

of foodstuffs in short supply, and agreed to recommend the establishment of an International Emergency Food Council to replace the Combined Food Board. The Committee agreed that the future of UNRRA was a matter for the Council of that body to decide, but recognized the importance to FAO of certain aspects of UNRRA's work, and recommended that close collaboration be maintained by those two organizations.

The Committee recognized the need for providing for longer-term machinery, but decided that it was beyond the competence of the special meeting on urgent food problems to consider in detail any plan for such an organization. The Committee took note of the fact that the Director-General of FAO is examining the need for establishment of a longer-term organization, and requests him to present his findings both to the next Conference of FAO and to the United Nations.

I. RECOMMENDATION ON UNRRA

The Committee agreed that the question of the future of UNRRA, established as a temporary organization, was a matter for the UNRRA Council to determine, but recognized that there may still be need for carrying on certain of its functions after its termination. While it will be for the General Assembly of the United Nations to recommend whether any of the specialized agencies shall assume responsibility for these, the Committee wishes to call attention to the interest of FAO in agricultural rehabilitation, and therefore RECOMMENDS—

That FAO and UNRRA should maintain close co-operation and co-ordinate their work in agricultural rehabilitation in order to effect a smooth transition from the short-term programme to the long-term objectives of FAO.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FORMATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY FOOD COUNCIL

The Committee is convinced that the present food emergency will continue for some considerable time and that adjustments are required to the existing international machinery for dealing with foodstuffs in short supply. The Committee has had before it proposals presented by the three member Governments of the Combined Food Board—*i.e.*, the United States, the United Kingdom, and Canada. It has discussed these proposals and suggestions made by other Governments and international organizations, and RECOMMENDS to all the Governments concerned—

That there be established an International Emergency Food Council, which shall be constituted as follows:—

(1) *Functions and Duration*

The functions of the Council shall be:—

(a) To consider, investigate, inquire into, and formulate plans with regard to any question in respect of which the member Governments have, or may have, a common concern relating to the supply and distribution, in or to any part of the world, of foods, agricultural materials from which foods are derived, and equipment and non-food materials ancillary to the production of such foods and agricultural materials, and to make recommendations to the member Governments in respect of any such question. In particular, as regards recommendations for the international distribution of food, feeding-stuffs, and fertilizers in short supply, it shall be the object of the Council to put forward recommendations with respect to which international differences have been reconciled to the maximum degree possible.