council reverse the recommendation of the Committee not to grant category B consultative status to the Women's International Democratic Federation. The Delegations of the United Kingdom and the United States recalled that the consultative status of that organization had been withdrawn by the Council in 1954 for failure to live up to its undertaking to further this cause of the United Nations. It had exploited women for ulterior political purposes and had used its facilities to spread propaganda harmful to the United Nations forces during the action in Korea. The letter of re-application from the organization gave no indication that it recognized that it had erred in the past or that its basic attitude had changed.

Another matter which gave rise to some discussion was a complaint by the World Federation of Trade Unions that the United States Government had denied a visa to their representative, thus preventing him from attending the twenty-first session of the Economic and Social Council. The United States Representative subsequently announced that the United States Government had decided to grant the visa previously withheld.