

The Conference makes the following recommendations :—

1. Each Member of the International Labour Organization should take or continue to take such steps as are within its competence to promote the well-being and development of the peoples of dependent territories through the effective application of the general principles set forth in Part I of the Annex to this Recommendation.

2. Each Member of the Organization which is responsible for any dependent territory should take all steps within its competence to secure the effective application in each such territory of the minimum standards set forth in Part II of the Annex to this Recommendation, and in particular should bring this Recommendation before the authority or authorities competent to make effective in each such territory the minimum standards set forth in Part II of the Annex.

3. Each Member of the Organization should, if it approves this Recommendation, notify the Director of the International Labour Office of its acceptance of the general principles set forth in Part I of the Annex; should communicate to the Director at the earliest possible date particulars of the action taken to make effective the minimum standards set forth in Part II of the Annex in respect of each dependent territory for which the Member in question is responsible; and thereafter should report to the International Labour Office from time to time, as requested by the Governing Body, concerning the action taken to give effect to the Recommendation.

4. The standards set forth in Part II of the Annex to this Recommendation should be regarded as minimum standards, which do not qualify or impair any obligation to apply higher standards incumbent upon any Member of the Organization under the Constitution of the Organization or under any International Labour Convention which the Member may have ratified, and should in no case be so interpreted or applied as to lessen the protection afforded by existing legislation to the workers concerned.

ANNEX

PART I.—GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Article 1

1. All policies designed to apply to dependent territories shall be primarily directed to the well-being and development of the peoples of such territories and to the promotion of the desire on their part for social progress.

2. Policies of more general application shall be formulated with due regard to their effect upon the well-being of dependent peoples.

Article 2

1. In order to promote economic advancement and thus to lay the foundations of social progress, every effort shall be made to secure, on an international, regional, national or territorial basis, financial and technical assistance in the economic development of dependent territories under the control of the local administrations, in such a way as to safeguard the interests of the peoples of dependent territories.

2. It shall be an aim of policy for all government authorities to ensure that adequate funds are made available to provide capital for development purposes on terms which secure to the peoples of the dependent territories the full benefits of such development.

3. In appropriate cases international, regional or national action shall be taken with a view to establishing conditions of trade sufficient for the maintenance of reasonable standards of living for producers efficiently producing the essential export products of dependent territories.

Article 3

All possible steps shall be taken by appropriate international, regional, national and territorial measures to promote improvement in such fields as public health, housing, nutrition, education, the welfare of children, the status of women, conditions of employment, the remuneration of wage earners and independent producers, migratory labour, social security, standards of public services and general production. These steps shall include the adoption of appropriate commercial and trading policies by countries on which dependent territories depend.

Article 4

All possible steps shall be taken effectively to associate the peoples of the dependent territories in the framing and execution of measures of social progress, preferably through their own elected representatives where appropriate and possible.

PART II.—MINIMUM STANDARDS

SECTION 1.—SLAVERY

Article 5

In pursuance of the objective of free labour in a free world, the principle is affirmed that the slave trade and slavery in all its forms shall be prohibited and effectively suppressed in all dependent territories.

SECTION 2.—OPIUM

Article 6

1. In recognition of the menace which the use of opium may represent to the health, productivity and general welfare of the peoples of dependent territories, the principle is affirmed that the traffic in opium and other dangerous drugs shall be strictly regulated in such manner as to protect fully the interests of the workers.

2. Consideration shall be given to the prohibition of opium smoking and the abolition of government opium monopolies in all dependent territories where opium smoking is still authorized.