

" 3. Urges all Governments to publish as full information as possible regarding their own supplies and requirements of cereals and the steps they have taken or are prepared to take to achieve the objectives expressed in paragraph 1 :

" 4. Requests the international organizations concerned with food and agriculture to publish full information in their possession on the world food position and the future outlook, and to intensify efforts to obtain as full information as possible on this subject, in order to assist Governments in determining their short term and long term agricultural policy."

### *Reconstruction of Countries devastated by the War*

The Assembly decided to place on its Agenda a proposal by the delegate of Poland concerning the reconstruction of countries devastated by the war. A resolution was adopted transmitting the question for examination to the Economic and Social Council with a view to a report being presented to the next session of the Assembly.

### *Participation of Women in the Work of the United Nations*

The Assembly received with interest and with various expression of support a speech by Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt introducing a declaration, signed by all the women delegates to the Assembly, on the participation of women in the work of the United Nations. The text of this declaration, which is in the form of an " open letter to the women of the world," is appended. Mr Fraser, on the occasion of its presentation to the Assembly, said that women had already won the battle for intellectual equality, and in most countries for political equality. But there was also the social and economic status of women to be considered ; the solution of problems attendant on this question was an obligation upon the United Nations and particularly upon the Economic and Social Council. Mr Fraser then read the following statement of what had already been done by the Council :—

" The Economic and Social Council has been keenly aware of the importance of establishing a sub-commission on the status of women.

" The Committee of the Economic and Social Council on the Organization of the Council has instructed its drafting sub-committee to submit a draft providing for the establishment by the Economic and Social Council of a sub-commission of the Commission on Human Rights to deal with the question of the status of women. This drafting sub-committee is now preparing a draft on this subject incorporating the recommendations made by the Committee of the Council.

" It is proposed that the sub-commission on the status of women be established by the Council at its present session, and that it initially consist only of a nucleus of a few members. This initially constituted sub-commission would, among other things, be called upon to make recommendations to the Council concerning the definitive composition of the sub-commission and its terms of reference."