

(b) To work in collaboration with others of the United Nations (and with other international bodies) toward the best utilization of their food resources, and, in collaboration with the interested nation or nations, to formulate plans and recommendations for the most effective use of their food resources during the present emergency.

The Council shall be entitled to receive any information available to members of the Council relating to any matter with regard to which the Council is competent to make recommendations to these Governments, and, in principle, the entire food resources of the member Governments will be deemed to be matters about which the fullest information will be interchanged.

The Council shall continue for the duration of the shortage of basic food-stuffs. Its life shall in the first instance extend until 31 December, 1947, subject to consideration before that date as to whether, as a result either of an easing of the supply situation or of United Nations organizational developments in the field of food and agriculture, the work of the Council can be terminated before 31 December, 1947.

(2) *Membership*

Membership in the International Emergency Food Council shall be open to the representative of any Government during such time as it is represented on any commodity Committee of the Council (see "5. Commodity Committees").

(3) *Central Committee*

To ensure the efficient operation of the Council, a Central Committee shall be established with the following functions:—

(a) To consider issues of principle raised in commodity Committees.

(b) To assist in case of need in the reconciliation of international differences which may arise in the commodity Committees.

(c) To co-ordinate the operations of the commodity Committees and, in so far as possible, to secure uniformity of procedure.

(d) To be responsible in the interval between sessions of the Council for carrying out the functions of the Council and in particular transmitting agreed recommendations from the commodity Committees to the Governments concerned.

(4) *Membership of the Central Committee*

The number of members of the Central Committee, the method of their election, and terms of office shall be determined by the Council. The membership shall include the present members of the Combined Food Board.

(5) *Commodity Committees*

The Council shall establish commodity Committees which shall have initial responsibility for preparing agreed recommendations regarding the procurement, international distribution, and short-term adjustments in the production of the commodities dealt with by them. These Committees shall have under continuing consideration the extent to which recommendations regarding these matters which have been accepted by Governments are being effectively carried out by those responsible.

In the first instance the commodity Committees shall be those at present existing within the Combined Food Board. They shall initially have the same membership, but it shall be the policy of the Council to ensure that the