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Draft Resolution submitted by the delegation of Sweden, as amended
by the delegation of Norway

The Committee on Administration, Finance and Legal Matters, after having studied the question of relations with non-governmental organizations, and taking into account the statement of the Director-General and the comments of the Executive Board,

1. **IS OF THE OPINION** that there is no reason to modify the general principles governing the admission of non-governmental organizations into relations with WHO as approved by the Third World Health Assembly,
2. **CONSIDERS** that, regardless of whether these principles may be interpreted to mean that a plurality of representation vis à vis WHO of non-governmental organizations within the same field of work is reasonable in special circumstances, such plurality should as a general rule be avoided for economical and practical reasons and should in no case be based on elements of race, religion or political belief as relevant factors for the granting of relationship status, and
3. **REQUESTS** the Executive Board to take these facts into consideration when applications from non-governmental organizations for a relationship status are being dealt with.

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(Addition to the draft resolution submitted by the delegation
of Sweden, proposed by the delegation of Liberia)

At the end of paragraph 2, insert between "status" and "and" -
"especially so when the non-governmental organizations can be represented
by a joint committee or other body fully authorized to act for the group
as a whole".

